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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: Mr. McGeorge Bundy
Special Assistant for National Security Affairs

Time prevented me from mentioning this morning developments in Mexico City in connection with Lee Oswald's contacts with the Cuban and Soviet Embassies there which were established by CIA telephone taps.

Apparently Oswald was in Mexico from September 26th to October 3rd and telephone intercepts, transcripts of which we hold, indicate he engaged in several communications with the Cuban Embassy and the Soviet Embassy in the interests of securing travel permits from Mexico City to Havana and thence to the Soviet Union for himself and his wife. The permits were not granted.

Moreover, a Nicaraguan, Gilberto Alvarado, a former Communist informer of the Nicaraguan Intelligence Service, has advised our station in great detail of his alleged knowledge that he actually saw Oswald given \$6500 in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City on September 18th.

We are holding Alvarado voluntarily in a safe house in Mexico City and, in collaboration with the FBI, are checking every detail of his story.

We doubt the story because Oswald was known positively to be in New Orleans on September 17th when he applied for unemployment compensation and is reported by the FBI to have been there also on the 18th and 19th.

Because of Oswald's contact with the Cuban Embassy, the Mexican Government has arrested, released, and now rearrested a Mexican woman employed by the Cuban Embassy, named Silvia Duran. This arrest has caused several telephone conversations

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between the Cuban Ambassador in Mexico City and President Dorticos in which Dorticos has expressed great concern over money matters. It is somewhat obscure however whether his concern runs to a disclosure or an attempt by the Mexican authorities to bribe Silvia Duran into making a damaging statement.

FBI, State and CIA are in continual contact on all aspects of this problem and at the moment it seems that Alvarado's statement cannot be verified because of the dates for for other reasons. However, the investigation will continue.

Although every effort is being made to keep the United States' actions in the background, it is possible that Dorticos' extreme agitation will lead to some wild public statements or accusations.

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