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b. Eng translations of 2 conversations of 26 Nov between Pres DORTICOS and Cub Amb HERANANDEZ.
c. Had me review Silvia DURAN case; they were shown pics of Silvia and husband. d. Had me review case of ALVARADO, the Nic. 8. Visitors asked what actions Mexi Station took beginning 22 Nov. I said we: a. Reminded Hqs, Amb Mann and [redacted] locally that we had sent them all (in Oct '63) data on OSWALD regarding visit to Mexi and visits to Sov and Cub Emb. b. Threw all Station assets and sources into job of trying to get all possible details of OSWALD's travel to and from Mexi, place he stayed, contact, etc. c. Stayed in continuous contact with Hqs on leads with [redacted] to coordinate work. d. With Hqs approval, got in touch with Mexi authorities and obtained help in cases -- the outstanding ones being Silvia DURAN and ALVARADO. e. Put coverages on DURAN, KOSTIKOV and contact in Mexi with OSWALD. 9. Note; The knew about tel conversations OSWALD had except for A. OSWALD wanted to go to Odessa, and b. OSWALD wanted a visa for his wife "who was a Russian". 10. They said that Assistant Sec Mann still has the "feeling in his guts" that Castro hired OSWALD to kill Kennedy; they said, however, that the Commission has not been able to get any proof of this. 11. No documents or photos were given visitors. Eng translations read were kept by Station. They are attached. 12. It is believed that all 3 of these visitors were pleased with Station's work on OSWALD case.

Amb Mann was positive.

What did they accomplish?

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Check other guests of hotel

If OSWALD was never at the hotel during the day time, why was he never seen with a coat on since he apparently was out at night when it would naturally be chilly.

MEMO from LEGAT to COS: Lee Harvey OSWALD. Hotel accommodation of OSWALD in Mexi City. Info verifying OSWALD stayed at Hotel del Comercio, located at Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, in room No. 18. OSWALD registered as "LEE, HARVEY OSWALD, USA, TEXAS, PHOTO, US citizen". Owner and manager of hotel, Guillermo GARCIA Luna cooperated with LEGAT. LEGAT had FBI Laboratory check handwriting of hotel registry of OSWALD with true signature and was found identical. / List of names and residences, room numbers and dates of occupancy of those registered at hotel during time OSWALD was there. / GARCIA Luna received OSWALD at Hotel del Comercio at between 1000 and 1100; OSWALD's room No. 18 was 16.00 pesos daily with bath, that the registry book indicates OSWALD stayed at hotel night of 1-2 Oct and departed during the day of 2 Oct '63. GARCIA Luna could not recall circumstances of OSWALD's departure nor the hour. He believed OSWALD neither spoke nor understood any Spanish. He had not observed OSWALD in the hotel during the day and he was never accompanied by any person. He recalled that OSWALD carried a medium-size, brown handbag, which had a zipper and was either of Naugahyde or canvas material. He did not remember that OSWALD had ever worn a coat and believed he usually appeared in a short-sleeved shirt of a knit variety. Matilde GARNICA, maid at the hotel del Comercio, recognized photo of OSWALD as being the young American who had occupied room No. 18 for almost a week during the latter part of last year. She arrives at work between 0900 and 1000 and leaves at 2100. Clearly recalls OSWALD, as few Americans stay at the hotel. He had few personal effects, carried in a "small, brown, zippered handbag" canvas or imitation leather material. She had seen OSWALD the day of his arrival and the following Saturday as he x still was in his room when she checked to determine which rooms were available for cleaning. When she saw him in the room on Saturday he said "good morning" in English, and a short time later left the hotel.

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