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Birch O'Neal, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), furnished the following to the Liaison Agent on December 3, 1963:

A Mexican police source has advised CIA in Mexico City that the subject, a U. S. citizen, arrived in Mexico City on November 23, 1963. He was en route to Havana. Mexican authorities believed that subject has disappeared since no record has been located to verify his departure for Havana. Through its independent investigative facilities, CIA has ascertained that one Gilberto P. Lopez departed Mexico City for Havana on November 27, 1963, traveling via Cubana Airlines. He was the only passenger on board. CIA also has ascertained that this particular passenger was in possession of a Mexican tourist card number 24553 issued at Tampa, Florida, November 20, 1963, and had U. S. passport number 310162.

It is O'Neal's understanding that the above information also has been furnished to our Legat, Mexico City. CIA is calling this to our attention since subject is an American traveling to Cuba and under the apparently unusual circumstances of being a lone passenger on a Cuban plane. Although CIA knows of no connection the Agency directs attention to the above-mentioned dates which are close to the assassination of the President.

ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the Nationalities Intelligence Section.

1) - File (Lee Harvey Oswald) 1 - Mr. Wannall 1 - Mr. Branigan 1 - Mr. Turner 1 - Liaison 1 - Mr. Papich SJP:gp (7) 53 DEC 11 1963