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Enclosed to Bureau and Dallas are 5 and 2 copies,
respectively, of the LHM.

It appears from his past record that SALVADOR DIAZ VERNON is sincerely pro-American and was greatly distressed to think that it was desired by any branch of the U.S. government that he take a lie detector test. He admitted listening to many newspaper reporters while in Mexico City and he does not have such speculation, comments and facts attributed with any accuracy to specific sources from whom he received them. Dr. EDUARDO BORRELL NAVARRO is the only person whose name he knew and he therefore attributed everything to him.

When DIAZ VERNON was interviewed on 2/27/64,

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he admitted, as set forth in the LHM, that he had practically no first hand information to attribute to BORRELL NAVARRO, but tried to establish that he had probably been misunderstood by SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR. When interrogated on 2/29/64, he admitted he had not been misunderstood and furnished the data as set forth, admitting in fact, that he had lied in an effort to sustain an irresponsible story he first circulated without realizing it would become serious.



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SALVADOR DIAZ VERNON was interviewed by Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Miami, Florida, on February 27, 1964, at which time he furnished the following information:

DIAZ VERNON resides at 8770 S.W. 21st Street, Westchester, Miami, Florida. He is a Cuban exile, formerly associated with the Cuban police in 1933, Chief of Cuban Military Intelligence Service during the period 1948 to 1952, but primarily a newspaperman by profession.

He had been previously interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI on January 4 and 9, 1964, on which dates he furnished data which he had obtained while attending a Congress of the International Federation of Professional Newspaper Organizations (FIOPP), in Mexico City, from November 20, 1963 to November 29, 1963.

He stated he knew absolutely nothing first hand concerning the visit of LEE HARVEY OSWALD to Mexico or of persons contacted by OSWALD while in Mexico. He stated, as previously reported, that he did have contact with Dr. EDUARDO BORRELL NAVARRO, who is employed by the Mexican newspaper EXCELSIOR, but stated he did not, and does not, attribute to Dr. BORRELL NAVARRO the information regarding the contact of OSWALD with SILVIA DURAN, an employee of the Cuban Consulate at a Mexico City restaurant.

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DIAZ stated the only contact of OSWALD discussed by him with BORRELL NAVARRO was that of the visit of OSWALD to the Cuban Consulate in Mexico, and the fact that SILVIA DURAN was picked up and interviewed by the

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Mexican police. He said there was some speculation and talk regarding the identity of the specific official of the Cuban Consulate or Embassy with whom DURAN may have placed OSWALD in contact. DIAZ VERNON stated Dr. BORRELL NAVARRO never stated that OSWALD went to a restaurant in Mexico City called the Caballo Blanco or possibly the Caballo Bayo, where OSWALD and DURAN allegedly met an official of the Cuban Embassy. DIAZ VERNON stated he did not discuss with BORRELL NAVARRO the allegation that OSWALD was a guest in the house of SILVIA DURAN while he was in Mexico.

DIAZ VERNON stated the matter of OSWALD allegedly meeting with DURAN at the restaurant and allegedly being a guest in her home, were strictly unidentified questions, comments and the voicing of thoughts and speculation by a rather large group of Latin American newspapermen in the offices of EXCELSIOR on the night of November 25, 1963.

DIAZ VERNON stated that after ANGEL FERNANDEZ VARELA was interviewed by the FBI in Miami, he came to DIAZ VERNON and asked: "Just what were those details about OSWALD meeting DURAN in some cabaret or restaurant in Mexico City and the introduction of OSWALD to an official of the Cuban Embassy?" FERNANDEZ VARELA admitted he had not understood the story too well and perhaps had confused it "a little" when he retold it.

On February 29, 1964, upon being further interviewed concerning variations in his accounts of the above events, and especially the sources responsible for certain specific statements, DIAZ VERNON admitted that he did make statements to a Special Agent of the FBI on January 4 and 9, 1964, slightly at variance with each

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other, and both at variance with what he related to another Special Agent of the FBI on February 27, 1964. He stated he did not do this out of malice or bad faith, or with intent to mislead anyone. He declared he did not regard anything he heard, or said he had heard in Mexico, as evidence, or of serious importance; he stated he had engaged in loose talk and repeated theory and speculation, and when challenged as to his sources, he was ashamed to admit an irresponsible naming of sources.

DIAZ VERNON explained he went to FIOPP in Mexico City as mentioned above; he did not go to investigate anything, and consequently, when visiting the newspaper office of EXCELSIOR, he did not listen closely to the eighteen or twenty newsmen who were there, expressing ideas, theories and speculation, regarding the visit of LEE HARVEY OSWALD to Mexico.

DIAZ VERNON stated he took no notes on what was said by the reporters as he knew at the time it was only speculation and newsman conversation; Dr. BORRELL NAVARRO was the only person present whose name he knew and DIAZ VERNON simply attributed some things said to BORRELL NAVARRO which BORRELL NAVARRO did not say. DIAZ VERNON believed all others present in the offices of EXCELSIOR were Mexicans.

DIAZ VERNON stated he cannot honestly separate, as to source, what he heard from about twenty newsmen, what he read in Mexico City newspapers, and what he heard from Dr. BORRELL NAVARRO.

DIAZ VERNON stated he was extremely distressed and ashamed of his irresponsible talk as he is a professional newsman. He said he writes for AHORA, a Spanish

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language newspaper in New York, and writes special articles for various other Spanish language periodicals. He stated he has written nothing concerning what he heard regarding the OSWALD case in Mexico, as he recognized he had nothing newsworthy, and no facts which he could substantiate.

DIAZ VERNON declined to take a polygraph examination stating it would only humiliate him further, and show what he had already admitted.

With regard to a relationship between BORRELL NAVARRO and ^{MEXICO} HORACIO DURAN NAVARRO, DIAZ VERNON stated BORRELL NAVARRO is a Cuban, only temporarily residing in exile in Mexico City. HORACIO DURAN NAVARRO and wife, SILVIA, are Mexicans. DIAZ VERNON stated that Cuba protested the arrest and interrogation of SILVIA DURAN by the Mexican Police; the Mexican Foreign Office rejected the protest, and in doing so, stated DURAN NAVARRO and wife are Mexican citizens. DIAZ VERNON stated this was the account published in Mexico City newspapers, and he concluded the same maternal name of NAVARRO for BORRELL NAVARRO and DURAN NAVARRO is only coincidence.

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