

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN SECRET

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- DATE: 12-12-63
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
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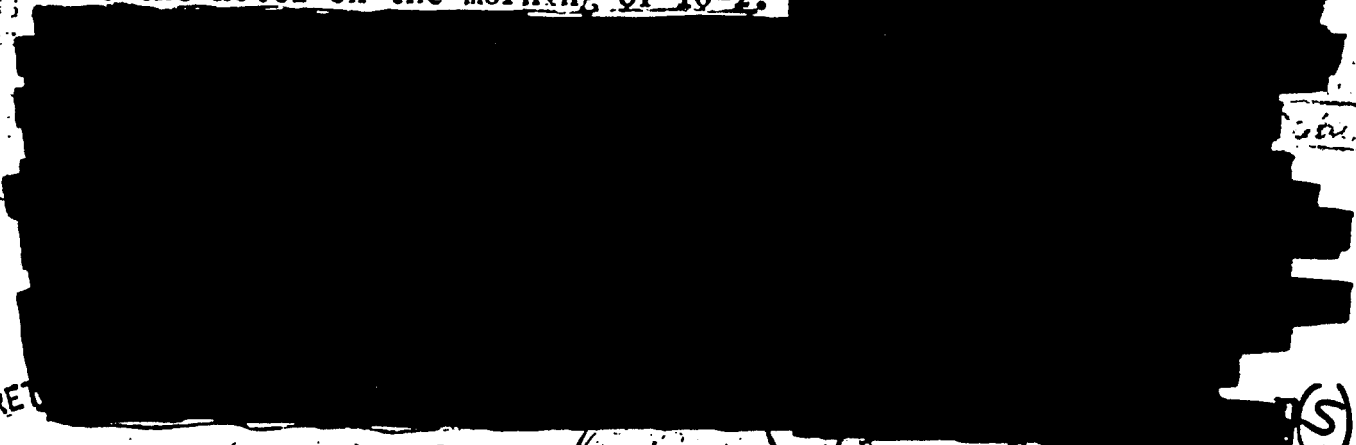
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This details the facts concerning the Mexican aspects of this case, including Oswald's trip to Mexico City in late September and the allegation of Gilberto Alvarado Ugarte that he saw Oswald receive \$6,500 in the Cuban Consulate, Mexico City, 9-18-63. Ugarte has admitted that his allegation was a mistake.

OSWALD'S MEXICAN TRAVEL:

On 9-17-63 Oswald obtained a 15-day Mexican Tourist Card from the Mexican Consulate, New Orleans. The signature on the card and the handwriting on the application have been identified by the Laboratory as Oswald's writing. Oswald is believed to have left New Orleans on the morning of 9-25-63 en route to Laredo, Texas, by bus. Details of his travel from New Orleans to Laredo have not as yet been determined. On the afternoon of 9-26-63 he entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo. Mexican Immigration officials there could furnish no information of value. However, records of the Flecha Roja (Red Arrow), a Mexican bus line, disclosed that Oswald was on Red Arrow bus 516 which departed Nuevo Laredo 2 p.m., 9-26 en route Mexico City. We are presently endeavoring to locate the driver and 18 passengers who were on this bus. On 9-27 he checked into the Del Comercio Hotel, Mexico City, where he was identified by a hotel employee. He checked out of the hotel 10-1-63. However, as he paid for the night of 10-1, it is believed he actually left the hotel on the morning of 10-2.

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[REDACTED] On 10-2-63 Oswald traveled from Mexico City to Nuevo Laredo on the Transportes Frontera, a Mexican bus line. He arrived at Nuevo Laredo at 6 a.m., 10-3-63, where he was checked by a Mexican Immigration inspector who works the midnight to 8 a.m. shift. His method of travel from Nuevo Laredo to Dallas has not to date been established. Oswald's wife, who left New Orleans with Mrs. Paine shortly prior to Oswald's departure from New Orleans 9-25-63 has steadfastly denied any knowledge of Oswald's intention to go to Mexico City. (S)

ALLEGATION OF GILBERTO ALVARADO UGARTE:

Nicaraguan Mexico

Ugarte, a 23-year-old Nicaraguan, on 11-25-63 reported that on 9-18-63 he was present in the Cuban Consulate, Mexico City, where he observed Oswald receive \$6,500 as part payment to perform an assassination. He claimed to have repeatedly called the American Embassy between 9-18 and 11-22-63 to warn of the killing of an important American. This claim is not substantiated by embassy records. (u)

[REDACTED] Ugarte, through repeated interviews, persisted in his story and after being turned over to the Mexican authorities he, on 11-30-63, admitted in writing that his allegation was false; that he had never seen Oswald in the Cuban Consulate and never saw any money paid to anyone in that establishment. He told the Mexicans his motive in the fabrication was to induce the U.S. to take some action against Castro. When released by the Mexicans, Ugarte recanted his confession and claimed that he admitted the hoax only because of his fear of bodily harm. (u)

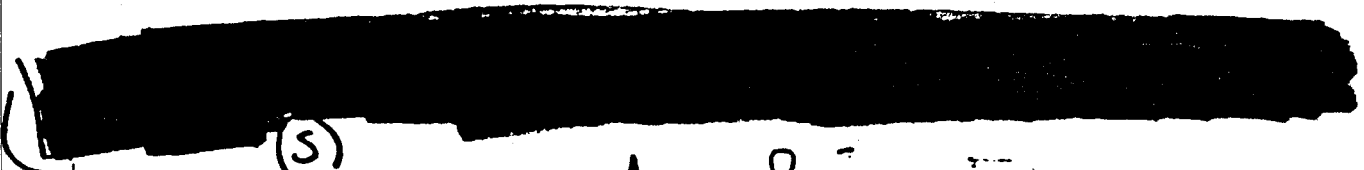
[REDACTED] Alvarado was deported to Nicaragua on 12-9-63. Our investigation of Oswald has definitely established that he was in New Orleans from 9-17 through 9-25-63 and could not have been at the Cuban Consulate on 9-18-63 as alleged by Alvarado. (S)

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ACTION:



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To

Mr. Belmont
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Sullivan
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Suggest Mr. DeLoach
advise Congressman Ford
of facts in view of
McCone's statement to Ford

yes
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