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SUBJECT: Presence of Salvador Diaz Verson in Mexico Around 22 November 1963

1. Diaz Verson, the source of Jose I. Lasaga's information that the Cuban Ambassador to Mexico had had a long conference with Lee OSWALD at a restaurant outside Mexico City, turns out to be a highly unreliable source, with a reputation for fabrication. He did go to Mexico, via Guatemala and Nicaragua, leaving Miami 18 November 1963. He was to attend a conference in Mexico of the FIOPP (Federacion Internacional de Organizaciones de Periodistas Profesionales) between 18 and 29 November 1963.

2. The FBI has questioned Diaz Verson about his story. He said that Silvia Duran, clerk of the Cuban consulate in Mexico City, took Lee OSWALD to the Caballo Cayo Restaurant near Chapultepec Park where they met the Cuban Ambassador Joaquin Hernandez Armas and that Hernandez Armas took OSWALD for a long ride in his car so he could talk. Diaz Verson said that his source for this information was Mexican journalist, Eduardo Borell Navarro, editorialist for the large conservative daily Excelsior, but when the FBI asked Borell about it he said that Diaz Verson had made it all up. Borell said he knew nothing beyond the fact that OSWALD had been in Mexico, had visited the Cuban Embassy and talked to Silvia Duran.

3. [redacted], told [redacted] that he knew Diaz Verson well when they were both in Havana and that Diaz Verson was noted for "reports based on his intuitive feelings." He rarely reported facts.

4. This seems to discredit completely the story that OSWALD had had a long conference with the Cuban Ambassador in Mexico City.

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