

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan *W.C.S.*

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

DATE: 2-14-64

- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - DeLoach
- 1 - Rosen
- 1 - Sullivan
- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Branigan

- 1 - Stokes
- 1 - Anderson

*Handwritten routing slip with signatures and initials:*  
 To: \_\_\_\_\_  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Additional handwritten notes:*  
 D. B. [unclear]  
 W. E. [unclear]  
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U. S. Embassy in Mexico has furnished Legat with letter directed to President Lyndon B. Johnson dated 12-2-63 by Pedro Gutierrez Valencia, a department store credit investigator and former assistant prison director in Mexico.

Gutierrez allegedly saw an individual now believed by him to have been Lee Harvey Oswald while conducting credit inquiry at Cuban Embassy in Mexico around the first of October, 1963. Oswald reportedly was engaged in a heated discussion with an unidentified Cuban believed to have been employed by the Cuban Embassy, during which the names Castro and Kennedy were overheard. While walking through courtyard to gate, Cuban allegedly was counting American money which he gave to Oswald as both entered Renault auto and drove away. The discussion was in the English language, however, Gutierrez admittedly speaks or understands very little English.

Investigation to date has failed to establish exact date of above, identity of Cuban involved nor corroborate or disprove allegation. Gutierrez has identified newspaper photo of Oswald appearing in a Mexican newspaper, however, could not identify a recent photo of Oswald passing out Fair Play for Cuba Committee literature in New Orleans when displayed with other photos. Gutierrez states, however, he reportedly followed Oswald and the Cuban at two-yard intervals throughout courtyard.

By cablegram 2-12-64 Legat, Mexico, was instructed to intensify efforts to definitely resolve above allegation, including (1) display of photo to Gutierrez of former Cuban Consul General Eusebio Azcue with whom we know Oswald had heated discussion at Cuban Embassy in Mexico; (2) display of photo, eliminating background, of unidentified white male, possibly American, taken by CIA in Mexico which bears resemblance to Oswald to determine whether possible identical with individual believed by Gutierrez to have been Oswald. CIA clearance being obtained for this. (3) conduct additional

LLA: [unclear]  
 (9) [unclear]  
 (105-82555)

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Memo Branigan to Sullivan  
re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA  
105-32555

Investigation regarding Renault auto, solid beige in color,  
bearing Mexican plates possibly registered to or in possession  
of American in Mexico City; (4) further ascertain reliability of  
Gutierrez and possible motivation for furnishing the above.

ACTION:

For information.

*JK*  
*SIDEM*

*Ar* *Weg*

*Jo*

*Press vigorously I  
have not been too  
impressed with the  
thoroughness of our  
investigations in  
Mexico City nor their  
superiority from here.*

105-32555

1 - Mr. Belmont; 1 - Mr. Brennan; 1 - Mr. Stokes; 1 - Mr. Anderson

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO LEGAT MEXICO REC-43  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)

2330

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

I AM NOT SATISFIED WITH THE THOROUGHNESS OF OUR INVESTIGATIONS IN MEXICO RELATING TO CAPTIONED MATTER. I WANT IT THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL LEADS MUST BE GIVEN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT AND IMMEDIATE HANDLING. EFFECTIVE THIS DATE SUBMIT CABLEGRAM SUMMARY AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DAILY UNDER ABOVE CAPTION REGARDING PROGRESS OF ALL OUTSTANDING LEADS IN MEXICO, THIS IN NO WAY CHANGES EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS THAT ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED TO BUREAU IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

LLA:mhw:1  
(7)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (ROUTE THRU FOR REVIEW)

See memo Branigan - Sullivan re subject 2-18-64, LLA:mhw

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 TYPED BY \_\_\_\_\_

VIA CABLEGRAM  
 FEB 18 1964  
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MAR 11 1964

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