

New Documents

Early CIA cables said that the man who identified himself as Oswald in a phone call to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City spoke "terrible" Russian (MEXI 7025). According to this internal CIA commentary on a 1976 news story by Ron Kessler, an outside CIA staff agent reported that the Mexican(s) (presumably those staffing the phone intercept program) said that the caller "had difficulty making himself understood both (as I recall) in English and in Russian." Why was this "Oswald"'s terrible English not reported before? (Cr. P. D. Scott) This FBI teletype make clear that CE399, the so-called "magic bullet" that allegedly linked Oswald directly to the shooting of JFK, was not immediately identified by the Secret Service experts who examined it. (Cr. K. Cunningham)

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Date: 6/24/64

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555) AND SAC, DALLAS (100-10441)

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-37111)

RE: HARVEY OSWALD, IS R CUBA;
 RE DALLAS AIRTEL JUNE TWENTY LAST,
 ON JUNE TWENTYFOUR INSTANT SA RICHARD E. JOHNSON, AND
 JAMES ROWLEY, CHIEF, BOTH UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, ADVISED
 SA ELMER LEE TODD, WFO, THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY
 RIFLE BULLET, C ONE, BY INSPECTION. JOHNSON ADVISED TODD
 THAT HE GAVE BULLET IN QUESTION TO ROWLEY WHO IN TURN GAVE
 IT TO SA TODD. SA TODD IDENTIFIED BULLET BY INSPECTION THIS
 DATE FROM INITIALS MARKED THEREON FOR IDENT PURPOSES AT
 FBI LABORATORY UPON RECEIPT!

2- Bureau
 2- Teletype Unit
 1- WFO

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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

SOVIET SECTION

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2. ~~Commander~~ ~~Both the American~~ ~~Traveling~~

AREHART ~~Police Sgt. Agent~~ ~~and~~ ~~viewer~~

~~just equal~~ ~~being~~ ~~found~~ ~~had~~ ~~difficulty~~ ~~making~~

~~himself understood~~ ~~both~~ ~~(in~~ ~~English)~~

(English & in Russian)