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TRAVELLED TAMPICO, MEXICO, ON 25 JUNE

1967 IN ATTEMPT IDENTIFY SOURCE OF AMERICAN CONSUL'S LETTER PER REF AND MAKE CONTACT WITH HIM IN ORDER OBTAIN DETAILS ON VISIT OF OSWALD IN MEXICO SOMETIME PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

2. AMERICAN CONSUL OUTWARDLY VERY HELPFUL AND PLACED IN CONTACT WITH SUBJECT, ON 25 JUNE 67.

IS REPORTER FOR DAILY NEWSPAPER ; IS ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD AND MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN; STUDIED LAW AT UNAM FOR THREE YEARS (APPROXIMATE DATES 1960 - 1964); BELONGED CLANDESTINE PRO-CASTRO REVOLUTIONARY GROUP AT UNAM; VISITED CUBA WHERE MET CASTRO AND PAUL ROA; WAS PERSECUTED BY POLICE FOR THESE ACTIVITIES; AND FINALLY DECIDED GET AWAY FROM GROUP AND FROM POLICE BY CHANGING RESIDENCE TO TAMPICO (CIRCA 1964). CLAIMS HE NO LONGER MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION, BUT IS VISITED OFTEN BY OLD FRIENDS WHO STILL ACTIVE.

3. REGARDING OSWALD CASE,

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AND REFUSED GIVE DETAILS ON CONTACT WITH OSWALD.

SAID REASON HE COULD NOT GIVE NAMES OF PERSONS WHO MET OSWALD IS THAT THESE PERSONS STILL ACTIVE REVOLUTIONARIES AND IF THEY FOUND OUT INFORMED ON THEM, HE AND HIS FAMILY WOULD BE IN GRAVE DANGER. DESPITE ASSURANCES BY THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, SUBJECT SAID . COULD MAKE ALL THE PROMISES IN THE WORLD, BUT ONCE THE INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO WASHINGTON, IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY OUT OF HANDS. TOOK THIS POSITION THROUGHOUT THE SIX HOUR INTERVIEW (TWO MEETINGS). WAS, HOWEVER, ABLE ELICIT SOME INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST.

4. ALTHOUGH WAS NOT ABLE OR WILLING GIVE DATES AND NAMES, HE SAID OSWALD VISITED UNAM CAMPUS SHORTLY AFTER CUBAN EMBASSY REFUSED HIM VISA TO VISIT CUBA. OSWALD APPARENTLY MADE INQUIREIES REGARDING PRO-CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY GROUP AT UNAM AND WAS DIRECTED TO AND HIS FRIENDS. OSWALD MET AND FOUR OTHER PERSONS AS THEY CAME OUT OF ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION HELD IN FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY. OSWALD TOLD GROUP IT URGENT HE VISIT CUBA IMMEDIATELY AND THAT CUBAN EMBASSY DENIED HIM VISA. HE REQUESTED AID FROM GROUP. AND OTHERS

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MISTRUSTED OSWALD IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THEY FELT HE WAS CIA PROVOCATION. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY AMERICAN WITH LITTLE SPANISH AND WAS VERY PREOCCUPIED OVER NOT OBTAINING VISA FOR CUBA. GROUP ALLOWED OSWALD TO ACCOMPANY THEM THE REST OF THAT DAY, THAT NIGHT (AT GROUP SAFEHOUSE) AND PART OF THE NEXT DAY. OSWALD VERY INTROVERTED AND APPEARED BE SLIGHTLY CRAZY. DURING TIME HE WAS WITH GROUP, OSWALD MADE NO MENTION OF KENNEDY OR ANY ASSASSINATION PLOT, BUT KEPT BRINGING UP POINT HE HAD TO TRAVEL TO CUBA IMMEDIATELY. AS TO WHETHER OSWALD MIGHT HAVE BEEN HOMOSEXUAL, SAID HE INTROVERTED AND HAD COMPLEXES AND HE COULD HAVE BEEN TYPE TO ENJOY SUCH RELATIONS. WHILE HE WAS WITH GROUP, HOWEVER, HE SHOWED NO SIGNS OF THIS TENDENCY.

5. TOLD HE ONCE HAD FLEETING THOUGHT OF SELLING THIS INFORMATION TO LOOK OR LIFE MAGAZINES, BUT DID NOT DO SO BECAUSE OF FEAR OF BEING IDENTIFIED BY HIS GROUP AS SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

6. SEVERAL DOUBTS AROSE IN MIND WHETHER WAS FABRICATING THE ENCOUNTER WITH OSWALD. SAID THE CHANCE MEETING WITH OSWALD IMPRESSED HIM GREATLY BECAUSE OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY. YET WHEN ASKED HIM FOR SPECIFICS

ON DATES AND DETAILS OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED WITH OSWALD,  
REFUSED TO ANSWER. THIS SEEMS ODD BECAUSE ONLY  
PREOCCUPATION WAS INFORMING ON HIS FRIENDS AND GIVING DETAILS  
ON WHAT WAS DISCUSSED WITH OSWALD WOULD CERTAINLY NOT FIT INTO  
CATEGORY OF INFORMING ON HIS FRIENDS. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO  
EXACT DATE OF MEETING WITH OSWALD. IF MEETING IMPRESSED  
SO MUCH, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE REMEMBER DATES AND SHOULD HAVE  
NO QUALMS ABOUT PASSING THIS ON.

7. ANOTHER POINT OF INTEREST IS THAT SAID IF HE  
IMPRESSED BY AMERICANS ON ISSUE, HE COULD SIMPLY SAY ENTIRE STORY  
A FABRICATION AND THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE HIM ALONE.

8. WAS TO HAVE A THIRD MEETING WITH EVENING  
28 JUNE 67 BUT DID NOT MAKE APPEARANCE. BEFORE SECOND  
MEETING ENDED, HOWEVER, TOLD THAT THE INFORMATION  
HE IS HOLDING BACK IS OF VITAL INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES AND  
TO THE WORLD, AND IF HE NOT WILLING DISCUSS CASE WITH AT  
PRESENT TIME, HE WILL BE VISITED AGAIN.

9. ONLY STATION TRACE IS EXCELSIOR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE  
DATED 17 JANUARY 61 WHICH LISTED HIM AS A LEADER OF A UNAM REVOLU-  
TIONARY BLOC WHICH PROTESTED THE KIDNAPPING OF A YOUNG STUDENT FROM

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HER HOME BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS.

10. IF ABOVE NOT SUFFICIENT, STATION CAN POSSIBLY TURN  
REQUEST PURSUE CASE FOR  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. PLEASE ADVISE.

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1. ALTHOUGH IT POSSIBLE MAY HAVE FABRICATED ENTIRE  
STORY IMPORTANCE OF ANY LEADS THIS MATTER DEMANDS WE EXPLORE TO  
FULLEST

2. BELIEVE STORY SHOULD BE GIVEN FBI UNLESS YOU HAVE  
OBJECTIONS. IF NOT, DO YOU PREFER HANDLE LOCALLY OR WANT US DO SO  
HERE? ONCE FBI IN ACT, THEY MAY WISH TAKE UP WITH MEXICAN  
AUTHORITIES.

3. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE PER PARA 9 REF CITING [ ] AS LEADER  
OF A UNAM REVOLUTIONARY BLOC TENDS GIVE SOME SUBSTANCE TO HIS STORY.  
IN THAT [ ] APPARENTLY RECEIVED SOME NOTORIETY DURING HIS

UNIVERSITY DAYS, DOES STATION HAVE ANY CONTACTS OR ASSETS WHO MIGHT  
ABLE TO IDENTIFY OTHER MEMBERS OF [ ] GROUP AT TIME? IF

COLLEAGUES IDENTIFIED, CONCEIVABLY A FOLLOW UP APPROACH TO  
HIM ARMED WITH THIS NEW KNOWLEDGE MIGHT PERSUADE HIM GIVE MORE OF  
STORY.

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4. REQUEST VIEWS RE PROCEEDING ON OWN HANDING LEAD TO FBI WITH PROVISIO WE BE KEPT INFORMED.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM :

SUBJECT : Lee Harvey Oswald Visit in Mexico

1. In reference to my conversations with you in June 1967 and on 5 July 1967 regarding a person in Tampico, Mexico, who advised the American Consul there that he had spent a day and one half with Lee Harvey Oswald sometime before the assassination of President Kennedy, this Memorandum is a review of the action taken by this office to date.

2. On 25 June 1967, one of the officers from this Section travelled to Tampico to make contact with the American Consul, Mr. Benjamin J. Buyle, in order to obtain from him the identity of the "informant" and to interview this person. The American Consul was very cooperative and offered to place this officer in contact with the "informant" immediately. This officer spent a total of six hours with this person (two interviews) and found him very uncooperative as will be noted in the following paragraphs.

3. The "informant" is about 30 years old; married and has three children; studied law at UNAM for three years (approximate dates - 1960 to 1964); stated that he belonged to a "clandestine pro-Castro revolutionary group" at UNAM; visited Cuba where he met Fidel Castro and Raul Roa; was persecuted by Mexican authorities for these activities; and finally decided to get away from the group and the police by changing his residence to Tampico (circa 1964). claimed he is no longer a member of any organization, but he is still visited often by his old friends who are still active revolutionaries. At the present time, he is a reporter for the newspaper



4. In regard to the Oswald case, [redacted] was extremely cautious and refused to give details on the contact he claimed to have had with Lee Harvey Oswald. His refusal was based on the fact that he and four other persons (members of revolutionary group) were in contact with Oswald, and these persons are still active revolutionaries. If he were to give their names and if investigations were made, the four persons would know [redacted] passed the information, and his life and that of his family would be in danger. Despite assurances of protection, [redacted] took this position throughout the interview.

5. [redacted] story is that Oswald visited the UNAM campus shortly after the Cuban Embassy refused to give him a visa to Cuba. Oswald apparently made inquiries regarding pro-Cuban groups at UNAM and was directed to [redacted] group. Oswald met these persons as they were coming out of a round-table discussion held in the Faculty of Philosophy. Oswald told the group it was urgent that he visit Cuba immediately and that the Cuban Embassy had denied him a visa. He asked the group to help him. The group distrusted Oswald immediately because he was American and he acted slightly crazy. They all felt he was a "CIA provocation". Despite this, the group allowed Oswald to stay with them the rest of that day, that night and part of the next day. Oswald was very introverted and obviously had many complexes. While he was with the group, he did not mention the possible assassination of Kennedy or any other person, but he did keep insisting that he had to travel to Cuba immediately. As to whether Oswald was a homosexual, [redacted] said this type of person could very well have been such, but during his stay with the group, he did not show these tendencies.

6. An interesting point is that [redacted] told the visiting officer that if he were pressed or forced by the Americans to give the details of the contact with Oswald, he could simply say he had fabricated the whole story and they would have to leave him alone.

7. The only information available on [redacted] is an Excelsior newspaper article, dated 17 January 1961, which listed him as the leader of a UNAM revolutionary bloc. The article concerned his protest over the kidnapping of a young UNAM student from her home by unknown assailants.

3.

9. All the information obtained by this office/ will be made available to your office. It is requested that your office take no action in this case without prior consultation with this office.

10. For your information, your office in Washington, D.C. has not been advised of this case, and you may do so if you wish.

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