

Oswald/Mexico- was the CIA covering something up?

5/7/83

In 105-82555-2925 (MC 1053702-586), FBIHQ coded cable to Mexico City Legat, it asks, with some vigor, when the CIA first told the FBI that Oswald had been to the MC Cuban Embassy. FBIHQ wanted response "immediately." (4/3/64)

FBIHQ had no record that before the assassination the CIA provided any indication that LHO was at the Cuban Embassy.

1-0-82555-127 (MC 105-3702-11) MC airtel to FBIHQ of 11/22/63 refers to its earlier cable of 10/18/63 and quotes CIA as having told the FBI in MC only that Oswald was "in contact Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, 9/28/63 and 10/1/63."

(Both of these records disclose the kind of information the CIA swears it must withhold, where there is a CIA station. So do other of these records I'll list separately.)

If the CIA did not inform the FBI before the assassination that Oswald was at the Cuban Embassy, one of the most obvious suspicions is that it was trying to hide the fact that it had an informer inside the Cuban Embassy.

(I have no firm recollection of what the disclosed records reflect the CIA did say beginning with the assassination about LHO at the Cuban Embassy.)

Handwritten notes:
Cablegram
to Legat Mexico
re: Lee Harvey Oswald
CIA
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- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - Mohr
- 1 - DeLoach
- 1 - Sullivan
- 1 - Malley

4-3-64

CODE

- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - DJ Brennan
- 1 - Lenihan

CABLEGRAM

URGENT - NIGHT ACTION

TO LEGAT MEXICO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82665)

Handwritten: 1/5

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

IN CONNECTION WITH OUR INVESTIGATION OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, LEGAT, MEXICO, SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE WHEN CIA FIRST INFORMED YOUR OFFICE THAT OSWALD HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST TO OCTOBER TWO LAST. SPECIFICALLY INDICATE WHETHER CIA FURNISHED SUCH INFORMATION TO YOUR OFFICE BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND, IF SO, WHAT DATE. IF CIA DID FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION TO YOUR OFFICE, WHAT ACTION DID YOU TAKE ON IT? BUFILES ON OSWALD REVEAL NO INFORMATION RECEIVED PRIOR TO NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO LAST FROM CIA OR FROM LEGAT, MEXICO, THAT OSWALD KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CUBAN EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY. REPLY MUST REACH BUREAU BY NINE AM APRIL FIVE NEXT.

BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD FURNISH BUREAU COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY OF ALL DATA FURNISHED YOUR OFFICE BY CIA REGARDING OSWALD DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST TO NOVEMBER

TWENTY THREE LAST.

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MC 105-3702-586

CABLE TO LEGAT, MEXICO
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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NOTE: We received information from CIA prior to assassination that Oswald was in contact with Soviet Embassy, Mexico City. We did not receive information from CIA re contacts that Oswald is known to have had with the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City until after the assassination. We plan to make this a point in our answer to the Commission re our analysis of Oswald's Mexican trip. We want to be on sound ground, however, that the Legat, Mexico, did not receive such info locally from CIA.

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