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To: SAC, Newark (105-15291)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

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Rereps of SA James A. Marley, Jr., dated 12/13 and 16/63 and 1/27/64. Bureau does not desire to disseminate rerep 1/27/64 in its present form due to loose and clumsy reporting on pages 13, 14 and 15, particularly in reference to Delgado's "bragging or praising a particular food" and comments of Robinson, Gregory, and Bradford concerning their opinions of Delgado's penchant to discuss his affairs with women. Submit amended pages 13, 14, and 15 accurately setting forth results of interviews. If persons interviewed have specifics concerning whether or not Delgado exaggerates, endeavor to obtain specifics and do not include opinions as to Delgado's statements concerning his affairs with women unless specifics on which to base opinions are available.

Note that Bureau in view of repeated interviews of Delgado will have to furnish to the President's Commission on assassination copies of all reports prepared regarding interviews of Delgado. Reports in this case will be made permanent record in National Archives and, accordingly, it is imperative that they be properly prepared.

Bureau is of view that Delgado is probably prone towards exaggeration and may be overstating facts concerning his relationship and dealings with Oswald. We are particularly interested in determining if such may be the case in connection with his statements concerning his ability to teach Spanish to Oswald and his comments concerning trip to Tijuana, Mexico.

Note that in evaluating Delgado's veracity, the following appears pertinent. In all three rereps Delgado refers to two individuals who went to Russia by way of Mexico and Cuba. The

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12/13 report describes these individuals as two Americans who defected. The 12/16 report describes them as two "men" who "recently defected" and the 1/27 report describes them as two "Americans who had gone to Russia." In connection with these individuals, Delgado stated that about the time of one of his discussions with Oswald, the newspapers carried stories about their defection and travel to Russia. The only individuals known to the Bureau who defected together and who traveled to Russia via Mexico and Cuba were Bernon F. Mitchell and William H. Martin, employees of the National Security Agency, who defected in June, 1960. Delgado claims that his last contact with Oswald occurred in June, 1959. Recontact Delgado and endeavor to determine if the two defectors to whom he referred are Mitchell and Martin. If so, point out his obvious false statement and again press him regarding his previous statements in effort to ascertain if, in fact, he has been exaggerating. Should Delgado admit intention of referring to the Mitchell-Martin story, set this out and significance of same in next report. Please expedite.

NOTE:

The 1/27 report on indicated pages has much loose reporting, particularly, in area touching on opinions of Delgado's friends concerning his affairs with women. We do not want to furnish this to the Commission. Delgado is presently serving in Army and was in Marine Corps with Oswald. He is prone towards exaggeration and has claimed he has taught Oswald Spanish, in which he has become fluent. Delgado himself cannot write the language. His placing time of claimed pertinent discussion with Oswald about escape route to Russia via Mexico and Cuba, tying this in with the defectors story, clearly shows he is lying on this point.

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