The Lopez Report (HSCA)- filed separately 1/6/97

For years I've been hearing excited comments on the impotrance of this HSCA report on its Mexico inquiry. Having a low opinion of the HSCA and its work I had no interest in this Lopez report until a short while ago someone came with the first hundred pages of it. I copied them and later read them. Reading it confirmed my belief that it is not a useful bit of work, elaborate as it is and based on what the House committee could get access to that others could not. Nonetheless, having read the first 100 pages I obtained the rest from the Archives. It was downhill all the way.

My files hold a revision of an article Lopez wrote for VMKRAFT, Inc., from the AARC and what I remember as a glowing account by Petter Dale Scott. I'm not taking the time to read it, that being my opinion of Scott's work and his dependability.

Despite his professional qualifications, this Lopez report is amateurish. It is childish, too, considering what the CIA has disclosed. Meaning the small portion of it that I have. Of this most important, meaning of what I have rather than what has been disclosed, is known as Box 57 of the CIA's disclosures at the Archives. It was, the CIA regarding the people as it does, not under the 1992 Act but under its "histrocial" records program, which permitted withholdings not permitted under the 1992 Act.

Box 57 consists entirely of the CIA Mexico's summary of its assassination-related communications with CIA HQ. The records are identified by their numbers, The as a tiny fraction of them are in the Lopez report. The contents of this one disclosed CIA record mocks the Lopez report. I give only a few instances, a few being, I believe, adequate. Also, when it was apparent that this report was a cruel joke I skipped more and more of it.

One of the Mexico mythologies for which Lopez goes solidly is that Oswald saw a Russian named Kostikov that the nuts of the right like Hksty claim was a "wet jobs" expert, an assassin. Which no doubt accounts for his long assignment to Mexico without an known assassination. If there had been any meaning in that Oswald visit to the USSR embassy in Mexico City, clearly seeking a visa, it is lost because, again this is contrary to what the Lopez report says, Oswald did not see Kostikov, I have ~~wirtt~~ written about this at greater length elsewhere. Here I content myself with the statement that there are duplicate and independent identifications of the consular official Oswald spoke to. It was Yatskov, not Kostikov. as The CIA knew & its records state.

The Lopez report pretends that t'e falsehood, that Duran had sex with Oswald (in its most extreme misuse see John Newman's Oswald and the CIA) and that that did not become known for years. It was in fact what the CIA Mexico got the Mexican police to arrest her the second time to beat her into saying. As she did and as she denied as soon as she was released. All of this is clear in Nox 57 but the wrong account, undoubtedly contrived by the CIA, is in the Lopez Report.

Lopez also goes for the incredible fiction created by the novelist Elena Garro de Paz for her own political purposes. More of this sex story and more of what Oswald allegedly did that he could not have, when he was not even in Mexico. One the face her story cannot be believed. It was sas debunked by both the Mexico CIA (Win Scott laughed at it) and by her boy friend Charles Thomas in the embassy who began strongly persuaded that she was factual and truthful.

Important as these few things are to and in the Lopez report I think they are enough to make the case, the CIA did him and the HSCA in and that report is not to be trusted. Or used in serious research or writing.

What gets no mention that I saw is the fiction of Gilberto Alvaredo Ugarte, the Trujillo intelligence operative, of the lingering belief in it by the CIA in Medico and Ambassador Mann in particular. Both would have used it to start World War III. However, one of the startling fictions in this fiction is duplicated by Garro de Paz, that is the alleged Cuban black with red hair. That is a remarkably uncommon Cuban. ALvaredo Ugarte has him passing Oswald as I recall $6,500 to do the job. In the open, in daylight, in the Cuban embassy courtyard.

How the CIA Mexico could be so unprofessional is a question prompted by its own summary of its HQ communications. Why is also a question, and why it was so dishonest with the HSCA staff, Lopez and Hardesty adds to that question. When it was disclosing what is closer to the truth in its Box 57, why did it years earlier mislead the HSCA that was, of course, so willing to be misled.

Despite the obvious undependability of her story the HSCA brought Garro up from Mexico as a witness and gave her national TV for her imaginings and indulgences of her political beliefs and imaginings.

There have been reasons to wonder whether the man in Mexico was Oswald or an imposter. This lengthy report provides no answer or basis for any belief either way.

This reports tends to validate the CIA's lies that all copies of all phone interceptions were erased. The CIA's own disclosed records prove this to be a lie as some FBI records also do. Why the CIA did do so much lying is a mystery. There is no visible reason of which I know. It did deceive the HSCA as it did the Commission- the HSCA that was no less willing to be deceived and misled.