

Kapka file

See also JFK appeals,  
Kapka, Robert

FBI

Date: 3-3-64

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To: Director, FBI (105-82555)  
From: Legat, Mexico (105-3702) (Pending)  
Subject: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS - R - CUBA

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*J.M. Guizoo*  
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ENCLOSURES

Enclosed herewith are thirty copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES

Mexico City Cable 2-27-64.  
Legat letter dated 10-30-63 entitled [redacted]  
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*offices agrees advised*  
*1-2-64*

ADMINISTRATIVE

A San Francisco LHM dated 5-17-63 captioned "PERMANENT STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL TO CUBA" Bufile 100-1130760 reported that [redacted] San Francisco had been a source with respect to a meeting at [redacted] of persons who were interested in the projected student trip to Cuba.

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During the interview at the Protection Section of the American Embassy, [redacted] intimated that he had "assisted the government in the United States" and inquired as to whether or not it would be possible for him to establish contacts in Mexico City whereby he would "serve his country abroad" in the event he were able to arrange for travel to Cuba or Communist China. At the same time, [redacted] very candidly admitted that he felt considerable sympathy for the CASTRO Government of Cuba and the Communist regime in China and felt that the United States could learn a great deal and improve its relations with those countries through careful study and more realistic approach to the governments thereof.

It was reported in Mexico City letter of reference that in October, 1963, [redacted] published articles in the Mexico City magazines, "POLITICA" and "SIEMPRE" in which he criticized an article in the "SATURDAY EVENING POST" by HARRY HOFFMAN and indicated his personal approval of much that he had observed in Cuba.

#### SOURCES

The confidential source abroad referred to in the enclosed LHM is SA ROLF L. LARSON who interviewed [redacted] under pretext together with U. S. Embassy Protection Officer PIERRE M. HARTMAN in connection with [redacted] request for a repatriation loan from the Embassy for return to San Francisco.

#### LEADS

#### THE DALLAS DIVISION

#### At Dallas, Texas

If deemed advisable by the Bureau and if not previously handled, will attempt to locate and interview MARK LANE, Attorney for MARGUERITE CSWALD, in an effort to determine the nature of information and evidence which he claims to have gathered in connection with the assassination.

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THE MEXICO CITY OFFICE

At Mexico City, Mexico

Will continue investigation in connection with captioned case.

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Two copies of this communication and the enclosed LHM are being furnished to the San Francisco Office in view of the fact that [redacted] has been a source and subject of investigation by that office, and he allegedly interviewed Attorney MARK LANE at San Francisco.

The enclosed LHM is classified confidential to conceal the Bureau's interest in a foreign diplomatic establishment and in view of the nature of the information furnished by [redacted]



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

March 3, 1964

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

The following information was furnished by a confidential source abroad who had occasion to interview [redacted] in Mexico City in connection with other matters on February 27, 1964:

[redacted] identified himself as having been a member of a student group which visited Cuba in 1963 and explained that he had come to Mexico City to seek contact with the Cuban Embassy in the hope of arranging another trip to Cuba or obtaining assistance in making arrangements to travel to Communist China as an observer or teacher. He also mentioned that he had made some inquiries with respect to the visit to Mexico City of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the hope that he could develop an angle which would enable him to write a saleable magazine article.

[redacted] furnished the following background data concerning his interest in OSWALD's activities in Mexico:

Within the recent past, the attorney for Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, OSWALD's mother, had visited San Francisco on a lecture tour and [redacted] had attended the lecture and had spoken to the attorney, MARK LANE, at some length after the lecture.

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LANE had stated to [redacted] that "the FBI is so convinced that OSWALD was responsible for the assassination of President KENNEDY that it has ignored other witnesses and failed to follow up various leads " He claimed to have seen an affidavit in the possession of the Dallas Police Department reflecting that the paraffin tests made of OSWALD had disclosed powder burns on his hands but not on his cheek, suggesting from this that he might have fired a hand gun on the day of the assassination but not a rifle.

LANE claimed that he had located four women newspaper reporters who were between the underpass and the point from which the assassination shots allegedly were fired, and those women had expressed the belief that the shots they heard had seemed to originate from the opposite direction from the Texas School Book Depository where OSWALD reportedly was employed. According to LANE, the four reporters had claimed that upon hearing the shots from the direction of the underpass, they turned in time to see a puff of smoke and figures running along the bridge over the underpass

LANE also stated that he had seen (or had in his possession) a second affidavit to the effect that five spent bullets had been located following the assassination rather than the three bullets which had been publicized in the U. S. press He referred to those alleged projectiles as follows:

1. A bullet which appeared on the stretcher which was utilized in removing President KENNEDY from the official car
2. One bullet which lodged in the thigh of Governor CONNELLY.
3. One bullet which struck Governor CONNELLY in the chest
4. A bullet which was found imbedded in the presidential automobile
5. A bullet which was found on the grass adjacent to where the automobile had been at the time of the shooting.

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[redacted] instructed LANE further to the effect that the latter had information that two days prior to the assassination, a "huddle" had taken place at JACK RUBY's "CAROUSEL CLUB" with the participants being RUBY, TIPPETT (the Dallas policeman allegedly killed by OSWALD) and an individual whose name [redacted] was unable to recall but described as the "man who had published a full-page advertisement in a Dallas newspaper shortly prior to the assassination, charging President KENNEDY with being Communist."

[redacted] expressed reluctance to discuss the above-described meeting, stating that the information had been obtained by LANE from a very confidential source, the identity of whom he was not aware, and he referred to the information concerning the meeting as being "real dynamite." He commented that if the meeting had taken place, it suggested a conspiracy of the "RADICAL LEFT" or "RADICAL RIGHT" and added that perhaps TIPPETT had meant to shoot OSWALD; that possibly OSWALD killed TIPPETT, contrary to the "conspiracy" and it became necessary for JACK RUBY to eliminate OSWALD.

[redacted] denied that his trip to Mexico had been financed in any way by attorney LANE but said that he had advised the attorney of his intention of traveling to Mexico, to which LANE replied that he would be "interested in anything he might pick up."

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March 12, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

05-2005-2522  
EX 101

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed for your information are two copies of a communication dated March 3, 1964, at Washington, D. C., relating to allegations made in the past by Mark Lane.

Inasmuch as Lane has previously appeared before the President's Commission, this Bureau is taking no further action regarding Lane's allegations as reported in the enclosed communication.

Sincerely yours,  
 J. Edgar Hoover

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Legat, Mexico City airtel 3/3/64 with letterhead memorandum captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald" concern interview by Legat with one identified himself to:

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

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NOTE CONTAINED:

Legat as a member of the student group visiting Cuba in 1963 and currently in Mexico collecting material for magazine article re Lee Harvey Oswald.

[REDACTED] copies of Legat's airtel and enclosed letterhead memorandum 3/3/64 being furnished to Dallas with copies for San Francisco and New York by airtel 3/11/64 captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald" which advises that Dallas lead to locate and interview Mark Lane set out in Legat Airtel should be disregarded. Dallas being instructed not to interview Lane in instant case without specific Bureau authority.

Letter to Rankin classified "Confidential" in order to protect operations of Legat in a foreign country.

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URGENT 3-3-64  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 430

BUFILE 105-82555. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ~~IS~~ <sup>INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA</sup> - CUBA. FOLLOWING IS DAILY SUMMARY.

RE PERSONS AT HOTEL DEL COMERCIO DURING OSWALD'S STAY. MATILDE GARNICA, MAID WHO CLEANED ROOM 18 ADVISED SHE ARRIVES AT WORK AT 10 AM AND DEPARTS AT 6 PM; THAT SHE SAW OSWALD ONLY ONE TIME ON SATURDAY WHEN SHE ARRIVED EARLY AND HE WAS STILL IN ROOM; THAT SHE IS CERTAIN OSWALD SPENT NO TIME IN HOTEL, DURING DAY AND MADE NO CONTACTS THERE.

MARTIN GUERRERO AND JULIO LINAN, WHO RESIDE IN SAN LUIS POTOSI AND WERE AT HOTEL DURING PERTINENT PERIOD WERE INTERVIEWED AT HOTEL AND STATED THEY COULD NOT RECOGNIZE PHOTOGRAPH OF OSWALD AND HAVE NO RECOLLECTION CONCERNING HIM. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW OTHER GUESTS DURING PERIOD CONTINUING WITH COOPERATION OF HOTEL OWNER AND MANAGER, GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA.

RE ALLEGATION YLARIO ROJAS VILLANUEVA. TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR INTENSIVE INTERVIEW OF ROJAS AT GUADALAJARA BY AGENTS MEXICAN SECURITY POLICE AT EARLY DATE AND BUREAU WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW.

RE ALLEGATIONS PEDRO GUTERREZ VALENCIA. CIA IS PROVIDING ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOS OF FEMALE EMPLOYEES OF CUBAN EMBASSY FOR DISPLAY TO GUTTERREZ, AND INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION

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BEING MADE THROUGH MEXICAN SOCIAL SECURITY FILES, LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY RECORDS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT FILES TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE ARTURO GADNA ELIAS.

RE ALLEGATIONS ROBERT KAFFKE. *LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM*  
LHM RECORDING INFORMATION  
FROM KAFFKE SUBMITTED TODAY'S POUCH. ON FEBRUARY 29 LAST  
KAFFKE ADVISED EMBASSY PROTECTION SECTION TELEPHONICALLY THAT  
HE WAS RETURNING TO SAN FRANCISCO BY BUS. *51300*

CLARK D. ANDERSON

RECEIVED:    10:05 PM    MAD

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN  
3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2-29-64

This teletype pertains to a hoax  
that the Commission has been  
chasing. Information in the  
teletype confirms that it is a  
hoax.

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THIS SERIAL HAS BEEN REFERRED TO  
ANOTHER AGENCY AND IS IN A PENDING STATUS:

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