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Synopsis:

American Express Travelers Cheques issued to ARNOLD KESSLER on 10/11/63 at Detroit, Michigan, made available by American Express Company, NYC, and information from same set forth.

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DETAILS

On June 9, 1964, Inspector VINCENT LANIA, Travelers Cheque Refund Division, American Express Company, 770 Broadway, New York City, was contacted regarding travelers cheques issued to one ARNOLD KESSLER on October 11, 1963, at Detroit, Michigan. KESSLER, residing at 18266 Pinehurst, Detroit, Michigan, reportedly made the statement that he had dinner with OSWALD in Mexico City prior to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. LANIA advised that he would attempt to locate the cheques issued to KESSLER, namely 20 cheques of \$10.00 denominations, numbered AA18580650 to AA18580669, and 10 cheques of \$20.00 denominations, numbered DA29039857 to DA29039866, and make same available to the FBI.

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On June 16, 1964, Mr. LANIA made cheques AA18580650 through AA18580669 and cheques DA29039857 through DA29039859 available for examination, and same disclosed the following:

<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Where Cashed</u>	<u>Date Cashed</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
AA18580650	Mexico, D.F.	11/10/63	ARNOLD KESSLER, back of cheque bore notation "Tarjeta Turista" (tourist card) No 4381304, Detroit, Michigan
AA18580651	Mexico, D.F.	11/?/63	ARNOLD KESSLER
AA18580652	San Miguel	11/23/63	JOS. (last name illegible)
AA18580653	Mexico, D.F.	Not indicated	ARNOLD KESSLER
AA18580654	Mexico, D.F.	1/2/63	ARNOLD KESSLER
AA18580655	Mexico, D.F.	January, 1963	ARNOLD KESSLER
AA18580656	Veracruz	2/8/64	ARNOLD KESSLER
AA18580657	Veracruz	(month and day illegible) 1964	ARNOLD KESSLER
AA18580658	Mexico	2/64	VAN E. (last name appears to be PEUSYCK)
AA18580659	Mexico, D.F.	11/63	ARNOLD KESSLER
AA18580660	Not indicated	Not indicated	Tropical Radio Tel. Co.
AA18580661	Not indicated	Not indicated	Tropical Radio Tel. Co.
AA18580662	Not indicated	Not indicated	HENRY N. FERGUSON
AA18580663	Not indicated	Not indicated	ARNOLD KESSLER
AA18580664	San Jose	3/2/64	ALFREDO ROJAS A.
AA18580665	Managua, Nicaragua	1964	Gran Hotel
AA18580666	Tegucigalpa	3/11/64	(Name illegible)

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<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Where Cashed</u>	<u>Date Cashed</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
AA18580667	Guatamala	1964	Hotel Maya Excelsior
AA18580668	(Name appears to be Huchuetenargo)	1964	ARNOLD KESSLER
AA18580669	Mexico, D.F.	2/64	ARNOLD KESSLER
DA29039857	Mexico, D.F.	11/5/63	Banco de Industria y Comercio, S.A.
DA29039858	Mexico, D.F.	11/15/63	JOSEPH (Last name illegible)
DA29039859	Mexico, D.F.	11/15/63	JOSEPH (Last name illegible)

Mr. LANIA stated that efforts are being made to locate cheques DA29039860 through DA29039866 and that same, once located, would be made available for review by the FBI.

On June 22, 1964, Mr. LANIA advised that the above cheques have not been located to date.