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TO : Director, FBI (105-82555)
FROM : Legat, Mexico City (105-3702) (P)
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Enclosed are four copies of a SECRET memorandum dated 5 July 1967, received from CIA, _____ (S)

Reference Mexico City letter dated 6/12/67, which furnished information received by BENJAMIN J. RUYLE, American Consul, American Consulate, Tampico, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

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_____ in late June _____ and the CHARGE d'Affaires of the _____ had no objection _____ send a man to Tampico to identify the source and interrogate him. No objection was voiced _____ and enclosed memorandum sets out the results of this investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM : *ntb*
ppc LEGAT, MEXICO (105-3702) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *cl*
x LEE HARVEY OSWALD
IS - R - CUBA

DATE: 6/12/67

Enclosed are three (3) copies of a CONFIDENTIAL memorandum dated 5/11/67 prepared by the American Consulate, Tampico, Mexico.

Re Mexico City airtel, 5/8/67. In 5581

BENJAMIN J. RUGLE, American Consul, American Consulate, Tampico, Mexico, furnished a copy of a CONFIDENTIAL memorandum dated 5/11/67, copies of which are enclosed, which contain information concerning captioned subject which he had received. This information is being furnished for the information of the Bureau, and this office does not contemplate further action at this time.

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per state letter 2-21-84

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Nesley D. Boles, Esquire
Chief, Mexican Political Affairs, Office of Mexican Affairs
Department of State, Washington, D. C. 20520

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ON 4-29-92 #6454
Per State letter 2-2-84

Dear Nes:

The missing Lee Harvey Oswald airgram referred to in your letter of April 14 is Tampico's A-43, which I drafted on March 16. It ought to have reached you before April 14.

I had originally debated with myself whether to send anything at all, considering my "informant" did not seem to offer anything new. However, in view of the admittedly "electrifying quality" of the subject, I finally decided to record the matter.

Because of your letter, I invited my friend to lunch today. We went over the ground in somewhat more detail, as set forth below, but he did not claim he was making world-shaking revelations, and I do not believe he was.

He said he and a group of fellow students met Oswald one afternoon (he does not recall the date) when they came out of the Cineclub, which I understood to be at the Escuela de Filosofia (I am not familiar with the University of Mexico). He described Oswald as "raro" and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "introvertido", a person who obviously had complexes and problems.

Oswald was with the group during the remainder of the afternoon and evening and all the following day. They paid for his meals during this time. (It was of interest to me my informant said that, in addition to recognizing Oswald's photograph following the assassination of President Kennedy, he easily recalled Oswald's name because both "Harvey" and "Oswald" connoted rabbit to him, something I had not thought of.)

Oswald evidently had gone to the university to look for pro-Castro students who might help him persuade the Cuban Embassy to grant him a visa. He spoke little Spanish, but indicated he was from California, as well as that he had been a member of a pro-Castro group in New Orleans (no

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mention of Texas). He also gave them to understand police agencies in the United States had harrassed him ("lo hostilizaban"). He showed an interest in painting and paintings.

My friend reports the Cuban Embassy turned Oswald down from the outset, apparently in the first place because they had no "previous" on him and in the second place because they suspected he was a U.S. agent.

Oswald was deeply upset over being rejected by the Cubans. My informant used the word "lloraba", but I inferred not literally. The group saw no more of Oswald after the second day.

I am not trying to be coy about my "informant's" name. I should nevertheless like to protect him to the extent possible. He claims not to have discussed his acquaintance with Oswald with anyone except me. I take this with a grain of salt, but he does seem genuinely fearful of losing his job if he is tied publicly to this matter.

He also seems fearful of trouble with his former pro-Castro student friends if they get the impression he "ratter" on anyone. I gather they are not altogether "former", considering he says some of them still visit him here from time to time.

Incidentally, he claims to have visited Cuba, to be well acquainted with Raul Roa and, to a lesser degree, with Castro. He claims further to have been friendly with one María Teresa Proenza, who I understood him to say defected from the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City and may now be in Miami. ETC

One item he "revealed" during our first evening particularly intrigued me. (He seemed subsequently, and probably with justification, especially fearful of the unpleasant consequences which might derive from any publicity regarding it). He asserted he was the student who personally climbed ~~ATMOSPHERIC~~ the Miguel Alemán statue on the UAM campus with the dynamite--I believe he said dynamite--when it was mutilated some years ago.

I am aware my friend may have fabricated everything he told me. My personal evaluation is that he has been truthful.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Bayle
American Consul

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