

Dear Jim,

10/4/83

With regard to the unsigned memo on Mexican material supplied by Tony Summers, I do not believe much of it, have doubts about some of it, and I do believe that so many CIA people would have spoken to him.

At the same time, I have never believed the CIA's story that its camera didn't work that one day and that it never got any picture of Oswald.

I've read enough of Summers not to trust his interpretations

I also have gravest doubts about the judgement of anyone who places any credence in anything Garro said. Including the deceased Thomas referred to in so provocative a manner, to suggest that his suicide has significance in this matter.

With regard to alleged disinformation agents, while I have no knowledge at all I can't imagine the CIA troubling itself to make one out of Poretll-Villa because it was so utterly unnecessary.

However, this memo also suggests that some work might be done in Mexico City. If someone goes there, either the person I assume prepared this memo or anyone else, I have a simple city directory/phone book check I'd like to have made. Not related to this matter.

If you want me to give you details of what I do not trust or believe, I'll take the time.

Best,

I'll add this to my Oswald-Mexico file

I do not believe much of this and am inclined to question most of it,
I do not believe so many CIA people talked to Summers
I do not believe CIA's story that it did not get Oswald's picture
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BRIEF NOTES ON MEXICAN MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY TONY SUMMERS

(The following material was supplied by Tony Summers. Primarily, it comes from a number of notebooks filled with handwritten notations made by Tony, gathered in preparation of his book several years ago. The material had been stored in London but was brought to Washington and several evenings were spent going through it.)

One of the more intriguing facts that Tony dug out was that there was apparently at least one photograph of "Lee Harvey Oswald" taken in Mexico City by the CIA. (It could well be the 12th in a series of photographs obtained under FOIA, the other 11 being of the "unidentified man.")

~~Winston~~^{Will} Scott, who had been the CIA Chief in Mexico City for a number of years, is one person who is known to have had a copy of the Oswald photograph. It is a righthanded profile, taken from above, when Oswald made a visit to the Cuban Consulate. In a long memorandum, withheld from the Warren Commission, Scott refers to it as "a photograph of Oswald." Three CIA employees claim to have seen it personally, and two CIA employees say that they have heard of it. These five CIA employees are: Philip Agee, Daniel Stanley Watson, Joseph B. Smith, Joseph Piccolo, and Daniel Niescuir.

(It is speculated that the picture was withheld because there were other people in the photograph who could not be excised.)

Anne Goodpasteur denies that there was any Oswald photograph. She says that the delay until October 10 is due to unsuccessful attempts to identify "the unidentified man." Summers believes that Goodpasteur had ^{seen} a picture of Oswald at the Soviet Embassy, taken on October 1, and that she lied about the matter. She is believed to live in Texas today.

Summers believes that the unidentified man is in fact a Soviet sailor.

There is some confusion with respect to the date of ^{Winn}Winston Scott's death. He apparently died of a heart attack, while working on a ladder. It could have been as early as 1964 or as late as 1971. Either James Angleton or Lyman Kirkpatrick went to Mexico City to clean out his safe and massive files. The safe is believed to have held the Oswald picture at the time of his death. ^{Winn}Winston Scott's widow's telephone number is 905-596-1109.

Scott's surveillance man was named Munroe. The House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) interviewed him in Mexico City where he lives as a retired CIA employee. He did not say that there was a photograph of Oswald.

Summers got Cuban surveillance pictures of the CIA surveillance people in Mexico City, i.e., the Cubans took pictures of the Americans taking pictures of the Cuban Consulate. Summers obtained these in Havana.

According to Phillips, Herbert Manell's wife Barbara prepared the October 10 cable. Herbert Manell signed off on it, and Phillips also claims to have signed off because of its Cuban content. However, Phillips was lying about this, because there was no Cuban content, he did not sign off on it, and in fact was not in Mexico City on October 10. The HSCA caught him in this lie with contradictory documents, but it did not proceed to prosecute him for perjury.

Another subject of considerable interest are the transcripts of conversations of "Lee Harvey Oswald" taken from tapped telephones at the Russian Embassy. There were 8 telephone conversations and 8 transcripts all together. The CIA tied all conversations to "Lee Harvey Oswald" prior to the assassination. Two of the conversations were in Spanish on September 27. Several of them were in Russian, and the HSCA, which obtained the transcripts, describes "Oswald's" Russian as "broken"; these were probably

not transcripts of conversations by the Lee Harvey Oswald, as his Russian was quite fluent.

The tapped and taped conversations were rushed to the Embassy's translators (a couple named Tarasov), but they were not sent to headquarters until October 10.

Before the assassination, the CIA in Mexico City concluded that all 8 telephone conversations were related to "Oswald," but this was not reported to Washington at that time.

Apparently, "Oswald" was tapped only at the Russian Embassy and not at the Cuban Consulate.

Summers interviewed Duran at some length in Mexico City and also had considerable correspondence with her. He reports that Duran did not tell the truth to the Committee, primarily because the Committee was unprepared and did not ask her many of the right questions. Summers feels that further conversations with Duran could be quite rewarding.

In May of 1979 Duran admitted to Summers that Lee Harvey Oswald probably was not the man she saw in Mexico City.

The CIA in Mexico City had two volumes of pre-assassination files on Duran; this material was almost totally withheld from the HSCA. Also withheld were the verbatim interviews with Duran.

After the assassination, CIA headquarters sent a message to CIA Mexico City that they were to discourage Americans from talking with Duran.

A Mexican professor of philosophy, who was involved in the Garro story, was made Mexican Ambassador^{to} East Germany in 1978; he was a personal friend of Duran's.

Bradley Ayers, author of The War That Never Was, says that he can help identify Bishop. See 2 chapters in the paperback edition of his book. Summers never was able to arrange to talk with him but his address is 1195 Quinlan Avenue, S., Lakeland, Minnesota 55043, 612-436-5309.

Summers was quite interested in John Hoke, whose name appeared in Oswald's ONI file, and who was married to Ruth Paine's sister Sylvia. John Hoke's name also showed up in George du Mohrenschildt's file. John Hoke was in U.S. intelligence 1959-1962 in Chile, Panama, and Venezuela under AID cover. He is now with Atlantic Research Corporation and his home address is 730 (731?) Montebello Drive, Falls Church, Virginia.

Summers interviewed Thomas Mann who now lives in San Antonio, 512-345-4950. Mann thought that Castro could have been responsible for the assassination. He wished to have Alvarado sent to the U.S. for questioning; his request was denied. ^{Eventually} ~~Evidentially~~ Mann received direct instructions from Washington to discontinue the investigation, but he was never told why. He was particularly irritated with Hoover's role in the cover-up, as he considered Hoover a close friend. Mann believed that the cover-up with respect to Duran was because international agencies were embarrassed about something.

Mann said that Winfield Scott was also furious about the cover-up.

Mann thought that Lee Harvey Oswald had made two visits to Mexico City.

Summers did considerable work on Garro, who was in Spain in the late 1970s and who did not appear before the HSCA.

On two occasions the CIA made efforts to silence Garro. After the

assassination, a CIA agent named Manual Calvillo took her to the Hotel Vermont in San Luis Potosi for several days. Also a female friend, who shared a house with Garro in 1967, was a female CIA employee who had worked for Winfield Scott in 1963.

A State Department employee named Charles William Thomas surfaced the Garro story in a memorandum of July 25, 1969 to the Secretary of State. As a result, he was blackballed and eventually committed suicide. See HSCA Vol. III, p. 293.

Charles Thomas, who was supposed to be State Department, was written up in Who's Who in the CIA, p. 514. Mrs. Charles (Cynthia) Thomas lives in the Washington, D.C. area.

According to Blakey, the USSR worried about being blamed for the assassination. They went on a nuclear alert. LBJ called the Russian Ambassador to the White House and defused the crisis.

Howard Hunt was very friendly with Phillips in Mexico City in 1961. It is not believed that Hunt returned to Mexico City until a number of years later.

Summers believes that Eldon Rudd, the Legal Attache in Mexico City, became a Congressman.

A CIA employee, who was in Mexico City and who dislikes Phillips, is Arthur L. Jacobs, 6171 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22044.

Helen Phillips, the ex-wife of David N. Phillips, lives at 8263 Camino del Oro, Apartment 376, La Jolla, California 92037; 714-459-6942.

(Bishop and Phillips both spoke French.)

Q.J. Win's nationality was Luxembourg but he carried a French or Belgium passport.

Interpol records did bear out the fact that Davis was arrested in Tangier on gun charges as alleged.

The 5 disinformation agents were Dr. Luis Conte Aguerro, Hermino Portell-Villa, Angel Fernandez Varela, Nestor L. Carbonel, and Eduardo Borrel Novarros. Four of these were controlled by Phillips.

Winfield Scott was forced into retirement after many years as Section Chief in Mexico City.

The CIA in Mexico discovered that Oswald had Cuban contacts in Mexico prior to the assassination and reported those contacts to headquarters. Scott was very interested at the time of the Oswald visit and he knew that Oswald's middle name was not Henry. After the assassination, Scott wrote a lengthy memorandum and put it in his safe but never forwarded it to Washington.

According to Scott, Oswald wanted help as well as a visa from the Cubans and Soviets.

According to an unpublished HSCA report on Mexico, there were two U.S. agents inside the Cuban Consulate but no one inside the USSR Embassy.

The CIA refused to turn over Phillips' travel vouchers to the HSCA.

The HSCA planned perjury charges against Hunt and Sturgis but these were not pursued.

According to Munroe, the man running the cameras in Mexico City was a Cuban named Gallego.

Summers suggested that we contact the following people:

1. George F. Munroe, ex-FBI, joined CIA in Mexico City, wired Soviet and Cuban offices, ran surveillance operations. He is retired in Mexico City, Ojo de Agua 43, telephone 56-52-436.

2. Bruce McMasters.

3. Raymond E. (Speedy) Gonzales, 212-862-6676. Came to Mexico City on deception operations.

4. William Vela who will introduce us to Munroe. Mexico City 46-73-0358.