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REBUCAB TODAY, FOLLOWING SUMMARY SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE IN-
STRUCTIONS THEREIN.

SUBJECT ENTERED MEXICO AT NUEVO LAREDO SEPTEMBER 26 LAST, USING
MEXICAN 15 DAY TOURIST CARD ISSUED SEPTEMBER 17 LAST BY MEXICAN
CONSULATE GENERAL NEW ORLEANS.

MEXICAN IMMIGRATION INSPECTOR WHO ADMITTED SUBJECT TO MEXICO
SEPTEMBER 26 INTERVIEWED TODAY BY LAREDO RESIDENT AGENT. INSPECTOR
HAD NO INDEPENDENT RECOLLECTION BUT THOUGHT SUBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN IN
COMPANY OF YOUNG AMERICAN COUPLE. EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF RECORDS
DISCLOSED ONLY ONE YOUNG AMERICAN COUPLE WHOSE ENTRY MAY HAVE COIN-
CIDED WITH THAT OF SUBJECT. INTERVIEW OF THIS COUPLE, BILL AND
ELAINE ALLEN OF MIAMI, HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF MIAMI BY SAN ANTONIO.

CONTINUING SEARCH OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION RECORDS TO DATE HAS
FAILED TO DISCLOSE METHOD OF TRAVEL UTILIZED BY SUBJECT TO PROCEED
FROM NUEVO LAREDO TO MEXICO CITY, IT BEING NOTED THESE RECORDS ARE
POORLY PREPARED AND POORLY MAINTAINED.

DISCREET INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY THROUGH SOURCES AND CONTACTS TO
ASCERTAIN WHERE SUBJECT STAYED AMONG MEXICO CITY'S 1,600 POSSIBLE
LODGING PLACES.

INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED SUBJECT DEPARTED MEXICO NUEVO
LAREDO OCTOBER 3 LAST. INVESTIGATION HAS FAILED TO ESTABLISH HIS
METHOD OF TRAVEL FROM MEXICO CITY TO NUEVO LAREDO AND MEXICAN IM-

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MIGRATION INSPECTOR HANDLING HIS EXIT, INTERVIEWED TODAY BY LAREDO RA, HAD NO RECOLLECTION WHATSOEVER OF SUBJECT OR HIS MEANS OF TRAVEL.

ALL FOLLOWING CIA INFO IS CLASSIFIED SECRET. (S-1)(u)

TAPES OBTAINED BY CIA IN COURSE OF THEIR TECHNICAL COVERAGE OF CUBAN AND SOVIET EMBASSIES HERE ERASED AFTER TWO WEEKS, FOLLOWING MAKING OF TYPEWRITTEN TRANSCRIPTS OF CONTENTS OF THESE TAPES. THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME CONFUSION IN THAT NO TAPES WERE TAKEN TO DALLAS BUT ONLY TYPEWRITTEN TRANSCRIPTS SUPPLIED BY CIA. THE TAPES NOT BEING AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN ERASED. REVIEW OF THE CIA TRANSCRIPTS HERE INDICATES THAT ON SEPTEMBER 28 A CONVERSATION OCCURRED BETWEEN ONE SILVIA DURAN OF CUBAN EMBASSY HERE AND A PERSON IN SOVIET EMBASSY. DURAN MENTIONED THAT AN AMERICAN WAS IN CUBAN EMBASSY WHO HAD BEEN TO RUSSIAN EMBASSY. DURAN PUT THIS AMERICAN ON PHONE AND A CONVERSATION IN WHICH THE AMERICAN SPOKE VERY POOR RUSSIAN WAS HEARD. THE AMERICAN SAID HE HAD JUST BEEN AT SOVIET EMBASSY AND HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FURNISH HIS ADDRESS SINCE HE DID NOT KNOW IT THEN. HE SAID HE WENT BACK TO CUBAN EMBASSY TO ASK THERE FOR HIS ADDRESS BECAUSE THEY HAD IT. THE PERSON IN RUSSIAN EMBASSY SUGGESTED HE COME TO SOVIET EMBASSY AND LEAVE HIS ADDRESS AND AMERICAN REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE THERE RIGHT AWAY. (S-1)(u)

ON OCTOBER 1 A PERSON BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH AMERICAN WHO SPOKE POOR RUSSIAN AGAIN CALLED SOVIET EMBASSY FROM CUBAN EMBASSY AND IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS LEE OSWALD. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN AT SOVIET EMBASSY THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY AND SPOKE TO A CONSUL AND WAS TOLD THAT A TELEGRAM WOULD HAVE TO BE SENT TO WASHINGTON. HE

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WAS TOLD THAT A REQUEST HAD BEEN SENT BUT NO REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED. IT WAS INDICATED TO HIM THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO A CONSUL KOSTIKOV THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY. (S) (u)

SILVIA TIRADO DE DURAN WHO IS A MEXICAN CITIZEN EMPLOYEE OF CUBAN EMBASSY HERE AND IDENTICAL WITH SILVIA DURAN, ABOVE WAS INTERVIEWED EXTENSIVELY NOVEMBER 23 LAST BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES OF THEIR OWN VOLITION. SHE IDENTIFIED OSWALD FROM PRESS PHOTOS AS PERSON WHO CALLED AT CUBAN EMBASSY HERE LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER TO APPLY FOR A CUBAN TRANSIT VISA, STATING HE HAD A RUSSIAN WIFE AND DESIRED TO RETURN TO SOVIET UNION VIA CUBA. DURAN CLAIMED SUBJECT IN POSSESSION OF AMERICAN PASSPORT WHICH WAS EXAMINED BY HER TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT CONTAINED SOVIET VISA. SHE SAID PASSPORT DID NOT CONTAIN SUCH A VISA AND SHE ADVISED SUBJECT HE WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN A SOVIET VISA BEFORE HE COULD BE ISSUED CUBAN TRANSIT VISA. SHE STATED SUBJECT HAD CONSIDERABLE ARGUMENT WITH HER AND CUBAN CONSUL EUSEBIO AZCUE OVER THIS MATTER. SHE PUT SUBJECT IN TOUCH WITH SOVIET EMBASSY AND IN A LATER CONTACT HE MADE AT CUBAN EMBASSY HE TOLD THEM HE HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SOVIET VISA. (S) (u)

ACCORDING TO CIA SILVIA DURAN IS A COMMUNIST AND DURING TIME CARLOS LECHUGA, PRESENT CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO UN, SERVED HERE AS CUBAN AMBASSADOR DURAN WAS NOT ONLY HIS SECRETARY BUT ALSO HIS MISTRESS. (S) (u)

GIST OF STORY OF DURAN CONCERNING SUBJECT'S VISIT TO MEXICO PUBLISHED TODAY IN MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPER "EXCELSIOR" AND BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LEAKED BY SOME HIGH MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, POSSIBLY IN EFFORT TO SHOW SOLE PURPOSE OF SUBJECT'S TRIP TO MEXICO WAS TO

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OBTAIN VISAS AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD FROM EMBASSY SOURCES THAT THIS STORY HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS AND WILL PROBABLY BE PUBLISHED THERE TOMORROW.

EVERY AVAILABLE STEP BEING TAKEN HERE TO FILL IN DETAILS OF SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES WHILE HERE. ALL KEY CONTACTS IN POLICE AND MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY INFO ALONG THESE LINES THEY MAY RECEIVE AS RESULT OF PUBLICITY GIVEN SUBJECT.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE SUGGEST BUREAU CHECK STATE DEPARTMENT RECORDS TO DETERMINE WHETHER NEW PASSPORT ISSUED TO SUBJECT SINCE HIS RETURN FROM RUSSIA IN 1962 SINCE IT IS BELIEVED PASSPORT ISSUED TO HIM IN MOSCOW VALID ONLY FOR RETURN U.S. IT IS BELIEVED WHEREABOUTS OF THIS LATTER PASSPORT SHOULD ALSO BE ASCERTAINED. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, NEW ORLEANS SHOULD CONTACT MEXICAN CONSULATE AND OBTAIN NAMES AND IDENTITIES OF PERSONS WHO SECURED MEXICAN TOURIST CARDS THERE ON SEPTEMBER 17 LAST, DATE SUBJECT ISSUED HIS MEXICAN TOURIST CARD. THERE IS REMOTE POSSIBILITY SOME OF THESE PERSONS MAY HAVE TRAVELED TO MEXICO WITH SUBJECT.

AMBASSADOR HERE FEELS SOVIETS MUCH TOO SOPHISTICATED TO PARTICIPATE IN DIRECTION OF ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT BY SUBJECT BUT THINKS CUBANS STUPID ENOUGH TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SUCH DIRECTION EVEN TO EXTENT OF HIRING SUBJECT. IF THIS SHOULD BE THE CASE, IT WOULD APPEAR LIKELY THAT CONTRACT WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE WITH SUBJECT IN U.S. AND PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP TO MEXICO WAS TO SET UP GETAWAY ROUTE. (S)(u)

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BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO POLLING ALL CUBAN SOURCES IN U.S. IN EFFORT CONFIRM OR REFUTE THIS THEORY.

DETAILED MEMO WILL BE SUBMITTED IN FIRST AVAILABLE POUCH ON NOVEMBER 28 NEXT. COPY OF MEXICAN TOURIST CARD ISSUED SUBJECT WILL BE FORWARDED AT SAME TIME FOR POSSIBLE COMPARISON OF SIGNATURE ON THIS CARD WITH KNOWN SIGNATURE OF SUBJECT IN ORDER TO DEFINITELY ESTABLISH HE WAS PERSON TO WHOM THE CARD WAS ISSUED IN HIS NAME IN NEW ORLEANS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY INFO DEVELOPED IN U.S. INVESTIGATION WHICH WOULD SERVE AS LEADS TO VERIFY SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES HERE, INCLUDING ANY LONG DISTANCE CALLS MADE TO WIFE OR RELATIVES BY SUBJECT WHILE HERE.

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