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June 15, 1964

Under date of December 26, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows concerning a document examination requested by the Charlotte Office under date of December 18, 1963:

"Specimens received 12/24/63

- Qc346 Photocopy of two-page letter dated Oct. 3, 1956, first page handwritten, beginning 'I am sixteen years of age...' and signed 'Lee Oswald,' second page bearing hand printed notation 'SEND TO: LEE Oswald 4936 Collinwood Fort Worth, TEX.'
- Qc347 Photocopy of advertisement coupon of 'The Socialist Call 303 Fourth Ave. New York 10, N.Y.' bearing the hand printed name and address 'LEE Oswald 4936 Collinwood Fort Worth TEXAS'

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Qc346 and the questioned hand printing on Qc347 were prepared by LEE HARVEY OSWALD, whose known writing appears on K4, K5, and K13 in this case."

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed is a copy of a note from the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Swiss Ambassador in Cuba, together with a copy of a translation of the note by the Department's Division of Language Services. A copy of the covering note from the Swiss Embassy in Washington to the Department is also enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard C. Meeker
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Acting Legal Adviser

Enclosures:

As stated.

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

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AMBASSADE DE SUISSE

The Embassy of Switzerland presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to enclose herewith the original of a note of the Cuban Government, dated June 9, 1964, which because of its urgency the Embassy of Switzerland in Havana transmitted directly to this Embassy.

The Embassy of Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurance of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C.,
June 12, 1964.

Encl.

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REPUBLICA DE CUBA
MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES

La Habana, 9 de junio de 1964

Señor Embajador:

Tengo el honor de referirme a la Nota número 103 que, en virtud de su carácter de representante de los intereses de Estados Unidos de América, se sirvió enviar el día 28 de mayo del presente año.

El Gobierno Revolucionario de Cuba accede a remitirle al Señor Magistrado Earl Warren, en respuesta al pedimento que hiciera, por conducto del Departamento de Estado del Gobierno norteamericano, los informes que posee en torno a la visita que efectuara al Consulado de Cuba en México, D.F., el señor Lee Harvey Oswald, presunto asesino del Presidente John F. Kennedy. Parece pertinente dejar expresa constancia, ante todo, que desde el instante mismo en que tuvo conocimiento de ese hecho, nuestro Gobierno ordenó realizar la más escrupulosa investigación al respecto.

Según los datos que obran en poder del Gobierno Revolucionario, el señor Lee Harvey Oswald se personó, el día 27 de septiembre de 1963, en el Consulado de Cuba en México, D.F., formulando una solicitud de visado /para

Excelentísimo Señor Emil Anton Stadelhofer,
Embajador Extraordinario y Plenipotenciario de Suiza,
La Habana.

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para viajar a Cuba, en tránsito hacia la Unión de Repúblicas Socialistas Soviéticas, a cuyo efecto llenó el formulario correspondiente. De este momento que el preescribido dijo haber nacido el 16 de octubre de 1929, en Nueva Orleans, Estados Unidos de América, y residir permanentemente en 4907 Magazine St., Nueva Orleans; de ocupación fotógrafo comercial y portador del pasaporte norteamericano número D-092526. Propuso como fecha para viajar a Cuba el 20 de septiembre de 1963, para una estancia de dos semanas, y, si fuera posible, por más tiempo, con objeto de continuar viaje hacia la Unión de Repúblicas Socialistas Soviéticas.

En su citada visita al Consulado de Cuba en México, D.F., el señor Lee Harvey Oswald fue atendido por la consuleta Silvia Durán, de nacionalidad mexicana, quien le hizo saber que su solicitud, de acuerdo con los procedimientos usuales, debía ser tramitada al Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, en La Habana, con objeto de que decidiera sobre el otorgamiento o denegación de la visa interesada, señalándole, a la vez, que dicho trámite podría durar alrededor de dos semanas. Ante esta circunstancia, el señor Oswald expresó, en forma airada y descompuesta, su contrariedad, dando lugar a que el Cónsul cubano, señor Eusebio Azcue, saliera de su despacho para atenderle y le reiterara las explicaciones de la señora Durán. Después de hacer irrelevantes reclaminaciones e insistir en su incorrecta actitud, el señor Oswald abandonó el Consulado de Cuba, con visibles muestras de disgusto y violencia.

Durante la conversación entre el señor Oswald y la señora Du-

rán,

no, una lista de teléfonos, a saber, el primer y segundo número de teléfono del Consulado, a fin de que pudiera ser informado oportunamente por el resultado de su solicitud de visa.

Recibida en el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Cuba la solicitud de visa de tránsito en cuestión, el día 7 de octubre, y examinada con arreglo a las normas establecidas, se instruyó al Consulado en México, D.F., el día 15 del mismo mes, en el sentido de que el visado debía ser denegado, en virtud de que el interesado carecía de la visa de entrada en el país de destino, en este caso la Unión de Repúblicas Socialistas Soviéticas.

Con posterioridad al hecho relatado, ni el Ministerio ni el Consulado en México, D.F., tuvieron más noticias sobre el señor Oswald.

Finalmente, el señor Lee Harvey Oswald no ha viajado a Cuba en momento alguno y el Gobierno Revolucionario carece, por ende, de informaciones adicionales sobre su persona y actividades.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterar a Vuestra Excelexcencia el testimonio de mi más alta consideración.



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

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SpanishREPUBLIC OF CUBA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Habana, June 9, 1964

Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to refer to note No. 103 which, in your capacity as representative of the interests of the United States of America, you sent on May 28 last.

In response to the request that was made through the Department of State of the United States Government, the Revolutionary Government of Cuba agrees to send to Chief Justice Earl Warren, whatever information it has concerning the visit to the Cuban Consulate at Mexico City of Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy. It appears appropriate to state first of all that as soon as our government learned of that event, it ordered that a most careful investigation be made.

According to the information in the possession of the Revolutionary Government, Lee Harvey Oswald appeared on September 27, 1963 at the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City

His Excellency
Emil Anton Stadelhofer,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of
Switzerland, Habana.

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and requested a visa to go to Cuba in transit for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, for which purpose he filled out the proper form. That form shows that Mr. Oswald stated that he was born October 18, 1939, in New Orleans, United States; that his permanent address was 4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans; that he was a commercial photographer; and that he was the bearer of United States passport No. D-092526. He fixed September 30, 1963 as the date to go to Cuba, where he planned to remain two weeks, and if possible longer, before continuing his trip to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

On his visit to the Cuban Consulate at Mexico City, Lee Harvey Oswald was attended by Mrs. Silvia Durán, a Mexican citizen, who informed him that, in accordance with the customary procedure, his application had to be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Habana for its decision on granting or refusing the visa in question. He was also told that that procedure might take about two weeks. Hearing that, Mr. Oswald, angry and upset, expressed his dissatisfaction, which caused Mr. Eusebio Azcue, Cuban Consul, to come out of his office to talk to him, and he repeated what Mrs. Durán had told him. Expressing bitter recriminations and giving additional indications of an improper attitude, Mr. Oswald left the Cuban Consulate with visible signs of anger and violence.

In the conversation between Mr. Oswald and Mrs. Durán, the latter wrote down her name and the telephone number of the Consulate for Mr. Oswald so that he could inquire about the decision on his visa application.

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Date December 7, 1963

The transit visa application in question was received in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba on October 7, and after it was examined in accordance with the regulations, the Consulate at Mexico City was instructed on October 15 that the visa application should not be granted, because Mr. Oswald did not have an entry visa for the country of destination, in this case, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

After this incident, neither the Ministry nor the Consulate at Mexico City heard any more about Mr. Oswald.

Finally, Lee Harvey Oswald did not go to Cuba at any time, and so the Revolutionary Government has no other information about him or his activities.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

[s] Raúl Roa

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Mrs. OPAL ROBERTSON was interviewed at 104 Woodland Drive, Irving, Texas, where she and her husband, WADDELL ROBERTSON, are employed by Mr. ELLIS DUNN as servants.

OPAL ROBERTSON stated she was with her husband during the latter part of August or early part of September, 1963 when they observed a white man in his 20's fire a rifle in the Trinity River Bottom located behind 104 Woodland Drive, Irving, Texas. Mrs. ROBERTSON said they observed this man around 5:00 or 5:30 one afternoon. Mrs. ROBERTSON said after she had seen pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in newspapers and on television, she believed the man they saw firing the rifle in the river bottom looked like OSWALD. Mrs. ROBERTSON said the man was accompanied by a woman in her 20's, 5' 6", 130 lbs. with dark hair, and a small boy about four years old. A dark-colored car of an old model was parked nearby.

On that particular afternoon, the man was firing a rifle at a homemade bulls-eye target which he had placed on the levee in the river bottom.

Four or five days later, Mrs. ROBERTSON and her husband went at the river bottom fishing, and the same man came up and spoke to them and carried on a friendly conversation with them for five or ten minutes. She recalled the man saying he was from Irving, Texas, after he had asked them where they were from.

on 12-7-63 at Irving, Texas File # DL:100-10461
 by Special Agent ROBERT P. BUTLER
CHARLES A. BROWN
 Date dictated 12-7-63

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