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BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

There are enclosed two copies each of two memoranda dated June 23, 1964, concerning Mexican aspects of the Lee Harvey Oswald investigation.

Upon detachment from the enclosures, this letter may be regarded as unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (4)

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LEE HARVEY OSWALDBASIS FOR INQUIRY

As has been previously reported, OSWALD, using the name of H. O. LEE, is believed to have departed Mexico City at 8:30 AM on October 2, 1963, on bus No. 332 of a bus line called "Autobuses Transportes del Norte" (hereinafter referred to as Transportes del Norte). In Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, passengers on bus No. 332 who were continuing on to Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and Laredo, Texas, transferred to Transportes del Norte bus No. 373, which was driven by ALVARO IBARRA.

Notations on the trip envelope for bus No. 373 showed that twelve passengers had boarded the bus in Monterrey with a final destination of either Nuevo Laredo or Laredo and that one passenger boarded the bus in Nuevo Laredo for Laredo. When the trip envelope was located at the Transportes del Norte headquarters in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, it was found to contain a total of twenty tickets, ten covering travel from Monterrey to Laredo, nine for travel from Monterrey to Nuevo Laredo, and one for travel from Nuevo Laredo to Laredo.

When interviewed in Nuevo Laredo concerning the discrepancy between the notations appearing on the trip envelope and the actual number of tickets contained in the envelope, ALVARO IBARRA stated that the only explanation he could offer was that tickets from some other trip were intermingled with tickets of bus No. 373 for the trip from Monterrey to Laredo on October 2-3, 1963. He explained that, if the date stamps on the back of the tickets which were in the envelope correspond with the date stamps on the front of the trip envelope, then he, IBARRA, made an error in recording the number of tickets inside the trip envelope. He alleged that all tickets in the trip envelope should bear on the backs of the tickets a stamp similar to the one appearing on the trip envelope itself. The purpose of this inquiry was to establish whether this latter statement of IBARRA is correct.

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INTERVIEW OF RAMON TREVINO QUEZADA,
VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER
OF TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE,
MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON, MEXICO

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

When interviewed by a confidential source abroad on June 16, 1964, RAMON TREVINO QUEZADA, Vice President and General Manager of Transportes del Norte, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, advised that each Transportes del Norte bus ticket is date stamped on the reverse side by the ticket agent to reflect the date on which the ticket was actually sold. He said the date stamp on the ticket may or may not reflect the date on which the ticket was utilized. He pointed out that often tickets are purchased several days before travel is performed in order to insure that the passengers will have seats on the particular date on which they desire to travel.

According to TREVINO, the trip envelope in which the bus driver places the tickets collected by him is also date stamped. He explained that the date stamp on the trip envelope ordinarily reflects the actual date of travel and that the date stamps appearing on the tickets themselves quite often will be different from the date stamp on the trip envelope in which they are placed.

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

As has been previously reported, investigation disclosed that one H. O. LEE, believed to be identical with OSWALD, departed Mexico City at 8:30 AM on October 2, 1963, on bus No. 332 of a bus line called "Autobuses Transportes del Norte" (hereinafter referred to as Transportes del Norte). A total of sixteen passengers, including LEE, boarded the bus in Mexico City with destinations of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico; Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; Laredo, Texas; and points beyond. Ten additional passengers boarded the same bus in San Luis Potosi, State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Among the passengers who boarded the bus at San Luis Potosi were MAXIMINO ESQUIVEL, CECILIO CARDENAZ, PEDRO GONZALEZ, and JOSE CRUZ.

INTERVIEW OF MAXIMINO ESQUIVEL LIMON

On June 14, 1964, MAXIMINO ESQUIVEL LIMON, Amado Nervo No. 2454 Norte, Colonia Bella Vista, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, furnished the following information to a confidential source abroad:

He is a welder. In late September, 1963, he and three friends, CECILIO CARDENAS, PEDRO GONZALEZ, and JOSE CRUZ, all welders from Monterrey, went to Uruapan, Michoacan, Mexico, to seek employment. They were unsuccessful in obtaining work there and started back to Monterrey via Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

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On approximately October 2, 1963, ESQUIVEL and his three friends left Guadalajara on a bus of a company called "Camiones Azules" (Blue Buses) bound for San Luis Potosi. Upon arrival in the latter place they transferred to a Transportes del Norte bus which stopped there en route to Monterrey from Mexico City. It was his recollection that the bus left San Luis Potosi at approximately 11:00 AM.

ESQUIVEL observed only two Americans on the Transportes del Norte bus. One was an elderly lady and the other was a young man, about twenty-five years of age, thin build, and having dark hair. The two Americans did not appear to be traveling together, but ESQUIVEL observed that they conversed in English from time to time. The young man appeared to have been assigned a seat in front of the one assigned to the woman. (From investigation previously conducted it would appear that the elderly American woman is possibly identical with MARGARET A. WOLFF, a passenger on the Transportes del Norte bus from Mexico City to Monterrey on October 2, 1963.)

ESQUIVEL did not know the identity of either of the Americans. He stated the young American man resembled the person appearing in photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD which were displayed to him, but he could not state definitely that the two were identical.

INTERVIEW OF CECILIO CARDENAS MENDEZ

On June 15, 1964, the confidential source abroad interviewed CECILIO CARDENAS MENDEZ, Porfirio Diaz No. 716 Sur, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, who furnished the following information:

Late in September, 1963, CARDENAS and three friends from Monterrey traveled to Uruapan, Michoacan, Mexico, to seek employment as welders. His three friends were identified as MAXIMINO ESQUIVEL LIMON, PEDRO GONZALEZ YERENA, and JOSE CRUZ CUELLAR. Unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain employment, they decided to return to Monterrey, stopping at Guadalajara en route.

About October 2, 1963, the four departed Guadalajara for San Luis Potosi on a bus of the company called "Camiones

Azules." Arriving in San Luis Potosi, they transferred to a Transportes del Norte bus which was en route to Monterrey from Mexico City. It was his recollection that this bus left San Luis Potosi at about 11:00 AM.

CARDENAS noticed there were two Americans on the Transportes del Norte bus, an elderly lady and a young man. The lady appeared to be about sixty years of age, and the young man was about five feet ten inches in height, had brown hair, wore dark glasses, and appeared to be about twenty-eight years of age.

The lady appeared to be restless and walked up and down the aisle of the bus, occasionally occupying a seat at the rear of the bus where there was more room. She was observed conversing from time to time in English with the young man, who occupied a seat in front of the one designated for the lady. CARDENAS and his friends had boarded the bus with a bottle of tequila, and he recalled that one of his companions offered the lady a drink. She refused the drink, but appeared to be very amused at their antics.

At Matehuala, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, the bus made a stop. Both the lady and the young man were observed by CARDENAS to leave the bus and enter the bus station. In addition to his dark glasses, which he did not remove at any time, the young man wore on his head a dark, narrow-brimmed, felt hat as he left the bus. He was observed going into and coming out of the men's rest room in the bus station. The young man and the lady reboarded the bus before it left Matehuala for Monterrey.

CARDENAS and his companions terminated their trip at Monterrey, and he did not again observe either the young man or the lady.

According to CARDENAS, photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD displayed to him resembled the young man he observed on the bus, but he could not positively identify the young man as OSWALD.

CARDENAS stated PEDRO GONZALEZ YERENA is presently employed with "Petroleos Mexicanos" (Mexican Petroleum Company)

at Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz, Mexico, under a foreman named CARLOS GARZA. He believes that JOSE CRUZ CUELLAR is presently employed with "Celulosa de Chihuahua" (Chihuahua Celulose Company) in Chihuahua, State of Chihuahua, Mexico, where the company is constructing a thermoelectric plant.

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Under date of December 2, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

Specimens received 12/1/63 from FBI, San Antonio

Qc68 Eleven photocopies of Texas State Comptroller warrants issued to Lee H. Oswald further identified as follows:

WARRANT NUMBER	WARRANT DATE
F 819610	8/21/63
G 231213	8/7/63
G 246347	8/9/63
G 281852	8/16/63
G 323653	8/26/63
G 353037	9/3/63
G 386726	9/6/63
G 421384	9/13/63
G 459698	9/23/63
G 493187	10/1/63
G 532220	10/8/63

Qc69 Seventeen photocopies of Texas Employment Commission folder forms further identified as follows:

FORM	DATE
TEC B-3 (163)	4/12/63
LA 1B-1	4/29/63
LA 1B-14	4/29/63 (at bottom)

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