

January 26, 1998

Mr. J. Barry Harrelson
Historical Review Program
Office of Information Management
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Re: Request for Additional Information and Records No. CIA-17
(Debriefing of CIA Agents in Mexico City)

Dear Barry:

In order to clarify the record surrounding the reported trip of Lee Harvey Oswald to Mexico City in September and October of 1963, the ARRB seeks records on any Mexico City Station debriefings of CIA sources and agents who might have had knowledge of, or information pertaining to, the Oswald visits as well as to the reactions of embassy personnel in the aftermath of the assassination. For example, at least two sources were questioned with regard to Silvia Duran's account of her arrest by the Mexican DFS upon her return to work at the Cuban Consulate.¹ It is possible that other sources were also questioned in order to ascertain the reactions inside the Soviet and Cuban Embassies after the assassination. We are specifically interested in verifying whether penetration agents in the Cuban and Soviet Embassies, if any, were questioned by CIA officers at the time of the assassination, and the results of any debriefings that took place.

We request that the CIA search for any records covering interviews or debriefings of CIA agents in Mexico City with regard to the Kennedy assassination. We ask that this search be extended to encompass records of orders to conduct such debriefings that might have been directed by CIA Headquarters or the Mexico City Station.

In requesting access to these materials, we are not designating them "assassination records" as of yet. Nor are we, at this time, requesting that copies be given to the Review Board.

¹See MEXI 7115, 28 NOV 63; DIR 90466, 21 DEC 63; and MEXI 7615, 2 JAN 64.

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We would appreciate your response by February 28, 1998. If this does not provide you with sufficient time, please let us know, in writing, by what date you believe you will be able to respond to this request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn
Executive Director

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