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Appendix 3: HSCA Procedural Write-up Mexico Trip 2

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House Select Committee staffers Edwin Juan Lopez and Harold Leap traveled to Mexico City on August 7, 1978. The staff members were met by David T. Patton, a State Department official, at the Mexican airport at 10:15 p.m. Mr. Patton then checked the staffers into Room 1754 at the Maria Isabel Hotel, [redacted] CIA Chief of Station in Mexico City, } wished to see us at 8:30 a.m. the following morning.

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On Tuesday, August 8, 1978, Committee staffers met with [redacted] He informed the staffers that the two individuals the Committee wished to interview, [Daniel Flores, <sup>1207</sup> aka Luis Aparicio] and [Ramon Alvarez Durant, <sup>1206</sup>] were now available.

At 9:30 a.m., August 8, 1978, Committee staff members interviewed [Danny Flores, <sup>1209</sup>] (See write up of [Danny Flores] interview.) The interview ended at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Committee staff members returned to [Mr. [redacted]] office. Mr. [redacted] stated that it appeared the <sup>that Government of</sup> ~~SEC~~ Mexico had only been able to locate two witnesses for the Committee, Oscar Contreras Lartigue <sup>1210</sup> and Noe W. Palomares. <sup>1211</sup>

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He asked the staff members whom they wished to speak, to

The Committee staff members explained that they would

like to interview [Lichant I]<sup>1212</sup>, [Licookie II]<sup>1113</sup>, [redacted] <sup>LN</sup>

[Litamil 7]<sup>1214</sup>, [Litamil 9. a]<sup>1215</sup>, [redacted] <sup>LN</sup> stated that

it appeared that the House Select Committee on Assassinations had already asked the Mexicans to locate <sup>the individuals</sup> them. <sup>listed above</sup>

Mr. [redacted] stated that the HSCA's interview with [Ramon Alvarez Duran] was considered "highly sensitive." He explained that three rooms at a nearby hotel would be used. In one room, [Ramon Alvarez Durant] would sit, Committee staff members would sit in a second room and two CIA personnel officers would insure that the equipment worked properly in a third room. Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] then phoned Mr. Niles Gooding, who had been sent to the [Mexico City Station] from Headquarters to arrange the procedures for the interviews. Mr. Gooding explained that in 1977 Stansfield Turner had created a new position at Headquarters to insure that important sensitive meetings were within the guidelines previously arranged. Mr. Gooding stated that the Central Intelligence Agency had been under greater Congressional scrutiny ~~the~~ the past two years. Therefore, Director Turner, in order to demonstrate the Agency's good faith, had engaged a retired

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Army officer to act as liaison at sensitive interviews by Congressional representatives. Mr. Gooding then explained that <sup>the USA staff</sup> we would be escorted by two CIA personnel to <sup>the</sup> our interview with [Ramon Alvarez Durant.]

At 10:55 a.m., August 8, 1978, Committee staff members interviewed [Ramon Alvarez Durant.] <sup>'88</sup> (See ~~[Ramon Alvarez Durant]~~ interview write-up.)

At 12:30 p.m., Committee staff members telephoned Captain Fernandez Ventura Gutierrez. His secretary explained that Mr. Ventura was not in the office, but that she would have him call us when he returned. At 6:30 p.m., since Mr. Ventura had not yet returned the staffer's call, they again called his office. His secretary apologized for Mr. Ventura and explained that he had not yet returned to the office and she assured us that he would telephone upon his return. At 9:15 p.m., Dr. Jesus Yañez, the Assistant to the official mayor, telephoned the staff members explaining that Mr. Ventura was very busy on an important assignment and asked us to visit the <sup>Police Station known as the</sup> (Procuraduria General) at 11:00 a.m. the following morning.

At 10:15 a.m., August 9, 1978, Committee staff members met with State Department Official Richard Howard

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