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Summary: Post-Assassination; Mexico.

I. Info from Cable traffic to and from Mexico City, and from Oswald's Mexican file.
A. November 22, 1963.

1. Mexi 7014 originated by [redacted] + released by W. Scott. Reports hearing about Oswald's arrest on a VOA broadcast. HQ attention directed to Mexi 6453, DIR 74830 and Mexi 6534. "Request priority pouch photo Oswald so that Station can check all recent [photographic] coverage for iden. Forwarding soonest copies of only visitor ~~photo~~ to Lawrence 28 Oct. who could ~~have been~~ be identical with Oswald."

2. (29-12) no R.S.

2. Dispatch HMMA-22533 - attached are only photos taken on 1 Oct. "which appeared to be an American" reports

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visit on 4 October; copies shown to Ambassador; and one copy each of 2 photos given to Chief, FBI, in Mexico. A handwritten note indicates that 4 pictures from 1 Oct + 4 from 4 Oct. were sent with this dispatch.

3. A letter from "Kin" to "J.C.". Eldon Rudd took the letter to Dallas and mailed it from there.

"Reference is made to our conversation of 22 November in which I requested permission to give the Legal Attache copies of photographs of a certain person who is known to you." Attached to the letter are copies of the photos with the dates stamped on the backs. The Ambassador decided it was very important to get the photos to Dallas so the

naval attache is taking them to Dallas on a special flight. (32-14)

B. November 23, 1963

1. DIR 84802 (26-8) referenced to Mexi 7014 says:

"Thanks. This connection was also noted here."

The originator and A.O. was John M. Whitten (C/WH3). The releasing officer was Thomas Karamessines.

2. Mexi 7019, originated and released by Kin Scott, reports that they have pictures of the "unidentified American type who is possibly Oswald" going into the Cuban Embassy on 15 October. The cable also reports that they are checking the photos from other dates. (27-10)

3. DIR 84821 originated with John M. Whitten. It was released by W. Mallory C500 for John M. Whitten

for pictures of this man entering the Cuban Embas.

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by direction Thomas
Karamessines ADDP." It
says: "Send staffer with
all photos Oswald to
HQ. on next available
flight. Call Mr. [Whitten] ²⁶
at [52-26827] on arrival."

4. MEXI 7021, originated, released
and authenticated by Allan
White reports that an
FBI agent left Mexico at 8:30
pm with two copies of
six photos of the man
believed to be Oswald. One
copy was going to be ^{I.C. King}
mailed to ²⁶ Jack Whitten ^(?)
home, as Scott was so
instructed in a telephone
call from him. Copies of
these photos, plus two
taken at the Cuban
Embassy were being sent
by pouch. Cable asks if
they (HQ) still wants a
staffer to bring the
photos.

5. DIR 84822 (52-22) is missing
from the Mexico City Chrono.



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It says there isn't any need to send a staffer with the photos. Cable says they have asked the Navy for photos again but suggests that checking the wire services would be quicker. It also reports that HQ has "just re-emphasized" the sensitivity of the photos to the FBI. This cable was routed to Scott, White and D'Amato.

6. DIR 84886 (40-5-41) originated by OBIRCH O'NEAL. The AO was John ²⁰Whitten and the R.O. is indiscipherable, he is designated as C/WH but it is not J.C. King.

" 1. Important you review [Soviet Embassy] tapes and transcripts since 27 September to locate all material possibly pertinent to subject reference.

2. Dispatch ~~is~~ done by

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special courier, staffer if necessary, full transcripts and original tapes if available all pertinent material.

3. Are Original tapes available?"

(no Mexi R.S.)

7. DIR 84888 (39-38)

Originator and AO: John Whitten
RO: William Wood

" [FBI] says that photos of man entering Soviet Embassy which Mexi sent to Dallas were not of Lee Oswald. Presume Mexi has double checked (sic) dates of these photos and is also checking all pertinent other photos for possible shots of Oswald"

8. Mexi 7023 (49-545)

Originated + AO: Anne Goodpastor
released by Min Scott.

accurately reports conversation of 9/28/63 about address. Reports that the

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unidentified American is probably LHC in view of his claimed visit on this day. The ID can not be positive because "Station unable compare voice as first tape erased prior receipt second call." This cable also corrects the date given for the picture referred to in Mexi 7014.

"PARA ~~Mexi~~ three Mexi 7014 should be one repeat one Oct. 63. Same subject visited November 4th Oct But not recorded [by tapes] that date."
(NO RS)

9. MEXI 7024 (62-24)

O + AO:

RO: Scott.

"Other than info already available sent re Oswald's connection with Sov. and Cuban Embs, no other info available. However, station staff confirm all available

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materials.... Probable that Oswald conversation [Soviet Embassy] tapes erased. However rechecking all unerased tapes [in their possession]."

(NO R.S.)

10. MEXI 7025 (60-550)

O + AO: ANNE GOODPASTURE

RO: Scott

reports accurate copies of transcripts of 9/28/63 conversation about the address and the 10/1/63 conversation wherein LHO IDs himself; last paragraph: " [Boris Tarasoff] who did transcriptions says Oswald is identical with person [in first conversation reported] speaking broken Russian who called from Cuban Embassy 28 September to Soviet Embassy." (no R.S.)

11. MEXI 7028 (58-549)

Orig + RO: Scott; no A.O.

"1. COS had urgent call to see [Luis Chevarria] 22 23 Nov.

200 2. COS thought would be for

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A FORMER PRES. of
MEXI.
[Echiverria] expression condolence
over loss of Pres. Kennedy but
developed that [redacted]
Soviet Embassy [redacted] had
located call to Soviet Embassy
of Lee Oswald made on 28
September.

AFPM.

3. Believe fact that [Echiverria]
aware of this contact (from
[redacted] and
passed data to COS is
important. "

RS indicates distribution to
Scott and White. Scott
noted that he was going
to do a memo about the
meeting.

12. MEXI 7029 (56-20)

Orig + RO: Scott; no A.O.
reports seeing photos of LHO
on TV previous night and it
is obvious that the photos
sent to Dallas are not of LHO.
Informs H.Q. that Mexi is doing
reviewing all photos of persons
entering + leaving the Embassies.
(no RS.)

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13. Mexi 7033 (55-546)

Orig + A.O. : Goodpasture.

R.O. : Scott.

"For additional calls [Dover] probably repeat probably Oswald":

reports:

a. 9/27/63 call to MA

b. 9/27/63 4:05 call

c. 9/27/63 4:26 call

d. 10/1/63 call to MA at 1031

e. 10/3/63 call to MA.

First three sent in Spanish, last two in English.

R.S. indicates Scott, White and Goodpasture. Scott noted that he had reviewed call at 1620 hrs Mexi time from Jack Whitten and he had told Whitten that these transcripts "would be on route to him soon."

14 Mexi 7034 (59-23)

Orig + A.O. : Alan White

R.O. : Scott.

"Complete recheck photos all visitors to Cuban Emb August through thru first half Nov"

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Against good press photos shows
no evidence Oswald visit.

Similar blank against all
Sovemb photos from 1 Sept.

Note only visit we know he
made ~~to~~ was Cuban Embassy
28 Sept, Saturday on which
Emb. closed and we have not
had coverage. In future will
require at least half day
photo coverage both here
and Cuban Embassies."

RS to Scott.

15 Mexi 7044 (77-558)

Orig. A.O. 

no R.O. indicated on copy.

8. November 24, 1963.

1. DIR 84914 (38-13)

missing from Chrono.

(note DIR 84916 and DIR 84917 are
not relevant to subject matter
covered here but they are
dated 11/23/63.)

"It is extremely urgent that
we get, if at all possible,
verbatim transcripts in
English of all Oswald
intercepts ~~as well as~~ other take

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which could relate to him.

Please cable these immediate, without regard to economy of words.

R.S. indicates Scott + White.

2. DIR 84920 (65-25)

Orig + A.O.: [Whitten]

R.O.: "by authority of Karames-
sines.

HQ still puzzled about whether LHO seeking visas for quick escape or peaceful move, timing of move, disposition of wife. Asks for reanalysis of transcripts + questioning of Duran on this point.
(No R.S.)

3. MEXI 7053 (83-30)

Orig. + A.O. : Alan White

R.O. Scott +

reports providing cropped mmm photo to Mexican authorities for hotel investigation.

4. MEXI 7054 (84-565) White + Scott +

ref: DIR 84920.

"With Mexi 7933 (sic. probably should be 7033) HQ has full

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transcripts all pertinent calls.
Regret complete recheck shows
tapes for this period already
erased. Station feeling that
above is best ~~pass~~ answer
obtainable to ref... but will
request reinterrogation Duran
if HQ still desires."
(No R.S.)

D. November 25, 1963

1. Orig: unclear but may be
R. Reichardt

R.O. JCKwa

DIR 84926

A.O. ~~Jack~~ Whittney

requests that a penetration
agent in the Cuban Embassy
be asked about his knowledge
of LHO's contacts in Cub. and
Mex. Emb.

(No R.S.)

2. Mexi 7065 (96-572)

Orig + A.O.: unidentified

R.O.: Scott

penetration agent "disclaimed
any knowledge of Oswald
visits."

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E. November 27, 1963

1. Memo from Scott to Anderson transmits transcripts of:

a. 9/27/63 10:37 call

b. " 4:05 "

c. " 4:26 "

d. 9/28/63 11:51 "

e. 10/1/63 10:31 "

f. 10/1/63 10:35 "

g. 10/3/63 3:59 "

2. DIR 85245-

Orig + AO: John W. Hittner

R.O.: JC King

Dept of Justice preparing report on assassination & will want to include info on LHO's Mexi activities.

"Obviously the [Soviet Embassy wiretap] info as such cannot be used."

Suggests using Duran for some basic info.

Also expressed concern over fact that FBI

HQ is getting info obtained from FBI Mexi

to originated with the wiretap. SECRET not want to

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F. November 28, 1963.

1. Mexi 7115 (196-628)

Orig + A.O.: Alan White

R.O.: Scott.

reports that the two penetration agents at the Cuban Embassy did not have "any personal knowledge Oswald presence Cuban Embassy at any time."

(RS - White + Scott.)

2. Mexi 7119 (194-80) REF: DIR 85245:

Orig + RO: Scott - no A.O.

Reports that Legat has been given all ^{PERTINENT} info from the Lovemb tapes, including the 10/16/63 memo. Also reports he has reemphasized sensitivity of source to Legat.

(RS indicates White, Scott, Phillips, Shaw and Goodpasture.)

G. December 2, 1963

1. NYT story by Jack Langguth entitled "Oswald's mother places blame on Federal and Dallas Officers" says:

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"She [Mrs. Oswald] insisted that on the night of Nov. 23, about 17 hours before Ruby shot her son, an agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigations showed her Ruby's photograph...."

"The FBI would officially make no comment on Mrs. Oswald's charge. It was understood, however, that Federal agencies had acknowledged that she had been shown a photograph that night for identification, but spokesmen would not disclose whether it was that of Ruby."

H December 3, 1963.

1. NYT story entitled "FBI denies showing Mrs. Oswald Ruby photo."

I. December 4, 1963.

1. Mexi 7241 (289-694)

Orig and A.O.: ANNE Goodpasture
Coordinated in draft: Phillips
Released: Scott.

"Station holding all reels from 22 November 63 for both

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→ Cuban and Soviet Embassies.
Unless advised to contrary,
station will erase routine
tapes Soviet Embassy
keeping normal two week
log. Can retain Cuban
tapes as long as HQS wishes.
If period to extend indefin-
itely, may need more tapes.
Have two months supply
new tapes at Station.
(289-694 no R.S.)

J. December 9, 1963

1. DIR 87770 (354-719) Ref: Mexi 7241

orig: John Whitten

R.O.: Whitten by direction of
Richard Helms.

"Please do not erase any Soviet
or Cuban tapes until further
notice. Advise how much
more tape you need."
(no R.S.)

A note attached to the
Xerox of this cable in
Oswald's Mexi file says:

"Mr. Scott: Charles Flick
was told yesterday but I
told him SECRET to tell the

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[Soviet tap operation] people - just keep bringing in the reels to me (the ones I give them are not labeled so they don't necessarily know which ones return). The storage problem is one for us and as the reels come in with transcriptions, I store them. When we can erase them, I'll take off the labels and send them back out. [Flick] agrees with me that we have a month to six weeks reserve.

Nevertheless, am requesting 500 new ones - if not needed for this, we can store half of them with

[for not yet known targets. anne 10 Dec 63. "

K. December 11, 1963

1. MEXI 7352 (372-728) REF: DIR 87770

Orig + A.O.: Goodpasture

R.O.: Scott.

reports that they use about 6 dozen tapes per week for both Cub + [SECRET] Embs. Asks

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that HQ pouch 6 dozen each week until notice to erase received. "Is there something particular which Mexi should watch for or should tapes and/or transcripts be pouched HQS."
(no R.S.)

L. December 13, 1963.

1. DIR 88680 (383-157) ref: mexi 7352

orig: [Whitten]

R.O: "by authority of Helms.

"Upon receipt you may resume usual practice of keeping Cuban and Soviet tapes two weeks and then erasing, but please do not erase tapes made between 22 Nov. and present. Will advise on these. Do not pouch to HQRS."

(no R.S.)

M. December 16, 1963

1. DIR 89366 (409-754) Ref 7025

Orig: [Whitten]

R.O: "by direction of Helms.

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HQ wants to know who the "Aparicio" may have been who Duran referred to in 9/28 conversation.

"Pls have monitors make every effort to identify voices of various Soviets to whom Oswald spoke on the telephone or who dealt with his case with Sylvia Duran."

(RS indicates cable went to Scott, White, Phillips, Goodpasture.)

N. December 26, 1963.

1. Mexi 7527 (440-178)

A.O: Phillips

R.O: Scott

response to DIR 89366

Aparicio on sick leave during significant period.

cannot ID people LHO

spoke with because tapes erased.

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