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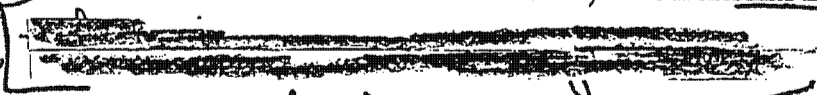
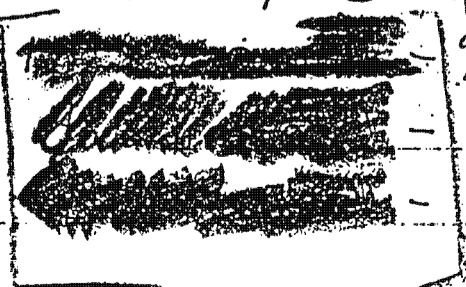

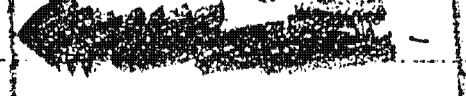
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III Info from 
Oswald's Mexico file:
A. 9/27;  - Xerox copy
B. 9/27;  - " "
C. 9/27;  - " "

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D. 9/27/ [redacted] carbon copy taped to another page

1. portions underlined in red (not on Xerox)

2. [redacted] writes: "Is it possible to identify?"

3. routed to [redacted]

4. [redacted]

5. filed [redacted] - date of filing instructions or other notations not indicated

E. 9/27; [redacted] carbon copy

1. parts underlined in red

2. routed to [redacted]

3. file instructions to [redacted]

4. no dates indicated.

5. "①"

F. 9/28; [redacted] carbon copy

1. parts underlined in red

2. "①"

3. routed to [redacted]

NAME OF OFFICER

9. PLEASE ALSO HAS

"①" at TOP

file instructions

21A employees

1A officers

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the instructions

4. file instructions; to

5. no date

G. 10/1; [redacted]; Kerof

H. 10/1; [redacted]; "

I. 10/3; "

J. I have requested [redacted]

[redacted] file
 from Barbara and am
 attempting to locate
 any other carbon or
 original copies [redacted]

[redacted] SAYS THAT IF THE CARBONS
 OR ORIGINALS ARE NOT IN THE MEXICAN
 FILE THEN THEY PROBABLY DON'T EXIST.

IV information from cable
 traffic to and from Mexico
 City, Oswald's Mexican file, and
 his HQR'S ^{FILE} [redacted] and WX-7241:

A. On 10/1/63 Mexi 6344 to HQ
 reports that [redacted]
 is on TDY in Washington, D.C.

B. Mexi 6384, dated 10/3/63, subject
 undetermined, is missing
 from the cable chronology

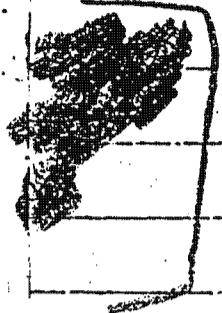
C. DIR 72527, dated 10/4/63, says:

CIA office

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Mexi will arrive 7 Oct

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0. October 1+4, 1963.

1. Oswald's Mexican file contains an envelope @ four prints of photos of the M.M.M. The envelope says: "Dups of unidentified man photos in the 201" in blue printing. In red script it says: "Photos of unidentified person on entering Sov Embassy. 1+4 Oct '63."

original file designation 2

apparently prepared in 1967, also places the date of these photos on 1+4 October as does post-assassination cable traffic and which refers to ~~an~~ an unidentified man entering the Embassy on one October.

36017

office

3. recently informed me that the correct dates are 2 and 4 October.

(5-1-A)

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IA officer
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E. On 8 October 1963, [redacted] is sent to H. Q. It originated with [redacted] The Authenticating Officer (A.O.) [redacted] was [redacted] and the Releasing Officer (R.O.) was [redacted]. The cable reports Oswald's [redacted] Obzedkov on 1 Oct. 63; Oswald's statement that he had been there on the 28th; and the inquiry and response about the telegram.]

The 2nd paragraph says: "Have photos male appears be American [redacted] [redacted] Apparent age 35, athletic build, circa 6 feet, receding hairline, balding top. Wore khakis and sport shirt." There is not a routing slip on this cable.

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IA officer
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F. HQ responded to [redacted] with DIR 74830 (7-2) on 10 October 1963. This cable originated with [redacted] A.O. was [redacted] and the R.O. was [redacted]. This cable provides a summary of

live info on Oswald including his DOB, date of defection, description, his return to the U.S., and his marriage. It says that the stay in the USSR "clearly had a maturing effect on Oswald." It reported that the last info received by H.Q. was a May 1962 memo that reported that it had been determined that L.O. was still a U.S. citizen and that he and his family had been given visas to return to the U.S. Mexico was instructed to pass Oswald's DPOB, fact of defection, and description to the FBI, Navy, I+NS and the Embassy locally. H.Q. said that it was passing the info in [REDACTED] and the ident data to FBI, State, Navy, I+NS HQ's. This cable calls him "Lee Henry Oswald."

The routing slip in the Mexican files indicate that this cable went to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] noted:

1963 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported that an American male, who identified himself as Lee Oswald, contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City inquiring whether the Embassy had received any news concerning a telegram which had been sent to Washington. The American was described as approximately 35 years old, with an athletic build, about six feet tall, with a receding hairline. The cable goes on to say that it is believed that the man is identical to Lee Henry Oswald and gives bio info on him [REDACTED] (DIR 74673, dated 10/10/63.)

40357 J. On 10/15/63 [REDACTED] (9-4) was dated.

A officers Orig. + A.O. [REDACTED]

R.O.: [REDACTED]
ref: DIR 74830.

It said: "Pls. pouch photo Oswald." I have not found a response to this cable in either the Mexico cable traffic chrono or Oswald's Mexican file. I have asked [REDACTED]

1 A officer

to provide the dispatches to and from Mexico between the dates of 10/15 and 10/30. [REDACTED] said that this might not get all the pouched materials because HQ sometimes used what he called "an unattributable pouch." This cable does not have an RS attached.

K. Cable originating with [REDACTED] on 23 Oct. 1963. It was sent on the 24th.

A.O. [REDACTED]; R.O. [REDACTED]
REF: DIR 74673.

"It is requested that you forward to this office as soon as possible two copies of the most recent photograph you have of [Lee Henry Oswald]. We will forward them to our representative in Mexico, who will attempt to determine if the Lee Oswald in Mexico City and subject are the same individuals."

L. On 16 October 1963 [REDACTED] wrote a memo to the Ambassador [REDACTED]

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[It reported that the information was from a very ~~_____~~, that a man ID'ing himself as Lee Oswald had contacted the Sovemb on 1 October; that he had previously contacted them on 28 Sept.; that he had talked to Kostikov about a reply to his request; LO's DOB; his defection; and a promise to pass on any additional info obtained.] (9-5 FOIA) The memo says, in part:

"This office determined that Oswald had been at the Soviet Embassy on 28 September 1963 and had talked with Valeriy Vladimirovich Kostikov, a member of the Consular Section, in order to learn if the Soviet Embassy had received a reply from Washington concerning his request. We have no clarifying

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information with regard to this request." The original of this memo went to:

The Ambassador

The Minister

Counselor for Political Affairs

Regional Security Officer

copies to:

Legat

Naval Attache

I + NS

IV Info from [redacted] production and logs; [redacted] [redacted] tells me he is having trouble locating these documents but will make them available if and when he can find them.

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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 7 Oct + 4 from 4 Oct. were sent with this dispatch.

3. A letter from "██████████" to

"██████████" took FBI Agent 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

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

B. November 23, 1963

1. DIR 84802 (26-8) referenced.

66787

to [redacted] says:

"Thanks. This connection was also noted here."

The originator and A.O.

was [redacted]

The releasing officer was

[redacted]

66846

2. [redacted] originated and

released by [redacted]

reports that they have pictures of the "unidentifiable 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)

pictures of this man entering the Cuban Embassy.

3. DIR 84821 originated with

[redacted] It was

released by [redacted]

C500 for [redacted]

A of [redacted]
A of [redacted]
" "

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by direction [redacted]

[redacted] ADDP." It says: "Send staffer with all photos Oswald to HQS on next available flight. Call Mr. [redacted] at [redacted] on arrival."

4. [redacted] originated, released and authenticated by [redacted]

[redacted] 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 mailed to [redacted] ²⁶ [redacted] home, as [redacted] 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 want 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

IA officer's

routed to [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED]

6. DIR 84886 (40-541) originated by [REDACTED]. The AO was [REDACTED] and the R.O. is indiscipherable, he is designated as C/WH but it is not [REDACTED]

- " 1. Important you review [Soviet Embassy] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] since 27 September to locate all material possibly pertinent to subject reference.
2. Dispatch soonest by

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special courier, staffer if necessary, full [redacted] and [redacted] if available all pertinent material.

3. Are Original [redacted] available?"

(no Mexi R.S.) Sec. 11167170 [FIA no. 62-247]

7. DIR 84888 (39-38)

Originator and AO [redacted]

RO: [redacted]

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

[redacted] (49-545)

Originator + AO: [redacted]

released by [redacted] accurately reports conversation of 9/28/63 about address. Reports that the

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unidentified American is probably LHO in view of his claimed visit on this day. The ID can not be positive because "Station unable to [redacted]"

This cable also corrects the date given for the picture referred to in [redacted] 11

IN 66781
 "PARA ~~3~~ ~~4~~ three [redacted] should be one repeat one
 Oct. 63. Same subject visited November 4 Oct
 But not [redacted] that date."

(NO RS)

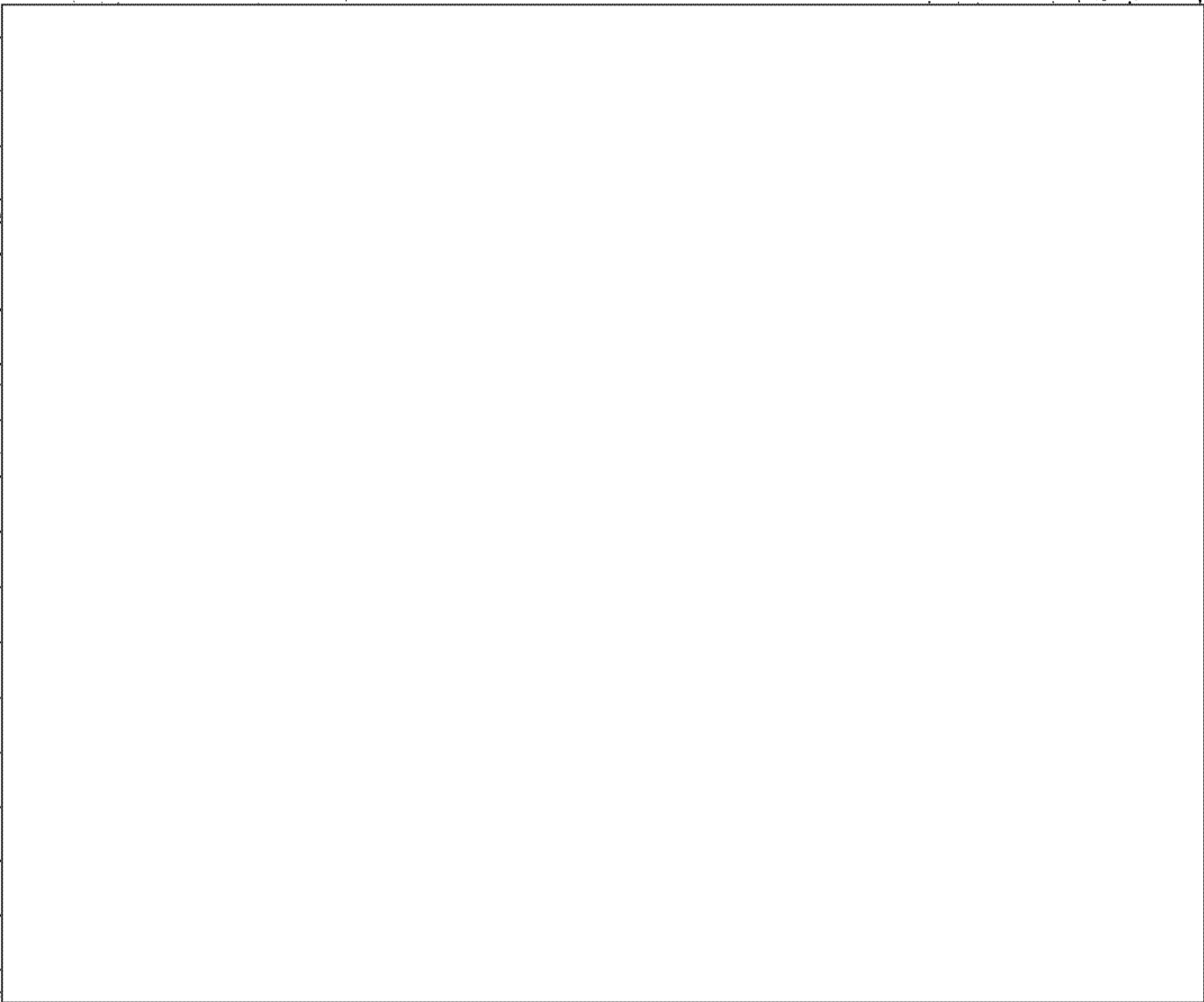
9. [redacted] (62-24)
 O + AO: [redacted]

RO: [redacted]

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

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with...

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(56-20)

Orig + RO: [redacted], 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 [redacted]
(no RS)

67-122

13. [redacted] (55-546)

officers. Orig + A.O. : [redacted]
R.O. : [redacted]

[Large redacted area]

officers K.S. indicates [redacted] and [redacted] noted that he had received call at 1620 hrs mexi time from [redacted] and he had told [redacted] that these [redacted] would be on route to him soon"

14. [redacted] (59-23)
Orig + A.O. : [redacted]

officers R.O. : [redacted]
"Complete recheck photos [redacted] through [redacted]"

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Against good press photos shows
no evidence Oswald visit

[REDACTED]

Note only visit we know he
made to was Cuban Embassy
28 Sept, Saturday on which
Emb. closed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] future will
require [REDACTED]

RS to [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] (77-558)

Orig. A.O. [REDACTED]

no R.O. indicated on copy

8C. 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,

information

which could relate to him.

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

officers

R.S. indicates [redacted]

2. DIR 84920 (65-25)

Orig + A.O.: [redacted]

R.O.: "by authority of [redacted]"

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

information

3. [redacted] (83-30)

Orig. + A.O.: [redacted]

R.O. [redacted]

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

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4. [redacted] (84-565) [redacted]

ref: DIR 84920.

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"With [redacted] (sic. probably should be [redacted] HQ has full

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[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Station feeling that above is best ~~pass~~ answer obtainable to ref. but will request reinterrogation during if HQ still desires."
 (No R.S.)

D. November 25, 1963

1. Orig. unclear but may be

R.O. [REDACTED]

DIR 84926

A.O. Jack [REDACTED]

requests that a [REDACTED]

He asked about his knowledge of LHO's contacts w/ Cub and Sov. Emb.
 (No R.S.)

2. [REDACTED] (96-572)

Orig & A.O.: unidentified

R.O.: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] agent "disclaimed any knowledge of Oswald visits"

Σ. November 27, 1963

1. Memo from Scott to Anderson transmits [redacted] information

a. 9/27/63 [redacted] re O's contacts.

b. " [redacted]

c. " [redacted]

d. 9/28/63 [redacted]

e. 10/1/63 [redacted]

f. 10/1/63 [redacted]

g. 10/3/63 [redacted]

2. DIR 85-245

Orig + AO: [redacted] CA office

R.O. [redacted]

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

[redacted]

also expressed concern over fact that FBI HQ is getting info obtained from FBI Mexi

[redacted]

F November 28, 1963

1. [redacted] (196-628)

Orig + A.O. : [redacted]

R.O. : [redacted]

reports that the [redacted]

[redacted]

did not have "any personal knowledge Oswald presence Cuban Embassy at any time"

(RS - [redacted])

2. [redacted] (194-80) REF: DIR 85-245:

Orig + RO : [redacted] - no A.O.

Reports that Legat has been given all ^{PERTINENT} info [redacted]

[redacted], including the 10/16/63 memo. Also reports he has emphasized sensitivity [redacted] to Legat

(RS indicates [redacted])

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 Investigation 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. [REDACTED] (289-694)

Orig and A.O.: [REDACTED]

Coordinated in draft: [REDACTED]

Released: [REDACTED]

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J. December 9, 1963

IN 73638

1. DIR 87770 (354-719) [REDACTED]

orig: [REDACTED]

RO.: [REDACTED]

by direction of
Richard Helms.

" [REDACTED]

(no RS.)

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

"Mr. [REDACTED]: [REDACTED]
was told yesterday, but I
told him not to tell the

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K. December 11, 1963

1. [REDACTED] (372-728) Ref: DIR 87770

Orig + A.O. [REDACTED]

R.O. [REDACTED]

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L. December 13, 1963

IN 78646

1. DIR 88680 (383-157) ref: [redacted]

orig: [redacted]

R.O: "by authority of Helms.

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in person to HQRS.
(no RS)

M. December 16, 1963

IN 67188

1. DIR 89366 (409-754) Ref: [redacted]

Orig: [redacted]

R.O: "by direction of Helms.

N. December 26, 1963.

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1. [REDACTED] (440-178)

A.O: [REDACTED]

R.O: [REDACTED]

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