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 LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA.
 REBUCAB FEBRUARY 7 LAST REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF ERNESTO FLORES LUNA CONCERNING VICTOR COHEN. U

INDICES THIS OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFO ON FLORES LUNA.
 RELIABLE MEX 170 ADVISES CHECKS OF PERTINENT MEXICAN GOVERNMENT RECORDS HAVE FAILED TO ESTABLISH HIS IDENTITY. U

INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT VICTOR COHEN, AKA VICTOR COHEN SCHARAFF (VARIATIONS THIS LAST NAME SPELLED CHARAFF, CHARAF, CHARFF) IS WHITE MALE MEXICAN CITIZEN BORN JULY 19, 1933 AT TUXTEPEC, OAXACA, MEXICO AND THAT HE RESIDES AT 54 CALLE TERCERA ORIENTE, TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS, MEXICO. IN TAPACHULA HE OPERATES LA NACIONAL SHOP DEALING IN SHOES, CLOTH AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE. ACCORDING TO MEX 170 COHEN OCCASIONALLY VISITS HIS FATHER ISAAC COHEN WHO RESIDES WITH DAUGHTER AT XOCHICALCO 134, COLONIA NARVARTE, MEXICO CITY. Mexico

ACCORDING TO INFO FURNISHED SA RICHARD S. CLARK BY FORMER PCI JORGE AGUILAR PEREZ OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY POLICE BRITISH VICE CONSUL A.R. GEHERKE AND JOSE POLITO MORALES MEXICAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE, ALL TAPACHULA, COHEN REGARDED AS PROSPEROUS BUSINESSMAN WHO IS ALMOST CERTAINLY INVOLVED IN CONTRABAND ALONG WITH NUMEROUS OTHER PERSONS IN FRONTIER REGION AROUND TAPACHULA. THESE SOURCES ADVISE THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS IN PAST THAT COHEN ENGAGED IN ARMS SMUGGLING BUT THIS WAS NEVER DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED. THESE SAME THREE SOURCES ADVISED HE IS CONSIDERED UTTERLY APOLITICAL.

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