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TITLE OF CASE <b>KURT LEOPOLD ODENHEIM, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>NATHAN L. FERRIS</b>	TYPED BY <b>MRS</b>
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		<b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R - MEXICO</b>	

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### REFERENCES

Report of SA RICHARD S. CLARK, dated 1/14/64, Mexico, D. F.; Mexico City letter, dated 7/31/63, captioned LEOPOLD ODENHEIM, aka, IS - R - MEXICO; CELIA ODENHEIM, SM - C."

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Enclosure

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According to the CIA source, CELIA ODENHEIM, on 10/4/63, in a discussion with CHARLES SMALL complained about how hard KURT ODENHEIM was working and the "crazy hours" he had to keep. (S)(u)

The CIA source further advised that on 12/2/63, BERTHE SMALL contacted CELIA ODENHEIM in order to obtain the address for WALTER ILLSLEY (Bufile 100-397249) in Uruapan, Mexico. ODENHEIM was able to furnish that address, indicating that ILLSLEY had moved into a little house behind his shop. (S)(u)

On 12/20/63, (MEX-18) (S)(u) and (MEX-19) (S)(u) advised that on 12/11/63, they were invited to a dinner at the home of KURT ODENHEIM. The only other dinner guest was CHARLES SMALL. (S)(u)

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party given to the tourists visiting Mexico, under the sponsorship of the "National Guardian" one month later on 1/19/64). BERTHE SMALL indicated surprise that ILLSLEY had heard of it and ODENHEIM indicated that ILLSELY had read about it in the "National Guardian." BERTHE SMALL explained that first of all the tour was not coming until January, and that second of all "they were not supposed to publicize any of that." (S)(u)

On 12/20/63, according to the same CIA source, BERTHE SMALL contacted CELIA ODENHEIM with further reference to the conversation of the previous day, at which time BERTHE SMALL tried to clarify the source of BUNDY ILLSLEY's information concerning the cocktail party scheduled for the "National Guardian" tour. When BERTHE SMALL commented that it was "strange" that ILLSLEY had seen it in the paper, CELIA ODENHEIM commented "that is strange and it's no good." BERTHE SMALL commented that she and her husband had read all issues of the "National Guardian" and had seen no mention of the cocktail party. BERTHE SMALL requested CELIA ODENHEIM to have BUNDY ILLSLEY call her in the event ILLSLEY contacted ODENHEIM because she desired "to get to the bottom" of the situation since it would make a difference in their plans. CELIA ODENHEIM stated she felt that BUNDY ILLSLEY wanted "to stay with us again" but that she could not have her or at least did not want her. Both CELIA ODENHEIM and BERTHE SMALL expressed concern over how hard KURT ODENHEIM was working and BERTHE stated that KURT keeps expanding and expanding and doing more things in his business and that it was terrible. (S)(u)

SOURCES

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Location</u>
T-1 [is MEX-18 and MEX-19	134-10A ] (S)(u)
T-2 [is MEX-34	134-35A ] (S)(u)

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