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(u) Referenced letter set forth that [MEX-18 and MEX-19] should attempt to resolve some of the questions set forth in referenced letter and which have arisen with regard to Mexico City letter and letterhead memorandum dated 3/16/64.

It is noted that [MEX-18 and MEX-19] have continually been trying to resolve the questions which have evolved and these informants have been anticipating and hoping that they will be able to learn more from ELIZABETH CATLETT MORA (Bufile 100-395934; MC file 100-939) as soon as they are able to do so.

With regard to the questions set forth in referenced letter, the following has been determined:

No confirmation has been received from any other sources in Mexico that the Communist Party of Mexico was interested in obtaining all information regarding subject's Mexico trip. There has been no indication to date from other persons that the Communist Party of Mexico has taken any steps to obtain this information or that the Communist Party of Mexico was interested in obtaining information as to how much American authorities know about subject's trip to Mexico.

In connection with the question as to whether MORA was referring to OSWALD's activities before he went to Russia or before he went to Mexico, [MEX-18 and MEX-19] were emphatic

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that MORA stated OSWALD's activities before he went to Russia and not his activities before he went to Mexico.

Concerning the statement which MORA made to [MEX-18] [u] and [MEX-19] that OSWALD was well known in Russia among the Americans who were there at the same time as he was and that he was "not that much of a nut," meaning that he could not have undertaken singly to assassinate President Kennedy, [u] [MEX-18 and MEX-19] consider that it was MORA's thought that subject could not have undertaken the assassination of President Kennedy alone.

As was noted in paragraph 3, page 2, of Mexico City letterhead memorandum dated 3/16/64, MORA did not divulge her source of her information regarding the impression of OSWALD gained by Americans in the Soviet Union. Since [MEX-18 and MEX-19] have heard MORA make the statement previously that she has corresponded with MARY LOUISE PATTERSON, who has been residing in the Soviet Union, it is these informants' belief that PATTERSON is the source in Russia who advised that OSWALD was well known among Americans there.

[MEX-18 and MEX-19] have advised that they hope to determine from MORA further details regarding her previous statements about OSWALD.

From information which [MEX-18 and MEX-19] have learned about MORA becoming a Mexican citizen, it is considered that if MORA were interviewed, she would be antagonistic because she is strongly aware of her rights as a Mexican citizen and [MEX-18 and MEX-19] have advised previously that if any Mexican police attempt to at any time interview her, they are going to run into "a tiger." If she were to be interviewed by the Mexican police or by any representative of the United States Government, there are no grounds to believe that she would be cooperative in any manner and the probability exists that she would be astute enough to determine that she has told only [MEX-18 and MEX-19] the information and this would expose these informants.

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It is noted that [MEX-18 and MEX-19] (S)(u) have advised that they are unable to ascertain information from MORA through direct questions. Whenever a question is made to MORA, she ceases talking, and the only manner in which these informants are able to ascertain data from MORA is to needle her, then sit back and with a sympathetic ear listen to what she has to say. (S)(u)

[MEX-18 and MEX-19] (S)(u) intend to learn from MORA additional details in order to answer the pertinent questions which have arisen, and they intend to pursue vigorously the objective set forth for them concerning any information MORA has in her possession concerning OSWALD. (u) To date these informants have not been able to meet with MORA for a two or three day period because of her illness and her other preoccupations. Present plans are for them to take MORA on a two or three day "vacation" in the first half of April. As soon as these informants have met with MORA, this will be reported immediately, and recommendations will be made as to any additional investigative steps to be taken. (S)(u)

The reason for Mexico City letterhead memorandum dated 3/16/64, being classified "SECRET" is being detailed fully as follows:

The letterhead memorandum was classified "SECRET" to protect [MEX-18 and MEX-19] (S)(u) who are informants in Mexico furnishing highly sensitive information involving espionage and information vital to the internal security of the United States. It is essential that the identities of these informants be fully protected, especially since they are the only source which received the information and MORA is not known to have discussed the information in the letterhead memorandum with anyone else. Under the circumstances, the protection of these informants is of paramount interest to the continued operations of the Bureau in Mexico, and for this reason the letterhead memorandum was classified "SECRET." (S)(u)

(S)(u) This office will continue to direct [MEX-18 and MEX-19] to vigorously pursue their proposed contact with MORA and the results will be promptly reported to the Bureau. (S)(u)

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