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23 November 1963

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director, Plans

FROM: Acting Chief, SR Division S

SUBJECT: 0 Contact of Lee OSWALD with a member of Soviet KGB
Assassination Department

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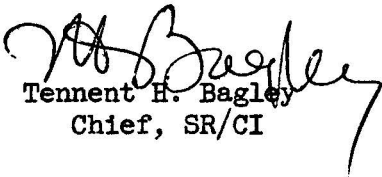
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SX-11056

23 November 1963

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FROM: Acting Chief, SR Division

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15 Sept 64.

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→ 11/27/63 Check at NSA showed Dept of State Dispatch from Tijuana dated 10/10/63 which stated source who had reported contact with CCI & MLN later said this was a hoax, also there was no record of shipment of 24,000 bales of cotton.

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FBI INFO

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Wife: Rosa Aleksandrovna, born 2 March 1932 Arkhamgel Oblast.

Daughter: Svetlana Valerievna born 1959, Moscow.

Wife and daughter accompanied Subject to Mexico.

Graduate of Foreign Language Institute and/or Institute of
Foreign Affairs, Moscow.

From 30 June to 10 July 1959 was at the Electrotechnical
Congress in Madrid; attended a conference in Madrid
and Barcelona in 1958.

November 1959 to 6 January 1960 - Soviet Exposition in
Mexico City.

6 January 1960 - in auto accident at Vera Cruz.

Contacts in Ensenada, Baja, California, September 1963:

1. Daily with Isaak Karlos CHAPLUK (201-229418)
and with CHAPLUK's son.
2. 7 September, stayed 45 minutes at Nuna SIMANOVKA's
Curio Shop.
3. 7 September, dinner with Miguel POPOFF (201-286055)

Note that ALFEREV claimed that he was a guest of the party of
Eva Samano de Lopez MATEOS, wife of the President of Mexico,
Adolfo Lopez MATEOS. On the trip to Baja, California; Mrs.
Lopez was attending a Congress of the National Institute for
the Protection of Children.

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