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RE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR W. C.

SULLIVAN TODAY. FOLLOWING IS IN CONFIRMATION.

WINSTON SCOTT, HEAD OF CIA OFFICE HERE, REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT LUIS ECHEVERRIA, ACTING MINISTER OF GOBERNACION, HAD ADVISED THAT ~~GILBERTO ALVARADO UGARTE~~ ^(u) HAD SIGNED STATEMENT IN WHICH HE ADMITTED HE HAD NEVER SEEN OSWALD HERE IN CUBAN CONSULATE ON SEPTEMBER ONE EIGHT OR ON ANY OTHER DATE AND THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN ANY MONEY PAID TO OSWALD OR ANYONE ELSE IN CUBAN CONSULATE. HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT HIS STATEMENT TO EFFECT HE HAD CALLED OUR EMBASSY SEVERAL TIMES IN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO REPORT INFORMATION RE OSWALD WAS FABRICATION AND THAT SUCH CALLS NEVER MADE.

ALLEGED MOTIVE BEHIND ALVARADO'S STORY WAS THAT HE INTENSELY DISLIKES CASTRO AND HOPED TO PROVOKE UNITED STATES INTO THROWING CASTRO OUT OF CUBA. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO INDICATE THAT NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT WAS BEHIND ALVARADO'S FABRICATED STORY.

SCOTT ADVISED THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF NICARAGUAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, [CAPTAIN WHEELOCK], DID NOT ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN INTERROGATION OF ALVARADO BUT WAS PRESENT IN ADJOINING ROOM AND CONSULTED BY MEXICANS. SCOTT SAID [WHEELOCK] TOLD HIM HE IS

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