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1.	SCOTT			<i>S</i>	<p>SECRET / INTERNAL USE ONLY</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ROUTING?</p> <p>31 Dec 63</p> <p>7/7/64</p> <p>31 Dec 63</p> <p>7 Jan 64</p> <p>23 DEC 1963</p> <p>done all done yes &amp;</p> <p>COMP sent to</p> <p>HPID EAL</p> <p>P-8593 (Drew)</p>
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4.	Manell	31 Dec		<i>M</i>	
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7.	Keenan			<i>K</i>	
8.	D'Amico & Co.	7/7/64		<i>D</i>	
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FROM	: Chief, WHD		
SUBJECT	: RYBAT/		

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

1. We would like to take time out in our investigation of the President's assassination to appraise the role of the Mexico City Station in the whole affair. Since the early afternoon of 22 November 1963, Mexico City has been the only major overseas reporter in the case. While this is partly dictated by the facts of Lee OSWALD's life, we have not overlooked the really outstanding performance of Mexico City's major assets and the speed, precision, and perception with which the data was forwarded. Here it was relayed within minutes to the White House, ODACID, and ODENVY.

2. Your LIENVOY data, the statements of Silvia DURAN, and your analyses were major factors in the quick clarification of the case, blinking out the really ominous spectre of foreign backing.

3. We regret that we have been able to send you so little information in return, but we have not been given much yet. We do know that Lee OSWALD denied he had ever been to Mexico except for a jump to Tia Juana. We have quickly screened the FBI report on the whole case but we do not yet have a copy for retention. It does not compromise your sources. Basically, what the New York Times has printed about the report is all true.

3. We have meanwhile been flooded with fabrications, of which the ALVARADO story was the most troublesome. They are still coming in.

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4. You have had good support from your liaison, but as usual the really outstanding features were Mexico Station's famous generalship and the skill and devotion of its personnel. Please convey our admiration to all who participated, down to the last technician, translator, and monitor. We know that the work your Station did during the President's 1962 visit made you feel this tragedy with particular keenness, as did we.

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