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1. REVIEW OF FBI DOCUMENTS RELATING TO LEE HARVEY OSWALD TRANSMITTED BY TM-25066 WERE RECEIVED AT STATION 25 JAN AND HAVE BEEN REVIEWED. CONCUR HQS ASSESSMENT CONCERNING POTENTIAL DAMAGE WHICH CAN BE DONE TO STATION'S OPERATIONS AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES AS RESULT THEIR REVELATION. SHOULD DOCUMENTS BE SURFACED MEXICO CITY, BELIEVE WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT SENIOR MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OUR LIAISON COUNTERPARTS WILL BE SHOCKED (AS THEY WERE IN CASE OF PREVIOUS REVELATIONS) THAT ANY GOVERNMENT COULD WILLINGLY REVEAL INFORMATION SO EMBARRASSING AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN REF B, THERE ARE OTHERS WHICH COME CLOSE TO CONFIRMING COMMUNIST ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FBI/CIA AND MEXICAN SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICIALS. HQS WILL RECALL THAT KDIMPACT/1 SPECIFICALLY WARNED (REF D) ABOUT CO-OPERATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT BEING MADE PUBLIC AND SAID THAT THIS WOULD "CAUSE GRAVE PROBLEMS FOR ALL CONCERNED." SUM TOTAL THESE DOCUMENTS WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS CONFIRMING RECENT COMMUNIST ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS THE VICE-PRESIDENT BY SURFACING BANNER ARTICLE IN PROMIENT LOCAL NEWSPAPER ABOUT CIA USE OF MEXICAN OFFICIALS TO SPY ON MEXICO (REF C). SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL SUPPORT THE COMMUNIST ALLEGATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. BLIND MEMO BY FBI DATED MARCH 16, 1964 CAPTIONED, LEE HARVEY OSWALD." FIRST PARAGRAPH: "A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE WORKINGS OF THE MEXICAN MINISTRY OF GOVERNACION (INTERIOR) HAS

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FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES UTILIZED BY THE MEXICAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENTRY AND DEPARTURE OF NON-MEXICAN CITIZENS INTO AND OUT OF MEXICO."

B. URGENT CLASSIFIED TELEGRAM TO DIR/FBI FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY, NO. 360, DATED 2-7-64, CONTAINS STATEMENT: "LIC. LUIS ECHEVERRIA, ACTING MINISTER OF GOBERNACION, WILL BE NOTIFIED RE POSSIBLE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF ROJAS, HIS IDENTITY AND ALLEGATIONS MADE BY ROJAS RE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AND ECHEVERRIA'S COOPERATION REQUESTED TO CONDUCT SAID EXAMINATION."

C. MEMO TO DIRECTOR, FBI FROM LEGAT, MEXICO, DATED APRIL 28, 1964 REVIEWS INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED OUT BY FBI AGENTS IN MEXICO CITY. UNDER "SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA" ON PAGE TWO APPEARS THE FOLLOWING REPORT: "HANDLED LIAISON WITH THE MEXICAN MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT, RECEIVING COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND DATA FROM LICENCIADO (ATTORNEY) LUIS ECHEVERRIA, ACTING MINISTER, AND THE SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION, LICENCIADO RAFAEL HERNANDEZ OCHOA. ALSO HANDLED LIAISON WITH THE MEXICAN FEDERAL SECURITY POLICE AND ARRANGED FOR DELIVERY OF A COPY OF THE SIGNED STATEMENT OF SILVIA-TIRADO DE DURAN BY CAPTAIN FERNANDO GUTIERREZ BARRIOS."

D. BLIND FBI MEMO DATED MAY 5, 1964 AND CAPTIONED "LEE HARVEY OSWALD" SAYS ON PAGE 9: "ON MARCH 24, 1964, CAPTAIN FERNANDO GUTIERREZ BARRIOS, SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE MEXICAN FEDERAL SECURITY POLICE (DFS), ADVISED THE THIRD CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD THAT HIS AGENCY HAD CONDUCTED NO INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRAVEL IN MEXICO OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND DID NOT HAVE IN ITS POSSESSION ANY PASSENGER LISTS FROM ANY BUS LINES."

3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OFFICIAL RECOGNIZE THAT CIA IS ACTIVE IN MEXICO CITY, THAT CIA MAINTAINS A STATION IN MEXICO CITY, HAS JURISDICTION OVER AND MONITORS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CUBAN AND SOVIET EMBASSIES, AND CONDUCTS "SENSITIVE COVERAGE" OF THESE INSTALLATIONS (PHOTOGRAPH)* PRIOR ALLEGATIONS OF CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES OF THE FBI IN MEXICO ARE ALSO CONFIRMED BY STATEMENTS SUCH AS "DECLASSIFICATION (OF THE DOCUMENT) WOULD DAMAGE OUR OPERATIONS IN MEXICO CITY," REFERRED TO IN AT LEAST FIVE DOCUMENTS. TWO OF THE DOCUMENTS GO SO FAR AS TO IDENTIFY THAT THE FBI HAD A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT (AN ACCOUNTANT) IN THE CUBANA AIRLINES OFFICE IN MEXICO CITY. ANOTHER MEMO DATED APRIL 1, 1964

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ACKNOWLEDGES THAT CIA HAD AN OPS INTEREST AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER IN THREE ANTI-CASTRO GROUPS, THE DRE, JURE, AND 30TH OF NOVEMBER.

4. HQS STATED IN REF B THAT IT HAD MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FBI/FOIA FOR FURTHER DELETIONS IN, AND DENIAL OF, CERTAIN DOCUMENTS. WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FOUR DOCUMENTS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH ONE ABOVE. PLS ADVISE URGENTLY WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE FBI CONCERNING THESE SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS. PRESUME THAT ALL DOCUMENTS NOW MADE PUBLIC AND THUS TOO LATE TO DENY THEIR RELEASE.

5. STATION PLANNING PROVIDE COPIES OF ALL THE DOCUMENTS TO KDIMPACT/1 IN ORDER TO ALERT HIM WHAT TYPE OF PUBLICITY MAY BE FORTHCOMING.

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