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x 1. Cuban Consulate to Consulate of Soviet Embassy. 27 Sept 1963. 16:05. (item #395)

x 2. Soviet Consulate to Cuban Consulate (Silvia Duran) 27 Sept 1963. 16:26. (item 245)

x 3. 28 Sept 1963. 11:51. O at Cuban Consulate wants Silvia Duran who calls Sov. Consulate and puts O on line. Soviets ask him to come over & say "Well, I'll be there right away!" (item #208)
[This tape erased, voice comparison not possible, but voice of 1 Oct call recog. as same by monitor]

x 4. 1 Oct 1963. 10:31. (Broken Russians) Refers to talk with Sov. Consul last Saturday. Soviet gave him a new number (item #45) Valerie Vladimirovich

x 5. 1 Oct 1963 0955 Item #151. Id. self as Lee Oswald. Refers to Sat. visit & talk with Consul, KOSTIKOV. Grade with Grand Ivan OBYODKOV.

NB: this is NOT LHO. 6. 3 Oct 63. time? Calls 15-69-87 in Broken Sp. and then English. Asks on visa. Is referred to 15-60-55 Item #104

x 7. Mexico reported Lee Oswald info via its 6453 on 8 Oct 1963 (items 5 above) which it coupled with fact it had a photo of individual appearing to be an American who entered Sov. Emb. at 12:16h. left 12:22 1 Oct. Gave description: age c.35, athletic hull, c.6', receding hairline, holding tape wore khakis & sport sheet. NB: this person photoed entering Sov. Emb. 1 & 4 Oct 63 and entered Cuban Embassy on 15 Oct 1963.

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x 8. Hqs. reply (74830, 11 Oct 63) gave Lhenry (sic) Oswald as prob. ident. Acted 201 no. & background data including description: 5'10", 165 lb, light brown wavy hair, blue eyes. [This should have been sufficient to meet the 8 Oct description.] Indicated distrib to interested agencies Wash. & asked approp. field dist. Asked further details of pos. ident.

NB, 1 of #7. This

x 9. 15 Oct 63 (6534) Mexi. ~~Hqs.~~ asked ~~Hqs~~ for ~~[illegible]~~ photo of O.

x 10. Facts of Lee Henry (sic) Oswald ident & activity passed to Amb. by COS, 16 Oct 63 mem. copies to Leg Lt, NA, I&NS.

x 11. Mexi 7014 of 22 Nov. 63 noted LHO arrest Dallas referenced items #9, 8, and 7. Requested priority photo to permit photo review & stated was formerly copies of only visitor Sov. Emb 1 Oct who could be identical.

x 12. 22 Nov. COS ~~[illegible]~~ conv. C/Ar. asked permission to give Legat copies of a photos & forwarded the photo. At 6 PM Mex. time 22 Nov. Amb. decided that this was unpt cannon & take copies of picture to Dallas & NA would make special flights for prepar. Legat was mail material DIV Chief. Copies also purchased: There were 8 photos. 4 in black shirt, 4 in white. NB: Same man entered Sov. Emb on 4 Oct 1963.

13. 22 Nov 1963, 17:30, item #10): HF (Carbon Cons.) asks if she (Luisa Calderon) has heard the latest news & Luisa, in a joking tone says, "Yes, of course, I knew almost before Kennedy!... Imagine, one, two, three and Now, that makes three (she laughs), what barbarians!..."

(Dr Spencer Calderon Mexico)

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14. Hqs. via 84802 of 23402 times. asks cable all facilities to follow & report Sov. Emb. act. & reactions. NB: no action directed to Cuban - the focus was entirely on Soviets

15. Mex (7015) reported 23/11/63 photos of same Am. "possibly Oswald" entering Cuban Emb. on 15 Oct. exiting

16. Legat left Mex 20.00, 23 Nov. lunch with 2 copies 6 photos of "person suspected be Oswald" for Dallas. (This was their 7021. No time. On 25/63 04222 times Hqs. declined need for staffs delivery of photos because protest on press were obviated need. Also we asked Navy for photos again [NB: descriptions did not match & that should have sufficient to have deterred COS.]

17. Hqs. 84888, 23 Nov 63, 17:292 informed Mexico stats that photos of man entering Sov. Emb. which had been sent Dallas were NOT L.H.O.

18 Mexi 7029, 23 Nov 63. Acknowledges from TV photos of LHO on night 22 Nov. Observes photos not identical.

19. Review by Mex. Station of coverage produced additional calls - not earlier reported for 27 Sept. at 16:05, 16:26 and calls at 1031 on 1 Oct. and on 3 Oct.

20: Sov. Emb. reactions to assassination almost immediate: not working Friday, Saturday or Sunday. All calls referred to Monday.

21. Mexi Recheck (per 7034 of 23 Nov) of all photos to Cuban Emb. Aug - 15 Nov show no Oswald coverage - similar blanks on all Sov. Emb. photos 1 Sept - 15 Nov. NB: Early known

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O visit to Sov. Em. on Sat. 28 Sept when Emb. closed & therefore no coverage running. (Interest) however lead to good presumption that he visited USSR Bus. on 27th and Engineer on 28th.

22. Cuban Consul, Alfred Mirabal Diaz in contact with 22 Nov. with KEBAL, Pavel Ant. Yatskov who unav. & he lateral to Kodakov. Had foreign in form. Kodakov could not make pickup & suggested Diaz talk with Oleg Makarovich NEOSPORENICO. NB: as new man & sensitive to AZCUE, Diaz was in touch all the prominent Rosen

23. COS provided assist of Sylvia Duran (& husband) via Echevarria. Again this was done by COS without appropriate consultation Hqs

24. Review of all Ams. Language materials for 18-21 Nov. 63 in Mex. showed no item of possible pert. Oswald. Movements of principals normal. Amb. Bogarov held a staff party at 1730 on 22 Nov.. Jug. Amb. Vlahov: "... I know that he was wounded even before the Americans. Both large ..."

25. Mex. report 24 Nov. indicates tapes for period always erased.

26. AP Story from Havana 7 Sept 1963: At reception Brazilian Emb. Fidel Castro quoted:

"We are prepared to fight them & answer in kind. U.S. leaders should reflect that if they are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate the Cuban leaders, they themselves will not be safe."

27. Pres. of Mexico briefed by COS on case including substantive questions on 25 Nov 63.

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* 28. 26 Nov. 1963. 0924. Pres. Dorticos spoke with Cuban Amb. in Mex City, Joaquin Hernandez Armas. (Tape retained) re the case of Mrs Duran. There are repeated queries, negatively replied, by Dorticos whether the Mexicans had raised question about money with Mrs Duran. Follow up call by Armas confirms that these meetings questioned re money given to 140.

29. Tetelcito (Ugarte) Alvarado, Nicaraguan, walkin 26 Nov. His story shot through with internal contradictions & factual inconsistencies. Alvarado a Moran UN penetration agent. Retracted his story 30 Nov. 1963.

30. Cuban For. Min. spokesman (UPI): "for right" responsibly for assass... "powerful forces of reaction"

31. Duran searched 27 Nov 63 - interrogated 28th & released 29th

32. Gov. intell India put out letter to U.S. leaders asking full investig of case.

33. Fidel Castro present on TV 23 Nov 63: "Cuban ante el asesinato de Kennedy"

34. C/WH gave CDS letter of praise 13 Dec. for station work among other elements using the "blanking out the really ominous spectre of foreign backing."

35 Jan 8 '64 Stations reported that V.V. KOSTIKOV had been identified as the contact who had met Sergey Nikol. ANTONOV, chief of LA Dept, KGB

36. Commission team of Coleman Slawson, Willens were in Mex. 8-13 April 64. asst. Secty Morris cited for gut feeling that Castro hired Kennedy but Armas had addressed no proof. Commission had Group read all transcripts & translations but were given no copies.

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37.— Helms testified before Warren Commission 28 Jan 1964. Report of LHO's activity mexico dd. 1 Feb. Status asked by Hyp 29 Jan whether there was anything additional to report (97829) [La 5 H 120-22 for Melone. Helms test.]

38.— Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV, alleged to have ~~[illegible]~~ met Oswald in Mex. City. [illegible] this story possibly a litmus — in a contact with DA in June 1964. [What is status of LIOVAL [illegible] case?]. Claim that LHO could have spoken on 28 Sept and 1 Oct with either or both KOSTIKOV or his superior, YATSKOV.

NB: LHO made reservation on 30 Sept 1963 for space on bus from Mex City to Laredo on 2 Oct. departure 08:30. and on Oct 1st for reservation on Greyhound from Laredo to Dallas.

39. Coverage shows (9) 10 frames of unid. individual on 1 Oct in front of & entering Sov compound with gate. Coverage on 15 Oct shows 2 of same individual. (P8593-Vol. III)

X 40. Hyp. ins. Mex. on Warren group visit (13026): "... All needed assistance with minimum possible disclosure of assets and techniques ..." (see Vol. III)

41. In Jan 64 Mexico Station conducted extensive investig and follow up of a lead provided by Gloria Rojas Villanueva in Guadalajara and Cozumel, including extensive planning of a polygraphing (that proved not to be necessary). Rojas another self promoted informant on alleged observation of Oswald in contact with Cubans in Cozumel. Story was unverified & positively refuted by other witnesses

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of 1 Dec 1963

42. Hyp. (Dis 86054), asked Mex. to follow up a report that on 22 Nov. 63 a Cuban aircraft delayed its departure Mex. Fire hours from 1700 to 2200 awaiting an impt passenger who arrived Mex. airport in private twin motor aircraft at 2400 transferred directly without contact or immed. & stayed in pilot cabin. Compare inst. 23 Dec 64 CSCI 316/02545-64 which reported info. rec'd by a Cuban since deceased from a Cuban scientist who was also on this plane and reported on approach arrival.

what was the stagger on this!

43. Were the ramifications of LHO. relations with Fair Play for Cuba Committee exonerated?

@ Vincent Theodore Lee - went to Cuba via Mexico city 28 Dec 62, returned Mexi 21 Jan 1963. Travelled with Eliz. Catlett de Mora (Betty Mora) E S

44. Cuban Govt doc. provided via Swiss, consisted of a Visa Applic. dated 23 Sept 63. which indicated planned date of arrival in Cuba as 30 Sept 63 [i.e. unrel.] for "in transit on the way to the Soviet Union" after a stay in Cuba of 2 weeks (and longer if possible.) An accompanying notation indicates he displayed "docs. in proof of his membership" in CPUSA and FP for C.C. New Orleans.

45. As of Sept 1964 Silvia Duran had given up her Cuban Embassy job and had disappeared. Husband stated she was out of Mexico. Husband carrying on alone. Early Oct reported, she had been on excursion with Student to colonels Myers & Merritt.

wife of prom. Mex. poet and Ambassador.

46. Elena Garro de Paz - memo of 10 Dec 1965 - relates alleged sighting of Oswald on Sept 1963 party at home of Rubén Duran, intended by Azcuna, as a better American Negro with red hair (See Alvarado story) and others. [P-8533 vol IV] Mrs Paz is cousin of Horacio Duran, Sylvia's husband. The very hostile > latter. Paz assertions made to Legat 17-24 Nov 64 & inquiry failed to substantiate - Legat memo of 23 Feb 66 indicated: no further action.

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√ 47. Rawton Report 26 May 1967 on meeting with Cuban Consulate pers. LIRING/3 indicated lady was an old contact of Sylvia & Horacio Duran. Sylvia Duran a receptionist at Cuban Cmt. 1963-4 had been placed by Teresa Proenza, the pres. attache. S. Duran had claimed to LIRING/3 that she had gone out with LHO & had sexual relations with him, had been taken into custody etc. etc. She had cut all rel. with Cuban. (See P-8593, 1 May 1967 - Vol. 5)

√ 48. Report by Am Cons. Tampico, Benj. J. Rugh dated 11 May 1967 relates details of alleged contact by Oswald with grouper of Cuban Student at Univ. Mex. Unidentified former pro-Castro student. O met by group after Univ. Club & he remained with group afternoon, evening & all of following day. He did not pay the dif. Recog. because of name mystic & photo. O had gone seeking assist. of pro-Castro students to help persuade Cuban Cmt. to grant him a visa. Spoke little Sp. No further contact after 2nd day. This report forwarded by Rugh with comments. but source also said he had known Maria Teresa Proenza. Source was: Oscar Contreras Lastique, reporter for El Sol de Tampico ex UN. of Mex. 60-64. Interviewed on 25 Jun 67. He very cautious because of leakage danger. Contreras vague on details and fixed on denial if confronted. (We had indep. traces on Contreras showing his UNAM rev. Mex activity in Jun 1961) Story passed to Legat Ct by memo 5 July 1967. [Follow-up indicated C. was registered at student 1959-60, not W-63]

49. Re Garrison see The New Yorker 13 July 1968. Article by Jay Epstein

50. LHO departed Hotel Commercio between 6:30 - 7 am 20 Oct taking exp. permanently to Bus Station. NB: why did he need a cab to get to a close by Bus Station (i.e. 4 blocks away)? He had arrived on 1:00 am, Friday 27 Sept. Regis. at Hotel del Commercio.

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4 full days, 2 partial days: 116 hours in Mexico city. Assume late arr. & early departure he slept 1/3 of [illegible] hours, leaving 87 hours ~~[illegible]~~ unaccounted for

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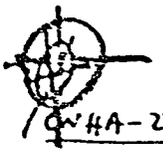

CWHA-27265 - 29 Nov. 63: Reports Possibly Bearing on Assassination of Pres. Kennedy from [redacted], FPCC and Cuban Embassy. Item of interest is MOR dated 27 Nov 63 based on a [redacted] FO memo of 25 Nov. 1963 reporting a conver. Reported by Slot of [redacted] to with Ricardo SANTOS, 3rd Secty of Cuban Emb. at a reception given by the Sov. Embassy 1963 saying re attacks against Cuban mainland by Cuban refugees: "My Slot just wait and you will see what we can do. It will happen soon". Asked by Slot to be more specific about what would happen soon, Santos merely replied: "Just wait, just wait."

Trace data passed to RANKIN by Helms memo 31/3/64 See XAA2-22601 of ~~this~~ date.

① Fwhat action taken on this item? ② translate intercept from [redacted]

CSCI-3/778 594 30 Nov 63: re Bernard WEISSMAN Ad in Dallas Morning News. Traces on W's contacts.

Comment: Was testimony taken from Negro Richard Thomas Gibson gamesdist in Swiss, of FPPC or who resident homesome since April 1963. Born 13 May 1931 at LA. Cited as known stated in Swiss O. "One of us" of O. had jamie committee. Answer: yes - in Paris. Hyff in Aug 63 See XAA2-17491

[illegible] Wallens