14 June 1967

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Disposition - This document was denied. The document transmitted a memorandum written by a State Department official concerning a contact he had with an individual alleging having become acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald in Mexico City. The State Department officer's memorandum is an attachment to this document. The attachment has been referred to State Department which will deal with it directly. The Agency dispatch transmitting a copy of this memorandum will not be released since it discusses the contents of the attachment in such a way as to reveal completely the contents. The Agency document also contains information confirming the existence of an Agency station in a specific city abroad, information identifying Agency components, Agency staff employees, Agency cryptonyms and Agency internal filling instructions. The document is therefore denied under the authority of exemptions (b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(3).

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AMENDED COMMENT

This document has been referred to the Department of State which has not yet responded as of 30 January 1978.

13-00000 **CONTINUATION OF** HMMW-15,557 SECRET DISPATCH investigation in New Orleans. It is therefore necessary to bear this possibility in mind when interviewing the source and others who spent time with Oswald in Mexico City. It is our hope that the facts obtained through these interviews will help to confirm that accordingly a confirm that accordingly a confirmation of the con that several of Garrison's allegations about involvement of anti-Castro Cubans, WOFACT, etc., are false. We are coordinating closely in this matter with (WOMUSE) Thomas W. LUND Letter from American Consul in Tampico DISTRIBUTION:
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Tampico, Mexico

May 11, 1967

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Wesley D. Boles, Esquire Chief, Mexican Political Affairs, Office of Mexican Affairs Department of State, Washington, D. C. 20520

Doar Wos:

The missing Lee Harvey Oswald airgram referred to in your letter of April 14 is Tampico's A-43, which I drafted on March 16. It ought to have reached you before April 14.

I had originally debated with myself whether to send anything at all, considering my "informant" did not seem to offer anything new. However, in view of the admittedly "electrifying quality" of the subject, I finally decided to record the matter.

Because of your letter, I invited my friend to lunch today. We went over the ground in somewhat more detail, as set forth below, but he did not claim he was making world-shaking revelations, and I do not believe he was.

Oswald was with the group during the remainder of the afternoon and evening and all the following day. They paid for his meals during this time. (It was of interest to me my informant said that, in addition to recognizing Oswald's photograph following the assassination of President Kennedy, he easily recalled Oswald's name because both "Harvey" and "Oswald" connoted rabbit to him, something I had not thought of.)

Oswald evidently had gone to the university to look for pro-Castro students who might help him persuade the Cuban Embassy to grant him a visq. He spoke little Spanish, but indicated he was from California, as well as that he had been a member of a pro-Castro group in New Orleans (no

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One item he "revealed" during our first evening particularly intrigued me. (He seemed subsequently, and probably with justification, especially fearful of the unpleasant consequences which might derive from any publicity regarding it). He asserted he was the student who personally climbed XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX the Miguel Aleman statue on the UAM campus with the dynamite--I believe he said dynamite--when it was mutilated some years ago.

I am aware my friend my have fabricated everything he told me. My personal evaluation is that he has been truthful.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Ruyle. American Consul

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31 July 1975

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Disposition - This document was denied. The document is a review of information in the Oswald 201 file which still warrants continued protection under the classification system. The document identifies and explains the nature of the hazard that would be involved for a number of foreign intelligence sources and operational methods if this document or other documents containing information on the same activities were to be released. The information is properly classified and denied. This particular document also contains information identifying an Agency staff employee and Agency internal filing instructions. The document was therefore denied under the authority of exemptions (b) (1), (b) (2) and (b) (3).

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MEMORANDUM FOR: (LA/EICO)

Mr. William Sturbitts

: CReview of Lee Harvey OSWALD 201 File for Freedom of Information Request

REFERENCE Request Number 75-105, 2 June 1975

1. A review of the Lee Harvey OSWALD file (201-289248) has been completed by the Mexican Branch in connection with reference Freedom of Information request. Most of the information contained in the file that pertains to Mexico came from sensitive sources and methods, such as photo surveillance, bilateral teltap and mail intercept operations. Although the mail intercept and photo

surveillance activities have been dicontinued, the fac that they were in operation in Mexico continues to b considered sensitive. The [bilateral teltap is still active, and, therefore, is sensitive.

The Mexican information reviewed covered three areas:

NFD (B) a. Sylvia DURAN Tirado. A Mexican female employed by the Cuban Embassy in Mexico who provided FOR FILING assistance to OSWALD in his attempts to obtain a Cuber Information regarding DURAN appears in the Warren Report, however, it is not attributed to the Agency. The Government of Mexico (GOM) did arrest and interrogate DURAN re her connection with OSWALD, and a copy of the GOM deposition appears in the Report. The deposition was turned over to the Commission by the GOM via State Department. Since knowledge of DURAN's contact with OSWALD originally came to both the GOM's and Agency's attention via the bilateral teltap, all mention of Agency knowledge or participation in DURAN's arrest and subsequent interrogation has been marked for non-release.

b. Photo of unidentified man taken in front of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico. This photo was taken by Station Mexico photo surveillance of the Soviet Embassy during the month of October 1963. When news of the arrest of OSWALD as Kennedy's assassin became known, the Station immediately forwarded copies of the photo to the FBI in the mistaken assumption that the photo was of OSWALD taken while he was in Mexico that fall. It was later determined that the photo was not of OSWALD and in fact had been taken after he had departed Mexico.

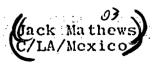
(OSWALD was in Mexico from 26 September thru 3 October 1963.) Even though the photo was not of OSWALD it had been shown to OSWALD's wife and mother, with the background partially

cropped in an effort to disguise the place where the The photo became somewhat of an photo had been taken. issue when the Warren Commission decided it belonged in the Report as part of the exhibits since it had been shown to the OSWALDs. The Agency finally allowed the picture to appear in the report with the background completely blocked out and with the agreement that no mention would be made about where it had been taken. As far as can be determined, the Agency has never admitted publicly that the photo was taken in Mexico, even though there has been a great deal of speculation to that effect by several authors and journalists. As a matter of fact, one of the lawyers who worked with the Commission later leaked information to an author regarding the photo, but erroneously said it had been taken in front of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico by CIA Still, the Agency has not revealed the actual location, only saying it was taken somewhere outside the U.S. mention of the photo has therefore been marked to be withheld, because of sensitive sources and methods involved.

C. Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte. ALVARADO, a
Nicaraguan citizen, walked in to the U.S. Embassy in
Mexico, claiming to have knowledge re Kennedy's assasination.
It was learned that ALVARADO was an agent for the Nicaraguan
Intelligence Service (NIS), however his story re the
assassination was separate from his work for the NIS. After
lengthy interrogation, including a polygraph, it was
determined that ALVARADO had been fabricating a story claiming
he had seen OSWALD receive money from a Cuban official at
the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. The ALVARADO story appears
in the Warren Report but it does not reveal his identity. (In
order to continue to protect ALVARADO and the Nicaraguan
government from possible embarrassment all mention of
ALVARADO has been marked for non-release.

A list and copies of douments from the OSWALD file have been forwarded to your office for review by other (LA) branches and possibly other Divisions. The documents are marked according to which volume they belong in the 201 file (there are 57 volumes plus many bulky atachments.)

3. During the review, it was necessary several times to refer to the Warren Report and the exhibits to ascertain exactly what was already known about the Mexican aspect of the case. It is doubtful that the other branches will find this necessary, but in case they do, the Warren Report is held in the Library.



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Disposition - This document was numbered and included in this list in error. The document originated with the Department of Navy, to which it has been referred for direct response.

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