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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 3/10/64

FROM : *[Signature]* LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed for the Bureau are 30 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES:

Mexico City letter dated 1/13/64; Bureau cables dated 1/25/64 and 2/12/64; Mexico City cables dated 1/27/64 and 3/5/64, re allegations of YLARIO ROJAS VILLANUEVA; San Antonio cable to Bureau, Dallas and Houston dated 2/22/64; Houston letterhead memorandum dated 2/28/64.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Copies of enclosed letterhead memorandum were disseminated locally to the Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy and to CIA.

The following information was received from WINSTON M. SCOTT, Head of the CIA Station, Mexico City, by memorandum dated 1/20/64 to Legat, Mexico City, marked "SECRET," captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD" and is being set forth in the cover letter, along with the memorandum mentioned below dated 2/18/64, in view of CIA's request that the information was not to be disseminated outside this office without prior approval of the originating office in Mexico City.

This memorandum set forth that on 1/17/64 a reply was received from JACK STEWART, CIA Representative in Merida, Yucatan:

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described by SOLIS as: 30 years old, 5' 8", about 185 pounds, stocky, skin 'moreno,' black straight hair, mustache and with a long face. He usually works as a chauffeur or farmer. SOLIS said Eladio VILLANUEVA Ramirez did not seem subject to aberrations. S(u)

"Neither Daniel SOLIS nor any of several other contacts in Cozumel have heard of 'Albert.' " S(u)

By memorandum dated 2/18/64, directed to the Legat, Mexico City, from WINSTON M. SCOTT, which memorandum was marked "SECRET," the following additional information was set forth: S(u)

DANIEL SOLIS was reinterviewed in February 1964 by JACK STEWART and furnished the following information in reply to questions asked him: S(u)

"SOLIS states he has not received either of the two letters Eladio VILLANUEVA claims to have sent him recently. S(u)

"SOLIS again stated that he does not have any notebook belonging to VILLANUEVA. He said that if such a notebook came to him he would forward it to the address given. S(u)

"SOLIS stated that, according to his recollection, VILLANUEVA arrived in Cozumel in June 1963 and left (about) 4 July 1963 aboard a ferryboat 'Alberto' for Puerto Juarez. S(u)

"SOLIS recalls now that he had received some three (3) letters from VILLANUEVA. These were mailed in Guadalajara and were sent in the months immediately following VILLANUEVA's departure from Cozumel. SOLIS said he answered all three, and in the last letter SOLIS wrote to VILLANUEVA he asked VILLANUEVA to repay the 500 pesos (\$40 U.S.) he had loaned VILLANUEVA. SOLIS said he never heard from VILLANUEVA after that. S(u)

"In one of the three letters, VILLANUEVA asked SOLIS if he would like to be a 'secret police agent' in Cozumel. SOLIS has no other information concerning this. S(u)

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"SOLIS contends he had no information on possible contacts VILLANUEVA might have had with Cubans or Americans in Cozumel. X (u)

"SOLIS said that when VILLANUEVA was not working as an 'albanil' (bricklayer), he spent his time weeding and cutting brush at SOLIS' home. VILLANUEVA was usually in the hammock by 2030 hours. SOLIS and VILLANUEVA sometimes visited the Mayalum Nightclub together; VILLANUEVA did not appear to be much of a drinker. X (u)

"SOLIS said VILLANUEVA arrived in Cozumel with a Sergeant Second Class 'POLO.' 'POLO' was arriving at a new assignment at the Cozumel Military Base; VILLANUEVA claimed to have met 'POLO' in Mexico City. 'POLO' came to SOLIS' house twice after VILLANUEVA left, looking for VILLANUEVA. X (u)

"SOLIS claims that the three letters he received from VILLANUEVA have all been burned. X (u)

SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA advised that after he interviewed DANIEL SOLIS at Cozumel on 2/24/64, SOLIS hinted that he might have misinformed JACK STEWART concerning the length of ROJAS' stay in Cozumel for the purpose of possibly protecting his relative, ROJAS, who is actually the uncle of SOLIS' wife, and also because he paid little attention to the actual length of ROJAS' stay. ~~for Agency file 728-55~~ RB ✓

It is noted that other items contained in ROJAS' notebook, which was obtained from SOLIS in Cozumel, were calling cards, one of which had the name on it of WALTER A. GATES, Customs Agent, San Diego, California, U. S. Treasury Department, and the other card had the name on it of REY L. HATCH, Customs Investigator, U. S. Treasury, Laredo, Texas. ✓

Upon interview 3/5/64, ROJAS advised he cannot recall who these persons are nor how he came into possession of their calling cards. For information, it is known that HATCH is a U. S. Customs Agent who was and may still be stationed at Laredo, Texas. ✓

By cable dated 1/25/64, the Bureau requested that efforts be made to arrange a polygraph examination of ROJAS. X (u)

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assassination plot of President KENNEDY was fabricated by him, no further investigation is being conducted in the ROJAS matter. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ✓

It is noted that the original of the signed statement taken from ROJAS by the members of the Mexican Federal Security Police at Guadalajara on 3/5/64 is contained in the 1-A section of this file in this office. (S)(u) ✓

SOURCES:

The confidential source abroad referred to in enclosed memorandum is SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA, who conducted investigation at Cozumel, Quintana Roo, Mexico, and Mexico City, and who, along with SA EDWIN O. JOHNSON, conducted a joint interview of ROJAS on 1/22-23/64 at Guadalajara, and to whom, along with SA HENRY J. PRATT, ROJAS admitted on 3/5/64 at Guadalajara, Mexico, that he had never known OSWALD. ✓

The second confidential source abroad mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum is SA EDWIN O. JOHNSON. ✓

CLASSIFICATION:

The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified "CONFIDENTIAL" in order to protect our foreign operations. ✓

COPIES:

Two copies of enclosed letterhead memorandum are designated for Dallas as domestic office of origin. ✓

LEAD:

MEXICO CITY

At Mexico, D. F.: Will continue to vigorously and immediately handle all investigation growing out of leads in this case and report results promptly. ✓

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