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The Warren commission and Mexico.

I Info from Cable chrono, Oswald Mexi file and WX-7241.

A December 21, 1963.

1. DIR 90466 26 (420-757)
orig: J[Whitten]
RO " by auth of (Helms:
"Our present plan is to eliminate mention of [telephone taps], in order protect yours continuing ops." They plan on relying instead on Duran and Sov. file given to the State Department. Asks that [penetration agents] be requestioned for possible collaboration of Duran's story. (NO. R.S.)

IN PASSING INFO TO WARREN COMMISSION

B January 30, 1964.

1. DIR 97829 (498-204) — NOTE: The communication chrono was only examined up to 1 Jan. Therefore I have not determined the Originator, AO or RO of DIRS after this date.)

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This cable reports that Helms appeared before the Warren Commission on 28 January re what the Commission expected from the CIA. "On Saturday 1 Feb we will give Commission a report on Lee Oswald's activities in Mexico, presented so as to protect your sources and techniques. Pls review your reporting to us on this subject and cable in anything additional you may have in time for us to include in report." (RS indicates Scott, White, Phillips, [Mannell] ~~and~~ Goodpasture + ["Dottie"])

2. MEXI 8008
response to DIR 97829
Orig + RO: Scott.
reports that station has reported all info available & also notes that all the info, including that from the Soviet Embassy [taps,] was reported to

the FBI's Mexi rep + Ambassador Mann. Scott points out that this information may have been included in Mexican FBI reports. ~~(RS indicates~~ and that the CIA would have been cited as the source. (RS indicates Scott, [White,] Phillips, [Mansell], ~~Mann~~ Goodpasture.) 03 (503-210).

C. April 7, 1964.

1. State Department Cable # 1775 (Control 133) - informs Embassy that [Coleman], Slawson + Willens plan travel to Mexi on 8 April. purpose:
   a. determine nature + extent of effort of U.S. investigating agencies abroad.
   b. investigative effort of Mexican authorities
   c. Consult US + Mexi authorities re: further investigation if any is determined necessary.

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CIA Files

#1 Barney Baker Request 27/Feb 78 DDO LW 6/28

#4 Thomas E. Davis Request 27 Feb 78 DDO LW 6/28

#5 minuteman file OS - 19 April 1978 OS LW 6/28

#12 Louis Kutner OGC - Request 14 Feb. 1978

OLC

R 1839-DDO

Roger 5-941

Rich Dick Ringer -OGC-

Karen.

[AMTOLT-1]

Summary 6/29/78

[(KD)MANGO] Support (Vol ?)
[50-6-32/2]
9 Jul 1957 – 6 Aug 1968

nothing between 10/20/62 and 3/19/65.

[(KD)MANGO] Ops (Vol V)
[50-6-32/3]
22/6

[(KD)MANGO] is [LIFEAT]
Not pertinant

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L. Wizelman
6/28

Barney Baker.

[redacted] – (201-742862) – 78

October 1) Comm. /14/0 Anniversary / Chinese Rev.
Movement / Nat Liberation
Raul Pereyra + Guillermo Ruiz Attending

W 5:00 Alberto to liquor store
30th needs 2 bottles of whiskey for tonight

but he would have regretted if he'd
gone to her ~~party~~.

Rewrite our interview + compare with

Mexican Report + W.C. +

10 page signed statement.

Finish W.C. – CIA relationship

then Rewrite.

OSWALD visits + Consulate. (Ready)

Done.

Discrepancies

Sections

DORIS 1958

Carswell DDO; OP
Werbell OGC
Phillips OGC
Lou Conein ~~DDO~~, ~~OS~~, OGC, OF, OP
William Harvey ~~OS~~, OF, ~~OP~~
Wachenhut OL
[Boris Anna Tarasoff] ~~OP~~ + ~~OP~~
[Bustos Charlotte] ~~OS~~, OGC, OP

revised all but OP
on 8/15 + 8/16 by DLH
OL
Jim McDonald

OGC
Dick Rininger
1104

1385

Linda

11111064

DAN

Summary of box of files on [(W U) RABBIT 02]

I Project dealt with [Continental Press, Inc.] box provided begins @ files from 1965 - accounting records.

II 2nd [(W U) RABBIT 02] box - Bank Statements

[Continental Press] was a news service [based in Washington] that provided news articles, comics, editorials, etc to foreign subscribers.

III Box # 3 : financial records.

IV Box # 4 financial records.

V Folder 2 of Box #1 "Operations" unviewed.

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4/3/78
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Summary of ["QKOPERA/LIAISON, ZRBLESS"] file 8/1/61 – 8/28/64

1. The Company concerned is [(Praeger Publishing)] 29

2. A memo by [Gunnar W. Beckman] "CA/PROP" dated 8/21/61 deals w the publication and royalty problems of [(Milovan Djilas's)] books. 06

3. A blind memo dated 2/11/64 deals w the status of negotiations with ["(Draper)"] 06 author of ["Castro's Cuba"] ~~The Agency wants~~ He is unwilling to update the book but is open to the possibility of doing another volume. He has introduced the author of the memo to two other Cubans who were writing books: Justo Carrillo Hernandez and Ernesto Betancourt.

4. [Susan Watkins says ZRBLESS] was subproject of [(WUBONBON.] 02

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#02

Summary of ["(W.W.) Sandy"] Development and Plans file.

1. "Subject + Project File Request and Field Notification of Action" dated 6/26/63 describes the project as "a Developmental and Target Opportunity project based in the U.S. Sub-projects are to be targeted abroad..."

2. Project Action form dated 8/28/63 signed by Karamessines approves a $65,000 budget for [(W)(U)TARY] for the fiscal year 1963 (July) to 1964 (June).

4. Memo dated 3/17/64 to DDP from Tracy Barnes requests that [(W)(U)TARY's] budget be increased to $80,000.
"The requested increase is needed to (a) cover an unanticipated developmental change in connection with an individual doing SPECIAL work involving a Latin American

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business advisory group;
(b) cover the production
costs of propaganda material
targeted at foreign visitors
to [the World's Fair...."]

LOCATOR: [illegible] GARRISON GORDON DWANE NOVEL
stack Novel package from Kennedy Assassination - Garrison - 1967
folder #3.

Notes from review of Garrison file, 8/18/78, DLH

Memo from Donovan E. Pratt, DC/CI/R+A re: Garrison Investigation; Questions from Justice Department, 9/28/67.

attatched routing + record sheet - note from R.G. Rocca to OGC.

para. f : "We regarded George de Mohrenschildt as probably tied back to the Soviets, and this is an active case as far as we are concerned. We are certain that de Mohrenschildt received mail bearing the return address of a former CIA staff member, [N.M. ANIKEEFF.] You may know that case. If not, Mr Osbourne or Mr. Birch O'Neal can filk you in. Unfortunately we do not know the substance of the correspondence between these two people."

Notes

[Doug Dupton] interview,
8/22/78, 9:45 AM at Langley
by Zonzi + Hardaway

letter ✓

5/9/29
retired - Herndon.

63 ops off.
hat. Am.
CoA of Division - unsure
or Uraguay - Paraguay.

ORDER?

left Miami mid-61 — one
or 2 months after BoP
Dominican
Brazil
Uraguay-Paraguay

CA Guidance, support, project
support.
MEXI CA projects reviewed by
branch.

used [Kupton] from 4/60 to 5 or 6/60. no operational alias.

known by true name at Station - but others at " knew alias.
no other aliases used.
use of more than one alias probably ~ common but could happen.

alias guesses 3 or 4. + not all registered

200 aliases "damned peculiar."
no way to keep track.

12/51 began
6/30/78

Venezuela prior to 1960.

~ know Smith.
knew Hunt + ~ Sturgis.

at JMWAVE in charge of prop ops.

meeting agents (Cubans) directly - also had a couple of CO's working for him + provided guidance - limited to prop.

didn't handle [Swan] - handled by Dave in DC.

[Roberto Espin] did - work [Swan] - did radio prop. for [DG] [Cousin of Raul Castro's wife] - commercial broadcasts from Miami on bought time - given general guidance but given pretty much free reign otherwise.

Comm @ DP by cabel + Phone - daily + he came down quite often.

met informally @ other CO's to provide guidance. discussion whether than formal leadership.

control over groups —
relative term — mutuality
of interest — respect for U.S.
& their ONLY hope for the future.
most sincere patriots.

ORE.
knew & dealt @ header

Phillips agents

doesn't recall meeting
[Salvat] but heard of him

was personally in cont.
@ dozens of Cubans.

media, labor, students,
women, political
contacts. started by him
or under his direction.
interest largely restricted
to propaganda through
these various fronts
to other interests

Daily contacts @ some
Cubans. 3 times a week
@ [Espin.]

not much coord @ Hunt -
dealt mostly @ Bender.
Met Hunt occassionaly.

[Knight] - doesn't recall
Hunt using name -
or Phillips.
never met agents together
with Phillips
never recalls hearing
any of Phillips.

Phillips immediate HQ boss.
reported to him through
COS.

was discussions @ Phillips.
[DG] brought problems to
attention of chief of base or
at least make him aware
of discussion @ Phillips
thinks COS was [Bob Reynolds.]
[DG] left before Shackely
arrived. [RAY O'MEARA]

main concern was to keep
Phillips informed.
tried to solve problems himself

if he could.

??? Sending agents into Latin America

didn't work @ [San Jenis]
P.M. remembers name
but - function.

hasn't heard of Pancho Varona's
uncle Tony. - may have
worked for one of groups

[Crozier] worked for [D.G.]
contract employee
was one of C.O's. saw him
daily.
doesn't remember that he
handled [DRE]
would know what he was
doing generally but not
in detail. There were
periods of time when
he wouldn't show up.
had problems.

aware of leaflets after fact - not involved - done by Dave.
not all prop covered @ Miami - a lot done by Dave out of D.C.

never met [Diaz Lang.] - involved in op.

FRD also did prop @ consulting.

sure he met @ P + H but doesn't recall specifics.

P did not keep him briefed on his ops. E did - 2 seperate sets of ops.

never heard of Fiorini until hit papers.

Hemming. - heard

new [dave Morales] from before Miami

in 2 guns for heroin deal

David A Phillips:
(two components)

2/1/51 to 2/28/51 (contract agent
1/25/52 " 7/31/53 " " "
3/4/54 " 1/31/55 employee
4/1/55 " 2/6/56 staff employee
~~8/13/58~~
~~Sept~~
2/7/56 to 8/13/58 staff agent
8/19/58 to 3/13/60 cont. Ag. (Cuba)
3/14/60 to retire staff employ, Mexico
1961 - 1966

|| in 1963 was in charge of 7 Cuban Operations. Where?

Mitchell L WerBell III
held provisional operational approval from 8/4/59 to 10/14/59. He has been characterized as a con man. In Oct and Sept 1962, he did try to get several latin American governments to recognize a Cuban govern-

[O.G.] was in Havana on TDY in 56-57 maybe

DP used old contacts from Havana.

knew who C-A was – did ~work @ him – he worked @ DP

DP did not do trouble shooting that he remembers.

doesn't remember DP using name Bishop.

[Crozier] confront –
"well maybe I did. I don't remember."

Carswell photo – no ID looks a little like [Ross Crozier.]

no ID on name.

sketch: doesn't look like anyone he knows.

doesn't know Bethel remembers name.

never heard name of Bishop in Miami.

Campandon - doesn't think he knew him.

never met Shackely until he became Chief of Division.

[Reynolds] retired
grey white hair
deep lines in cheeks
slim 6'
~~50~~ 56 yrs old.

friendly @ D.P.
continued after he left — close.

DP probably used old assets

international reps.

after BoP doesn't know extent or nature of prop ops.

[Kerson] - familiar
no memory of use

[Buchanan] - seen name connects @ Fiorini
no knowledge of use

C-A handled by Phillips radio

[Hendrix] Miami News
D.P met in Havana.
was used to place articles
D.P. would have been one
who used him.

[Portell-Vilá] - familiar
~met
[DG] didn't use ~ knowledge

Ar. - familiar but not connection

CFC – after 61?
was it in Mega?
connects [ARENS] + CFC
to MEKI
but [D.G.] not involved

[Varella] slightly familiar
– aware of use

Carbonell & Navarros
– familiar

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never heard of Celluna
Fantasma.

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no Kennedy prop aware.

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has not heard of prop op
but it would not surprise
him.
But probably Cubans

DP v [D.G.] ops agents involvement
explained by saying his
agents were small fry.

Never heard of Alpha 66

comment on [Crozier]
he was not in Navy. but
Army
restates no recall.
could have discussed problems
doesn't recall Bishop
he might have said it re
regard to Bender but
can't recall ~~say~~ any
situation where it would
have been said re: DP.
but its possible — he just
isn't sure.
[D.G.] handled some of Benders
agents prior to Hunt's arrival

did handle pay to agents
himself. Probably gave
money to [Espin] to pay
expenses, salary, etc.
[Espin] himself was on [DG's]
payroll. very small
salaries.

did not know Lesnick.

Scaletti.
6+7 — M. desk.
M. desk respons.
13 awareness of ops

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Information from vouchers for David A. Phillips 196-1965

4/28/60 $500 travel advance HAVA (V# 1075-91 8/30/60)

5/16/61 Travel Voucher covers period 3/7/60 to 3/11/60 lists two "funds and transportation tickets advanced to traveler for Havana (1960) and one dated 8/31 Headquarters. 3/7/60 ferry from Havana to Key West; 3/11/60 Air Cubana from Havana to Miami to Washington (apparently wife) 7-11 March Key West to Washington. Note says wife traveled by air because recent surgery prevented travel by car. Itinery: left Havana and arrived U.S. on 7 March. Left Key

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West 8 March, arriving D.C. 11 March.

12/15/61 request for advance of funds for TDY travel; D.C. to Mexico City, to Los Angeles and return.

10/3/63 Request for advance of funds to cover per diem for approximately six days and for changing airplane tickets to include Miami in itinerary.

Info from computer listing of voucher information; 1957-1965:

5/21/59	TDY DC NY
6/9/59	TVL ADVANCE
1/16/59	TDY CAR NY
8/6/59	TDY FLA
10/14/59	MIA HQS TDY
10/14/59	TDY HQS
5/11/59	TDY WH

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4/28/60	TDY HQS ACCTG.
3/21/60	TDY MIAMI
12/15/61	ADV TDY Mexico.

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Information from E. Howard Hunt's travel vouchers 1960-69:

Domestic Travel - Hunt going to N.Y. to "confer with [(ZR)BLESS] and [(SG)RACKWAY.] on 4/24/62 and 4/25/62.

Domestic Travel - to N.Y. to meet with [(WU)BONBON] and [(WU)HUSTLER] on 1/30/63 - 1/31/63.

same for 2/14/63.

same for O/A 3/14 and 15/63

same for O/A 4/11/63

~~same for~~
Travel Order - same reason 5/1/63 - Voucher attatched puts date at 5/5/63

same for 6/5/63 + 6/6/63
" " 7/11/63 + 7/12/63
" " 8/6/63 + 8/7/63

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Request for Advance of Funds - same purpose, 9/26-27/63

Travel Order + Voucher
10/23/63 (order) 10/24/63 (voucher)

Order 9/26-27/63 S.P
Voucher 9/26/63

Voucher + ORDER 12/5/63 S.P.

SAME IN 64
JAN, FEB, MARCH, April
CONSULT
[(AE) ASSAULT officals.]

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Mitchell Livingston WerBell III was granted a Provisional Operational Approval by the Central Intelligence Agency on August 4, 1959. WerBell's first contacts with the Agency occured prior to this time. A name trace request ~~on~~ dated 20 July 1959 lists WerBell's status as an "informant." Documents

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Questions –

What is ~~an RID file~~ ? –

requested [AMSPELL]

[AMLUNCH-1]

Sensitive Doc'l Input Record ① [UFGA] 13907;

5 Feb 64 From RID/AN.

② XAAZ-17443 24 Feb 64.

When document

Copy of Dan Hardway's notes

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OS (Jack)
OP (Doris)
SADDO (Sheryl)

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Periodic File Summary
(one component)

[Alexis Davison] A Nedelya article named one Malcom Toon as the supervisor of CIA operations in the Moscow Embassy

[Daniel Carswell] - after his return from Cuba in April of 1963. His travel was restricted until August 1963. [Carswell] is 6', 180 lbs, has grey eyes and brown hair. He was imprisoned with ~~Eustace H. Danburnt and Edmund R. Taransky~~

Luis Posada.
1960 - member of the Frente Revolucionario Jose A Echevarria in Cuba.
1961 - on February 25 Posada sought political asylum in the Argentine Embassy in Mexico City. He arrived in the U.S. on February 28. In April of 1961 he was trained for the Bay of Pigs

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invasion in Guatemala. In October 1961 he took a job with the Firestone Rubber Company, Akron Ohio. He stayed at this job until March of 1963.

1963 - On February 21, 1963 the CIA put into motion the bureaucratic machinery necessary for an interview of Posada. In March of 1963 Posada joined the United States Army. He served at Fort Benning Georgia in the ~~1st Battalion~~, 2nd Platoon (weapons), Co. B, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry, Brigade 197. In June 23rd he divorced his wife, Maria Concepcion Casteneda Naposles in Chicago, (PDOB: 1931, Cardenas, Mantanzas, Cuba; married 1955; last known address: 6540 Seville St., Apt. C, Huntington Park, CA.) In August the CIA granted permission for an interview

of Posada. Posada claims that he joined JURE at some point during this year.

1964 Posada left the U.S. Army in March with the rank of 2nd lieutenant. Sometime he claims he was employed by the Pan Am Exterminating Co. 275 S.W. 6th St, Miami. He also claims to have been representing JURE in the Dominican Republic in 1964.

1965 Circa April Posada is in Miami working as an autobody repairman when he was recruited as a training instructor. A name check returned positive from FBI, ONI, I+NS, the Adjunct Generals Office and the Army Chief of Security Intelligence. The FBI reportedly has evidence

of Posada's involvement in a plot to kill Castro in this year.

NOTE: Posada claims to have been the chief instructor for TURE camps for three MONTHS ~~years~~ in an unspecified years in the early 60's

Additional info:

1. AKA: Luis Clemente Carriles
Bambi Posada Carriles
Bambi Carriles
Julian Posada Carriles
Julian Carriles

2. He has, at times, listed as references:
Carlos Porro, 395 E. Ballmadge, Akron, Ohio
Antonio Garcia, 3604 S.W. 26th Terrace, Miami, Fla.
Segundo Ortes, 685 Carnegie Ave, Akron Ohio
Dick Patterson, FBI, Akron, Ohio

7. Posesses claims to be an excellent Marksman.

Cesar Diosdado

DOB 8/16/21, Laredo, Texas. employed in 1961. Has allegedly been involved in gun running since 1957. Allegedly sold guns to a group planning an invasion of Haiti in 1964. In 1967 Jose Ricardo Rabel Nunez told a press conference in Cuba that Diosdado was a CIA recruiting agent. Diosdado was the undercover agent who trusted Raymond C. Harper in 1972

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3 SS # 265-72-1345

4. US Army # O-2312445

5. US Army dossier # 265-17-1345

6 Posted as associates with "helping" Rosenthal in Miami

ment in exile. He has regularly volunteered information to the CIA and has often impersonated CIA officers.

Associates in Cuban Affairs:

Edward McGill

Edward Lewis Bankston

Chester Gray AKA Zochowski

Rolando Masferrer

Bruce Arman Baker

11379 President Drive N.E.

Blaine Village, Minn.

Robert Bayard

JA 1 tec Joseph Meckem (Mackem)

PDOB 12/13/37, Omaha, Neb.

2609 N. Potomac

Arlington, VA.

Steve Van Cleave

Edward Marger

Paul Bethel

Charles Hall

Robert K. Brown

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HUNT SUMMARY

HARDWAY

files reviewed: 4/7/78

1. [(EC)POEM - (WU)RABBIT] Correspondence
02 02
folder 7, Box 2,

2. [(WU)RABBIT] Termination
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Folder 1, Box 1

3. MPS Project file [WUPUNDIT]

ops. included in '64
[(PRAEGER) 29
(Freedom Fund, Inc) 29 (conduit)
(Seaman's Service Institute) 29
(A Praeger Spanish Affiliate) 24
(Contenintal Press, Inc.) 29]

There were 2 "one time only" operations in 1963 {(WU)RAISIN} and [(WU)TRANSIT] which were responsible for publishing two books each.
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There was one "one time only" operation in 1964 {(WU)SENDER} which was responsible for publishing three books. There is a proposal for [(WU)SENDER] but it was evidently not approved.
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Operational structure. There was one operation that was primarily a development project. There was a project involving [(Praeger)29] and publication. There was a project involving the [(Freedom Fund)29] and distribution. There was a project to provide news service to foreign press through [(Continental Press)29]. Prior to 1963 the development project funds were used for book procurement. In FY 63-64 book procurement was made a seperate project. Funds for this project were channeled to [(Praeger)29] through the [(Freedom Fund)29]

4. MPS Project File [:(WU)02 BONBON]

5 " " " [:(WU)02 HUSTLER]
PART I of 3.

6. [(WU)02 BONBON] Accountings Folder 24

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7. [(02)(WU)BONBON] Operations FY 64
folder 25

Contains two memos for the Records by Hunt re 8/8/63 meetings.

8. [(02)(WU)PUNDIT] Support folder 27

9 [(02)(WU)PUNDIT (02)(WU)BONBON)] folder 26

10 [(02)(WU)BONBON] Development + Plans F 19

11 [(02)(WU)BONBON] Policy Papers F 20

12 [(02)(WU)PUNDIT] CIA Book Publishing
F - 28+29

13 [(02)(WU)BONBON] FY 65 Support
F. 21

14 [(02)(WU)PUNDIT / (02)(WU)BONBON] SUPPORT
F 23+22

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Mickey Goldsmith opened the interview by explaining the release letter and the mandate of the House Select Committee on Assassinations to [Dillinger and Bestetner.]

Mr. [Bestetner] said that he had been the head of the Soviet Section of the Mexico City Station in 1963. His main duty was to get information on Soviet personnel and their activities for recognition purposes and espionage/counter-espionage activities. In line with these goals Mr. [Bestetner] was responsible for processing the product of telephone, photographic and physical surveillance of the Soviet Embassy and Soviet personnel. Mr. [Bestetner] was also responsible for obtaining information through direct contacts with Soviet personnel and through agents who were in contact with Soviet personnel.

[Mrs. Dillinger's] main duty was reading the transcripts of the telephone tap operation. She received these transcripts once a day and would review them. Anything of importance or interest would be brought to [Mr. Gestetner's] attention. Both [Mr. Gestetner] and [Mrs. Dillinger] remembered that they received all the transcripts from all the taps on the Soviet Embassy. This included the Spanish and the English Transcripts although the English " were usually received later than the Spanish ones. [Mrs. Dillinger] indicated that she had a "working knowledge" of Spanish.

[Mr. Gestetner] was responsible for reporting the information he developed. He indicated that a report would either be written by himself, [Mrs. Dillinger] or a reports offi

In 1963 [Mrs. Dillenger] was working on a part-time, contract basis. She indicated that the transcripts were read daily as a matter of routine. The photo production was not reviewed unless Anne Goodpasture refered it to them.

[Gestetner + DILLENGER] recieved ~~cop~~ carbon copies of the transcripts on yellow paper. Extracts from the transcripts were put into appropriate subject or "P" files. Both were sure that a chronological file ~~was~~ of transcripts was kept. They were less sure but thought that such a file was also kept on the production of the photo operation. [Mrs. Dillenger] remembered that they did keep a subject file on Soviet Contacts. Subject files were designated by a four part number. (EX: 00-00-0-0)

Both [Dillenger & Gestetner] indicated that nothing was destroyed while Win Scott was Chief of Station. They indicated that materials were probably destroyed after he left in 1969.

They recieved the transcripts from either Anne Goodpasture or [Frank Estancona] Some of the transcripts were in Spanish and some were in English. [Mr. Gestetner] indicated that he had a close working relationship with [Boris Tarasoff] and relied on him for personality assessments on Soviet personnel. He said that he had nothing to do with getting the tapes and/or transcripts to or from [Tarasoff] except in those rare instances when there was no one else to do it.

[Dillenger] and [Gestetner] remembered that information from the taps would usually

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have been reported within a day or two of reciept of the transcripts.

They remembered that the tape surveillance was constant. They also remembered that the photo surveillance was constant except for instances where it would be down for security reasons or equipment malfunction. They said that the photo operation attempted to get a picture of every foreigner in contact with the Embassy. They said that the photographers had an "uncanny ability" to pick out foreigners.

The transcripts that they remembered recieving were literal transcriptions. They had never heard of summaries of the conversations being prepared. [Mr. Janasoff] gave his personality assessments orally

or in writing seperate from the transcripts. Mr. [Gestetner] does not remember marginal notations but did indicate that Mr [Sarasoff] had made the note about Oswald speaking broken Russian.

[Dillenger] and [Gestetner] indicated that they did, on occasion, work closely with Anne Goodpasture on things of interest. There was not close contact between the Cuban and Soviet Operations.

[Dillenger] and [Gestetner] indicated that they routinely saw all the transcripts from the Soviet operations. They indicated that [Sarasoff] did not, as a rule, make notations on the transcripts. As a rule he made his notations in a seperate note or report. Mr. [Gestetner] did indicate that [Sarasoff] did make other notation

about Oswald's Russian. He said that he had never ~~at~~ ordered [Tarasoff] not to make marginal comments. Mr. [Gestetner] said that [Tarasoff] was an exact transcript, he never determinations on his own as to whether something was relevant to counter-intelligence, counter-espionage, etc.

They indicated that every conversation was transcribed. They could not recall the notation "(previously transcribed)"

24 They said that the (unilateral) taps were not directed at the Soviet Embassy but at the private residences of Soviet officials.

Mr. Gestetner said that there were no penetration agents in either the Soviet Consulate or Military Attache's office.

[Dillenger] and [Gestetner] said that they had no

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contact with anyone involved in the outside operation other than [Boris Jarasoff]. These contacts were restricted to social meetings, discussion of personality evaluations, and on rare occasions transmittal of the tapes or transcripts. Mr [illegible] indicated that he involved [Jarasoff] more than any other translator and that he was more than adequately competant, reliable and honest.

They both said that they knew Dave Phillips and that he was Chief of Covert Action at the time. They remembered that he had been replaced Robert Shaw as Chief of Cuban Operations but were unsure of the time. They described Phillips as an aggressive, active, succesful person. They said that he

would have had access to everything about Oswald if he had been interested because he was close to Win Scott.

They said that [Robert 03 Zambernardi] was professionally qualified for photography. He did not run the photo operation. His job was processing and printing the photos in the Embassy.

[Dillenger] and [Deatetner] said that [Jack Whitten 26] was the head of the Mexico desk and that [Charlotte Bustos,] to the best of their recollection, also worked on the Mexico desk. They said that the info they usually reported would go to CIS or SR. All info reported would have gone to the Mexico desk. The information/cable would not have gone higher, unless there was some controversy or higher interest involved. A report of a foreigner visiting a foreign embassy would not,

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in Mr [Gestetner's] opinion, flag higher interest or create the controversy necessary to attratch higher attention. Mr. [Gestetner] indicated that such a report was almost mundanely routine, especially in late summer.

They said that [Charles 03 Flick] was responsible for repairing and maintaining the audio equipment.

They remembered [Lorna McKay] as an analyst in the Cuban section. 03

[Melvin Beck] was an outside agent involved in the recruitment and running of agents. He worked for [Gestetner.]

[Thomas Keenan] 03 was part, as was Goodpasture, of the "clicke" that enjoyed Scott's absolute confidence and was involved in running the sensitive surveillance operations. SECRET

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[Miss D. Puckett] was also in this group. [Oestetner] thinks he may have ran the photo surveillance of the Soviet compound.

[R. H. Feldmann] ran the physical surveillance team.

[Glen Wralden] was a technician involved in most of the ~~@~~ operations, if not all of them.

Mr. [Oestetner] said that the only time he saw the actual reels of tape was when he was interested in hearing one of the conversations. He said that the tapes were not kept very long before re-use.

Mr. [Oestetner] said that [Jarasoff] would routinely identify participants in a conversation if he could and would indicate the ID in the transcript. He does not recall ever instructing [Jarasoff] not to make marginal comments

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In preparing reports, [redacted] + [redacted] said, other sources of info would be routinely checked due to their training as intelligence officers.

[redacted] and [redacted] were asked if they had any independent recollection of how Oswald first came to their attention. [redacted] indicated that her memory was that the first information that she had received about Oswald was that he was seeking a visa. Mr. [redacted] indicated that he had reviewed the file prior to our interview and his recollection was that the first notice that they had was from a transcript of Oswald's conversation with a gaurd on October 1st about a visa. They were then shown the October 1st transcript.

[Dillenger] did not recall this transcript as the first one she saw. After seeing the cable she sent to HQ on 10/8 she said that this transcript must have been the one because of the similarity of the info. When asked whether there was a reference to a visa in the conversation, she acknowledged that there was not such a reference. When asked to explain her memory she said that the reference to a telegram to Washington and the fact that he was talking to the consulate had made it obvious to her that he was seeking a visa.

[Dillenger] was asked what action she took after recieving this transcript. She said that she would have had already seen the prior transcripts and may have rechecked them. Because of the absence of

info from prior transcripts in the cable. Gesteiner suggested that some of the prior transcripts may have been unavailable because they were being routed around the station. An examination of some of the prior transcripts revealed routing indications that Dillenger acknowledged writing. [Dillenger] had no recollection of checking the photos. After checking the station's files for further info on Oswald, she said, she wrote the cable (MEXI 6345) and, at the same time, wrote a memo to the Legat. [Dillenger] acknowledged that the routing notations would have been written on the transcripts when she first received them.

[Gesteiner] acknowledged that a filing instruction directing one of the 9/27 conversations to the Oswald

"P" file was in his handwriting. He indicated that this notation would have been made at the time that the "P" file was opened. Both [redacted] and [redacted] acknowledged that the connection between the conversations was noted prior to the assassination.

When [redacted] was asked about the paragraph in Mexi 6453 about the photo she said that she must have checked the photos. She was shown a photo of the MMM and said she thought that that was the man she was trying to describe. She could not explain why a photo was chosen from October first but was sure, since Oswald had indicated previous visits in the intercepted conversation, that the photo production from earlier days would

also have been reviewed. She also said that Anne Goodpasture may have added this paragraph.

They were then shown the HQ response to MEXI 6453 (DIR 74830). They speculated that Scott had written "sic" after "Henry" to indicate that his name should be noted as "Lee Henry Oswald" as well as "Lee Oswald." They said that they could tell by the nature of the notations that they were made when the cable was received and not after the assassination. They acknowledged that Scott had ordered the opening of a "P" file on the routing slip and that such a file would have been opened near the time of that instruction. [Dillinger] acknowledged writing the notation that the dissemination requested had been done.

[Dillinger] said that the memo from Scott to the Ambassador dated 10/16/63 was the dissemination she had written. When asked how she had "determined" that ~~she~~ Oswald had spoken to Kostikov she said that she could not remember but she was sure she must have rechecked it and had proof as otherwise she would not have used such certain language. When asked why ~~they~~ the memo said that there was no clarifying info on Oswald's "request" [Isetter] said that it was clear that they had only seen the one October transcript. When reminded that they had routinely seen all transcripts and had made filing and routing instructions on some of them prior to the date of this memo

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they were unable to explain this assertion in the memo. [Dillenger] did say that "They had no need to know all those other details."

Both [Dillenger] and [Westetner] said that it was very unlikely that this had been discussed with Dave Phillips.

[Westetner] acknowledged sending Mexi 65534 requesting a photo of Oswald. He does not recall receiving a response to this cable. When asked whether he had ever heard that, or any rumors to the effect that, HQ had a photo of Oswald, [Westetner] first answered in the positive. He then retracted his answer and denied ever knowing, or hearing a rumor, that HQ had had a photo. [Westetner] said that if HQ had a photo of Oswald taken by a tourist in Russia

and obtained by OCD that he would expect it to be in the 201 file.

[Gestetner] acknowledged writing MEXI 7014. He explained giving the date of the photo as October 28 by saying that there can be errors. He noted that the inference was that the date was September 28.

Neither [Gestetner] nor [Dillinger] could recall specific details about the post-assassination review of the surveillance materials. They said that the review of the photos would have been done by Anne Goodpasture.

They were asked about the reference in MEXI 7023 about the tape of the first conversation being ~~reported~~ erased before the second one was received. They said that they would not find this unusual

[Gestetner] said that he did not know whether the conversation of 9/28 was reported before or after the Station learned that this conversation had been connected to Oswald (by [the Mexicans]).[24]

[Gestetner] could not explain why Mexi 7033 [redacted] which he acknowledged writing said that all info available had been reported when the 9/27 conversations, the ~~visit~~ had not been reported. He can not explain why Mexi 7034, written by [Allen White,] says that the only known visit by LHO to an embassy was to the Cuban one on 9/28/63.

[Gestetner] acknowledge that it would have been very unusual for LHO to have visited the Embassies at least 5 times and not have been picked up by the photo

operation.

[redacted] continually reemphasized that HQ's visit & the report was a routine matter. He said that it was never considered as anything other than routine prior to the assassination. Hence, it was not surprising to him that HQ did not respond to his request for a photo.

[redacted] said that the nature of Oswald's visits to the Cuban and Soviet Embassy alone is enough to rule out the possibility of a foreign conspiracy involving either the USSR or Cuba.

When shown the "previously transcribed" notations on the 10/1 transcript [redacted] said that it meant they were in Spanish.

Mr. [redacted] said that it would be

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very unusual that Karamessines released the 10/10 DIR.

As to the possibility of conspiracy he said that we could rule out a foreign one. He assured us that he was aware of no "hanky-panky" in Mexico. He said that he had never seen any indication of Agency involvement but he had never heard of Karamessines involvement @ the 10/10 cable before.

We asked them not to discuss any of what we had covered with them with anyone other than HSCA staff members.