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SENSITIVE SOURCES OF OUR STATION IN MEXICO CITY HAVE REPORTED THAT WHEN THE 23 NOVEMBER 1963 ARREST OF SILVIA DURAN, MEXICAN EMPLOYEE OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY, BECAME KNOWN TO THE PERSONNEL IN THE CUBAN EMBASSY THERE, THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION. THE ATTITUDES OF MOST PERSONNEL WAS ONE OF SHOCK AND DISBELIEF. OUR SOURCES HEARD NO EXPRESSIONS OF PLEASURE.

WHEN SILVIA DURAN RETURNED TO WORK ON 25 NOVEMBER, SHE SEEMED QUITE PLEASED WITH HERSELF. HER OWN ACCOUNT OF HER INTERROGATION ADDED NOTHING TO WHAT IS PUBLICLY KNOWN, EXCEPT THAT SHE SAID THAT MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HAD THREATENED HER WITH EXTRADITION TO THE U.S.A. FOR A CONFRONTATION WITH LEE OSWALD. (AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NO U.S. OFFICE AUTHORIZED OR REQUESTED THESE TACTICS). SILVIA DURAN, WHO IS VERY INTELLIGENT AND QUICK WITTED, WAS NOT AFRAID OF SUCH A CONFRONTATION.

THE SAME SOURCES REPORT THAT THERE WAS LITTLE DISCUSSION OF THE ASSASSINATION WITHIN THE EMBASSY. THE 23 NOVEMBER EMBASSY STAFF MEETING WAS VERY SHORT AND SCHEER.

NONE OF THESE SOURCES HAD ANY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY VISITS THAT LEE OSWALD MAY HAVE MADE TO THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY OR OF ANY BUSINESS HE MAY HAVE TRANSACTED.

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