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Mr. Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

This will acknowledge with the thanks of the Commission your memorandum dated January 31, 1964, relating to information developed by your Agency on the Lee Harvey Oswald activity in Mexico City during the period of September 28 to October 3, 1963.

I assume--and would like to be so advised if the contrary is the fact--that your January 31, 1964, report is not final inasmuch as I recall an investigation is currently being pursued with respect to an allegation of some significance which emanated from the White House and which is not referred to in the above-mentioned report. With respect to this allegation, it would be greatly appreciated if you would furnish us with an interim resume of any developments pertinent thereto.

In connection with your memorandum dated January 31, 1964, the Commission has asked me to request you to submit to the Commission the following:

1. If you are in a position to do so, a copy of any telegram sent from the Soviet Mexican Embassy to the Soviet Washington Embassy, together with the content of any replies. See page 9.
2. A copy of a transcript, notes, or other recording of the inquiry of Sylvia Horazio DURAN Nevarro conducted by the Mexican police during the period of November 23 to November 25, 1963. See page 4.

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3. A clarification of the time sequence of events described at pages 4 and 5 in paragraph 7 of your memorandum. Our problem arises by the fact that the report describes Oswald to have come "back again" to the Cuban Consulate on "the same afternoon," which may be interpreted to mean a second visit by Oswald on the same day or a visit by Oswald on the afternoon of the day the Cuban Consul spoke to the individual at the Soviet Consulate handling Oswald's case.

4. Supplemental information as to whether the Cuban Consulate Archives contained information on Oswald antedating his September-October, 1963 visit by a substantial period of time. See page 5.

5. Information as to whether it was unusual for Mrs. Duran to report her instructions to Oswald that she could not give him a transit visa without his first obtaining a Soviet visa. See pages 7-8.

6. Information as to whether Mrs. Duran's statement that her investigation showed Oswald knew no one in Cuba meant just that or was intended to be limited to Cuban and/or Soviet officials in Cuba. See page 8.

7. Information as to whether the direct communication between Oswald and members of the Soviet Embassy facilitated by Mrs. Duran was by telephone or by interview. See page 8.

8. Clarification of Oswald's several references ✓ to his address. See page 8.

9. Information as to whether the Cuban Consulate and the Cuban Embassy and the Soviet Consulate and Soviet Embassy are interchangeable terms and if not, whether each of these two posts for the same country are located in one building.

10. Information whether Cuban Consul Eusebio Azcue or anyone else in the Consulate was removed, the surrounding circumstances, and any explanation for Oswald's knowledge of such removal as reflected in his letter to the Soviet Embassy in Washington dated November 9, 1963.

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11. Supplemental information - if available - with respect to Oswald's activities during his stay in Mexico City together with information as to what Oswald did on Sunday and Monday, September 29 and 30, respectively. In this connection, I wish to add that the FBI has information that Oswald stayed at the "Hotel-Del Comercio" Calle Sahogen 19, Mexico City.

Further Marina, his wife, has indicated that Oswald told her upon return to the United States that, besides visiting the Embassies in Mexico City, he attended a bullfight, visited museums and went sightseeing generally. Anything further that can be developed by your sources would be appreciated.

In view of Oswald's attraction to political organizations on both sides of the issues which interested him, we suggest that information regarding Oswald might be sought from pro- and anti-Castro Organizations and similar groups in Mexico City. At this time, there is no evidence that he spoke Spanish and this might aid in identifying him to these groups.

12. Your evaluation of the fact that Sylvia DURAN Nevarro misdescribed Oswald to the Mexican police during her two day interview. We are puzzled by this particularly in that she describes him as a blond. See page 5.

For your information and in connection with your continued investigation of this matter, I wish to call to your attention the fact that a personal notebook found on Oswald at the time of his arrest contained among other items of information the following in Spanish:

Mexico City
Consulate of Cuba
Zamora & F. Marquez
11-28-47
Sylvia Duran

Cubano Airlines
Paseo do la Reforma 56
35-79-00

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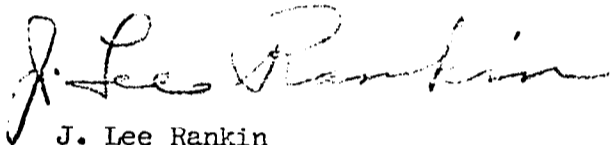
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U. S. Embassy
Lafragua 18
46 94 00
Bills 1-5-10-20
12.5 Pesos = \$1.00
1 Peso = \$.08

The contents of this booklet are set forth in the Federal Bureau of Investigation report dated December 23, 1963, prepared by Special Agent Gemberling.

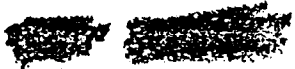
Your cooperation in the work of this Commission is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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General Counsel

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