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Mr. A. J. PROVOST, Operating and Terminal Supervisor, Southern Greyhound Lines, 220 St. Phillip Street, advised that Greyhound Bus #1597 from New Orleans to Baton Rouge on September 26, 1963, arrived at 4:30 PM and this bus was cut off at Baton Rouge. Four persons were on this bus on arrival with one scheduled to go by Lake Charles.

Mr. PROVOST advised that this person who was scheduled to go by Lake Charles could have gotten Bus #1249 to Lake Charles which left Baton Rouge at 5:00 PM on September 25, 1963. He advised when Bus #1249 left Baton Rouge it had seven persons on it and five of these persons were to go by Lake Charles. This bus was scheduled from New Orleans to Lake Charles and the driver was F. A. MC LAUGHLIN, #1177, from New Orleans.

Mr. PROVOST advised the person on this bus #1597 may have left Baton Rouge on Bus 1198, which left Baton Rouge at 5:00 PM. This bus originated at Miami, Florida, destination Los Angeles, California. Upon departing Baton Rouge, there were 39 persons on this bus with 37 to go by Lake Charles. The driver of this bus was W. E. LEE, #1342, an extra driver from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. PROVOST explained that when he used the word "by" before the name of a city he meant the passenger or passengers would continue to travel beyond the city mentioned.

On 12/12/63 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana File # NO 100-16601
by SA ELMER B. LITCHFIELD /jm Date dictated 12/12/63

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

March 16, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On March 9, 1964, a confidential source abroad made available a copy of a report prepared by Mexican Immigration Inspector JOSE MARIO DEL VALLE and submitted to the Mexican Ministry of "Gobernacion" (Interior) under date of November 30, 1963, with respect to investigation conducted by him concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD. A translation from Spanish of that report is recorded hereinafter:

"In accordance with the orders which I received to proceed to the city of Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, for the purpose of conducting investigation regarding the alien of North American nationality, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, I am pleased to furnish to you the following report:

"REPORT DATA: The alien in question entered the country (Mexico) at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, documented with FM-8 No. 24085 on September 26, 1963. The Immigration Inspector who received him, HELIO TUEXI MAYDON, failed to record three essential items of information: the time he entered, his means of transportation, and his nationality. Interrogated in this connection, he admitted those errors and added that he was unable to furnish any further data which might assist in this investigation because of the lapse of time. He was unable to remember anything whatsoever with respect to the alien, OSWALD.

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"It was possible to determine with certainty he was received in the Immigration Office between 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on that day, since the personnel records reflect that Agent TUEXI MAYDON was on duty during that shift."

"DEPARTURE: The above-mentioned alien left the country on October 3, 1963, having been handled by Immigration Agent ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA at Kilometer 26 of the highway. When he left, said Agent noticed the omissions on the immigration form and corrected in his handwriting the one relating to nationality by writing the word 'American.'"

"Agent ARZAMENDI has two Assistants named LUIS DE LA PENA and LIBRADO GARCIA, but as was the case with the former (ARZAMENDI), they were unable to furnish any information."

"It was also possible to ascertain that said alien passed Kilometer 26 between midnight and 8:00 a.m. of the day in question."

"STAY IN NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS: Several hotels were checked in the foregoing locality without determining that he had stayed at any of them on September 26, 1963. However, taking into account that on the following day, September 27, 1963, he registered at the Hotel del Comercio in the Federal District, it must be assumed that he initiated his travel immediately without delaying in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas."

"METHOD OF TRAVEL: Passenger lists of the Mexican Aviation Company were reviewed, and it does not appear that the above-mentioned OSWALD made the trip by that means. Furthermore, since the 27th of September was a Friday, he would not have been able to travel by plane in view of the fact that during that month the company was not making daily flights to Mexico (city)."

"It was not possible to determine whether or not he traveled on the bus line Transportes del Norte, since they do not prepare passenger lists. In addition, despite the fact that said line makes connections with 'Greyhound,' it also was not possible to verify if he traveled thereon, as the latter merely makes the notation 'occupied' on its passenger manifest."

"It appears most likely that OSWALD traveled by autobus, which would have allowed him to register at the hotel in Mexico on the day following his entry to the country, and railroad travel does not leave any record whatsoever of its passengers. The possibility exists that he might have made the trip by automobile, but this would only be reasonable if acquaintances had allowed him to ride with them, since, as will be seen later, he did not enter the country with a personal automobile."

"OSWALD'S DIVORCE: There are rumors in the city of Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, to the effect that said foreigner had been there previously for the purpose of obtaining a divorce. In this connection, it was determined at the First Court of Nuevo Laredo under Attorney PINTO that it was another foreigner named HARVEY LARRY HUDSON who applied for and obtained a divorce there in 1960 from his wife, JUNE MARIE HUBER HUDSON. From a review of the file it was concluded that it was not related to the foreigner OSWALD."

"In a nearby town called Colombia, Nuevo Leon, divorces are also handled for North American citizens with a minimum of red tape. In view of the rains which were sweeping the area, it was not possible to travel by highway, which is the only means of access to that town, to determine whether or not any record could be located concerning the divorce in question. For that reason, an urgent telegram was sent to CIRO MANUEL RIOJAS, head of the Civil Registry in that locality, requesting the information, and up to 29th of the current month, no reply had been received. The Chief of the Immigration Office at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas,

"Mr. GILBERTO CAZARES PEREZ, volunteered to advise immediately in the event a reply was received.

"At the same time, in this connection, Attorneys JOSE TONONE RAMON and MARCOS TRINIDAD SALINAS, as well as the Tourist Guide, MATEO REYES, were interviewed, and they advised that they had not assisted the foreigner, OSWALD, in any judgment of this nature.

"ENTRY OF RELATIVES: A careful check was made for the purpose of determining whether or not the wife of OSWALD, MARINA NIKOLAEVNA OSWALD, had entered the country without any positive results. Also, with respect to his mother, named MARGUERITE CLAVIRE OSWALD, (a check was made) with the same results with respect to the border at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas.

"AUTOMOBILE IMPORT PERMITS: According to what appears on the FM-11 Lists of departures, the alien OSWALD left the country on October 3, 1963, at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, by automobile. Nevertheless, this data constitutes another error, this time by Miss SOLALINDE, typist charged with making up said lists, who admitted that she had made a mistake, since the FM-8 which she had in view with respect to the alien OSWALD does not have any place thereon the appropriate notation to the effect that he traveled by automobile.

"On the other hand, there is annexed hereto a list of the Automobile Temporary Import Permits issued on September 26, 1963, by the Customs authorities at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, together with the Immigration data of each person. A study of this list reveals nothing that would be identifiable with the alien OSWALD.

"FM-8 CARDS LOCATED: A search was conducted and the FM-8 Nos. 24086 and 24087, which are the two following that of the alien OSWALD, were located and record the following data:

"FLORENCE PARSON DE MEN, 38 years of age, married, housewife, resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, of

"North American nationality, having entered the country at Ciudad Miguel Aleman, Tamaulipas, with destination of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon.

"GEORGE HENRY DE MEN, 42 years of age, married, laborer, resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, with destination as Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, and the same place of entry and nationality as the foregoing.

"As did OSWALD, they applied for their cards (tourist) in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the importance of this information rests in the fact that since they obtained their immigration form(s) on the same day, they might be able to furnish some information, as their turn at the Mexican Consulate would have been immediately following that of the alien in question. In order to obtain additional data concerning both persons, the Automobile Temporary Importation Permit at Ciudad Miguel Aleman, Tamaulipas, should be checked.

"Also, the FM-8 No. 24082 and No. 24083 were located for SAMUEL THOMAS NORTH and JUDITH MARIE MUTH NORTH, both North Americans and domiciled in New Orleans, Louisiana, who entered with an automobile at Ciudad Miguel Aleman, Tamaulipas. For the purpose of obtaining further data concerning both of them, the respective Importation Permit (automobile) should be reviewed.

Respectfully,

Mexico, D. F., November 30, 1963

/s/ JOSE MARIO DEL VALLE"

INTERVIEW OF INSPECTOR JOSE MARIO DEL VALLE

On March 12, 1964, Immigration Inspector JOSE MARIO DEL VALLE advised that "Kilometer 26" is the Mexican Immigration and Customs checking station which is located on Mexican Federal Highway No. 85 twenty-six kilometers (16 miles) south of Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas.

DEL VALLE related that subsequent to his submission of the report recorded above, he had been advised by Mr. GILBERTO CAZARES PEREZ, Chief of the Mexican Immigration Office at Nuevo Laredo, that a report had been received from the Chief of the Civil Registry at Colombia, Nuevo Leon, to the effect that no information identifiable with OSWALD had been located in the divorce records of that locality.

With respect to the method utilized by Inspectors of the Mexican Immigration Department in handling departure data concerning aliens who have entered Mexico with tourist cards valid for a limited time, DEL VALLE stated that he had made the following observations during the course of his investigations in the area of Nuevo Laredo:

In connection with aliens entering the country, reasonable care is exercised by personnel of the Immigration Department to record information concerning method of travel and the exact hour of entry, as this can become a matter of interest to the Mexican Government in the event the traveler fails to leave Mexico within the period of time permitted by his tourist card, or should a person who has entered as the owner of an automobile attempt to leave the country without removing that vehicle. He pointed out that a late departure usually occasions the assessment of a fine against the individual guilty of this violation, and both Mexican Customs and Immigration are constantly alert for the possibility that a traveler by automobile may illegally have disposed of the vehicle in Mexico despite warnings against this procedure which appear on the Automobile Temporary Importation Permit.

In regard to departure records, however, he had determined that although the Immigration Inspectors are charged with obtaining accurate data for completing the FM-11 forms (separate lists of persons entering Mexico and departing from

the country which are submitted semimonthly by each Mexican port of entry and departure Immigration Station and record basic data which appears on the tourist cards or travel documents of each traveler), in actual practice very little attention is given to ascertaining actual "destination" and "means of travel," as this information is not of primary interest to the Mexican Immigration Department other than as a means of identifying the traveler and verifying his departure in the event any question of investigative interest should arise. He had found that it is the usual practice for the typist who prepares the FM-11 forms for "departures" merely to copy from the cancelled tourist card the "destination" as the place where the card was issued and as "means of travel" the same as that reflected on the card at the time the traveler entered the country. He also had verified that when an automobile or bus stops at the Kilometer 26 checking station traveling toward the border, the Immigration Agent merely collects the tourist cards of the passengers who are identified as aliens, places his personal cancellation and date stamp on the tourist cards he has handled, and subsequently delivers them to the desk of the typist who is to organize them in alphabetical order by date and copy from them the data which is required on the FM-11.

Inspector DEL VALLE expressed his personal conviction that the recording of "auto" as OSWALD's means of departure from Mexico had been merely a mental lapse on the part of the typist, although his having departed through the Kilometer 26 checking station does indicate with certainty that he left the country in a motor vehicle of some type.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 26, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 18, 1964, dealing with the Mexican aspect of this investigation.

In this connection, there are enclosed two copies each of two memoranda dated March 16, 1964. Our investigation into Oswald's trip to Mexico is continuing.

Upon detachment from the enclosures, this letter may be regarded as unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

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Copy to:

Report of: CHESTER C. ORTON
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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY-R - CUBA

Synopsis:

PATRICIA WINSTON and PAMELA MUMFORD rode in bus with OSWALD from Monterey, Mexico, departing at 7:30 p.m. on 9/26/63, to Mexico City, arriving at 10:00 a.m. on 9/27/63. On the bus, was an Englishman who had lived in Mexico for 30 years. He sat next to OSWALD and a young English couple, who were destined for Yucatan, to study the Indians. All the other passengers on the bus were Mexicans, who spoke no English. OSWALD introduced himself, exhibited his American passport, showing his travel in the U.S.S.R. He said that he had lived in Russia for two years, and had a hard time getting out. OSWALD recommended they stay at the Hotel Cuba, Mexico City, as he had stayed there several times. He said he was not staying there this time. OSWALD acted friendly, made no comment concerning Russia, Cuba, or communism. OSWALD did not indicate why he was in Mexico, where he was going in Mexico, his occupation or future plans. OSWALD was last observed by the girls standing in the bus station in Mexico City. OSWALD was traveling alone and had one piece of luggage, a small zipper bag.

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