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BY COURIER SERVICE

Both GARCIA LUNA and PEREZ HERNANDEZ advised that there is no restaurant or bar in the Hotel del Comercio and no liquor is sold there. Neither is there any establishment in the vicinity of the hotel which sells liquor, although beer is served in some of the restaurants in the vicinity of the hotel.

The following information was obtained by the confidential source abroad on July 6, 1964, from the records of the Visa Section of the American Embassy in Mexico, D. F.:

An application for a United States immigration visa was made on August 20, 1963, by JULIAN FRANCISCO HUERTA-OLIVA, a Cuban citizen, born January 28, 1902, in Marinao, Havana, Cuba. The local address at the time the visa application was made was given as the Hotel del Comercio, Sahagun No. 19. He was the bearer of Cuban Passport No. 99428. An O-1 United States immigration visa was issued to him on September 20, 1963. At that time he indicated that he planned to join his wife, ROSELIA ESCALONA, 221 Alton Road, Apartment 21, Miami Beach, Florida. His visa file contained a letter from ROSA QUARANTO, owner of the New Richmond, Miami Beach, Florida, which letter guaranteed employment for HUERTA-OLIVA upon arrival in Miami Beach.

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

We have acquired through a confidential source abroad a block of passenger lists of the Transportes Frontera Company which was used in connection with the operations of that Company in Mexico City during most of the month of October, 1963. These forms, which are bound together at the top in pad form by a gum-type substance, have been designated Specimen K74. We have also acquired the original of Specimen Q332 which is the passenger list of the Transportes Frontera Company covering the trip by bus 340 from Mexico City to Nuevo Laredo on October 2 and 3, 1963. The name "Oswald" appears in handwriting on line four of Specimen Q332. On examination of aforementioned specimens, it was determined that the handwriting, format, and appearance of the block of passenger lists, Specimen K74, agree with the handwriting, format, and appearance of Specimen Q332. In addition, indented writings and extraneous marks were noted on Q332 which indicate that this sheet was originally on top of the present top sheet in K74.

No indentations were found on the present top sheet in K74 which correspond to the writing in black ink on the top two lines of Q332, the black ink writing on line 40 and immediately below this line, or the handwritten notation in red at the top of Q332 in the wording "Transportes Frontera."

With respect to the handwritten entries on Q332, fragmentary portions of these entries were found to be indented on the present top sheet of K74 except no indented



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handwriting was found to correspond to the "Oswald" entry on line four of Q332, and the handwritten entries on lines eight and thirteen of Q332 did not produce any corresponding identifiable indented impressions on the top sheet of K74.

For the present, we intend to retain the original documents comprising Q332 and K74. As the indented writings on the present top sheet of K74 are difficult to photograph, you may desire a member of your staff to personally examine the original documents in question.

Sincerely yours,

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

A confidential source abroad advised as follows:

On March 31, 1964, GILBERTO LOZANO GUIZAR, Manager of the Mexico City terminal of the Transportes Frontera LAs Company, Buenavista Street No. 7, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, emphatically advised that the original passenger list or manifest relating to departure No. 2, bus No. 340, on October 2, 1963, of the Transportes Frontera Bus Company, is an authentic record of data pertaining to that particular trip. It is noted that further details concerning the above-described passenger list or manifest were contained in a memorandum dated March 12, 1964.

LOZANO pointed out that a passenger list is compiled at the Mexico City terminal of the company for trips originating in Mexico City and that, after the departure of the bus, information relating to this trip, that is, the number of passengers destined to particular points, is radioed ahead to one of their main offices located along the point of travel. In the case of the above-described trip, the information, according to LOZANO, was reported by radio to their Monterrey, Mexico, office. LOZANO advised that, once the information is relayed ahead and the trip is completed, for all practical purposes they have no further need of conserving the passenger lists as a permanent record.

He advised that the passenger lists for all their trips originating in Mexico City are recorded chronologically on a gummed block of forms maintained on a clip board at the ticket sales counter of the terminal in Mexico City. He stated the above-described manifest dated October 2, 1963, was handled in such a manner. He advised that, when the block of forms covering trips over a period of a month's time has been completely recorded, the block of forms will be replaced on the clip board by a new block of forms for

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