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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

As has been previously reported, OSWALD was registered from September 27, 1963, through October 1, 1963, in Room No. 18 of the Hotel del Comercio, located at Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico, D. F., Mexico.

The records of the hotel reflect that ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ, Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico, was registered in Room No. 8 on September 26, 1963, and FRANCISCO MORALES, also of Reynosa, was registered in Room No. 8 from September 27, 1963, through October 1, 1963.

On interview in Reynosa on June 16, 1964, ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ, a masonry contractor, advised he was in Mexico, D. F., Mexico, where he stayed in Room No. 8, Hotel del Comercio, for a few days in the latter part of September, 1963, and possibly the first day or two in October, 1963. He was in Mexico, D. F., on business and was accompanied by FRANCISCO MORALES, whom he was attempting to aid in securing employment.

While at the hotel, LIMA JUAREZ noticed an American, whom he later recognized from news media photographs as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He did not associate with OSWALD, and as far as he knows, MORALES did not associate with OSWALD. He pointed out that at that time he had no reason to pay any particular attention to OSWALD.

LIMA JUAREZ also saw four Cubans at the hotel and saw OSWALD associating with these Cubans on one or two occasions, but these meetings appeared to be social in nature. He did not associate with the Cubans and did not learn their names or addresses; however, MORALES had some

drinks with them on one or two occasions and might possibly have their names or other information pertaining to them.

GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, owner and manager, Hotel del Comercio, Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, and SEBASTIAN PEREZ HERNANDEZ, the desk clerk at this hotel, advised on July 15, 1964, that ANTONIO OLIVA, described as a tall, slender, male Negro, about 29 years of age, had resided at the Hotel del Comercio during late September and early October, 1963. Mr. GARCIA said that OLIVA was sometimes referred to as a Cuban, apparently due to his appearance, but claimed to be a Mexican from Veracruz, Veracruz, Mexico.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED
TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ANTONIO OLIVA

A confidential source abroad furnished the following information on July 31, 1964, concerning the efforts that had been made to locate and identify ANTONIO OLIVA at Mexico, D. F., Mexico.

The records of various agencies of the Mexican Government including the Immigration Department, the four Mexico City Police Departments, tax records, voters' registration records, and Mexico City Drivers' License Bureau were checked without locating any information identifiable with ANTONIO OLIVA. Source also checked the records of musicians' and waiters' unions with negative results. The confidential source explained that such searches were difficult in Mexico City when the second Spanish surname is not available.

Investigation at Calle Sullivan 23, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, disclosed that a gasoline station is located at this address, and inquiry in the area failed to locate anyone acquainted with an ANTONIO OLIVA.

However, on July 21, 1964, Mr. RODRIGUEZ-NAVARRO, owner of a night club named LOS PERICOS, located at Calle Sullivan 13, stated that ANTONIO OLIVA was

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formerly employed as a waiter at this night club. According to Mr. RODRIGUEZ, OLIVA is from Honduras and is probably in Mexico illegally. He recalled that OLIVA possessed a waiter's credential that was issued by a labor union in Veracruz, Veracruz, Mexico.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ advised that the night club was raided by the police in January, 1964, and OLIVA was taken into custody. He stated that OLIVA has not returned to the night club since that time, and, since OLIVA owes money to Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. RODRIGUEZ also is trying to locate OLIVA.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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The records of the hotel disclosed that GABRIEL CONTRERAS, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, was registered at the hotel during the pertinent period.

INTERVIEW OF GABRIEL
CONTRERAS UVINA

GABRIEL CONTRERAS UVINA, who was residing temporarily at the Fernmont Hotel, Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico, furnished the following information to a confidential source abroad on July 29, 1964:

CONTRERAS recalled that he had resided at the Hotel del Comercio, Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, in late September and early October, 1963. CONTRERAS was in Mexico City on business, as well as to make an appointment to undergo eye surgery at the Hospital Colonia, operated by the Mexican National Railroad in Mexico City. CONTRERAS stated that he had cataracts on both eyes, which had reduced his vision to approximately thirty per cent of normal, according to his doctors.

CONTRERAS said that he had been unable to undergo this surgery at that time and returned to Mexico City in late November, 1963, for the operation.

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