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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Commission Exhibit 2949

On January 22, 1964, VON PEACOCK, Acting Director, Friends Service Center, Calle Ignacio Mariscal #132, Mexico, D. F., a charitable and religious center operated in Mexico by the Quaker religious organization, viewed various photographs of OSWALD and stated he was certain that OSWALD had never visited the Friends Service Center in Mexico City. PEACOCK felt that he would have known of any contact OSWALD might have had with the Center if such contact had taken place because he is usually around the Center on a daily basis and is well acquainted with most of the persons who visit there.

VON PEACOCK was well acquainted with HOMOBONO ALCARAZ ARAGON and stated he has no knowledge of any possible connection between ALCARAZ ARAGON and OSWALD.

PEACOCK also advised that he has heard that a Friends Society member in the state of Texas had reportedly befriended either OSWALD or the wife of OSWALD, but that he knew nothing about any connection OSWALD may have had with any Friends Society member in Mexico. PEACOCK felt that OSWALD had no association with Friends Society members or affiliates in Mexico because of PEACOCK's familiarity with persons affiliated with this Society's activities in Mexico.

An undated letter contained in an envelope postmarked December 31, 1963, at Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, was received by Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY. The following is a translation of this letter:

I ask you to forgive these few bold lines addressed to so distinguished a person.

Mr. ROBERT, I am a Mexican by race and nationality. Also, Mr. ROBERT, I am communicating with you because I do not trust anyone in the matter I intend to deal with.

I am referring to the death of your brother. Perhaps, my information may prove quite helpful even though various officials of the United States may be involved and affected by it. I, your servant, am willing to identify them. I will tell you only later; however, with patience. It concerns the plan which I never thought would be carried out.

I used to be a friend of LEE OSWALD, and also of ALBERT, as well as three more people. I knew about the plan, but I never thought that it would turn out to be a true plan.

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I lost their friendship because I did not accept to introduce Communist propaganda into my Mexico. To be more specific, I separated from them and never saw them again until I found out about the death of the President, your brother.

Forgive me for not explaining any more, but it is an extremely delicate subject for you and for me. I ask you to see to it that justice is done now that this is in your possession.

Signed YLARIO ROJAS,
Manuel Acuna 1367,
Guadalajara

Upon interview on January 10, 1964, YLARIO ROJAS VILLANUEVA, 1367 Manuel Acuna Street, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, furnished the following information:

In either June or July, 1962, ROJAS was in Mexico City on a visit and was sitting in a park in the Tlalpan area when he was approached by a Cuban who talked to him about smuggling Cuban propaganda into Mexico. The Cuban said he would see him later in Guadalajara.

Around the middle of August, 1962, the Cuban arrived in Guadalajara in an automobile, a description of which ROJAS was unable to furnish, and drove ROJAS in the automobile to Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, across from El Paso. They drove at night and arrived at Ciudad Juarez in the forenoon. ROJAS went to a movie in a theater, the name of which he cannot recall, in Ciudad Juarez and apparently the Cuban went over into El Paso.

When the movie was over, ROJAS was picked up in front of the theater by the Cuban, who at that time introduced him to an individual. ROJAS has no independent memory of this individual's name, but recognizes him by photograph as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. The three went to a bar where they discussed the introduction of CASTRO propaganda into Mexico via Cozumel, an island located off the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula.

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They talked at length, including discussion of everyday matters, for about four hours, and they also did quite a bit of drinking. The Cuban apparently turned his car over to OSWALD, and the Cuban and ROJAS spent the night in a hotel in Ciudad Juarez, name and location of which hotel ROJAS cannot remember. ROJAS said he did not sign a register since the Cuban was paying all the expenses.

ROJAS said the following morning they left Ciudad Juarez on a flight of Aeronaves de Mexico and flew to Monterrey. After a short stop in Monterrey, they proceeded directly to Guadalajara. It is to be noted that Aeronaves de Mexico has no such flight as that described by ROJAS. After arrival in Guadalajara the Cuban gave ROJAS 400 pesos (\$32 U.S.) and told him he would receive further instructions at a later date.

In about the latter part of December, 1962, the Cuban came to Guadalajara and gave ROJAS 900 pesos (\$72 U.S.) and told him to proceed to Cozumel by bus within about five days. ROJAS went to Cozumel as instructed, arriving there just after Christmas, 1962. There he was met by two Cuban men and a Cuban woman whose first name was CRISTINA. ROJAS explained that, although he cannot recall the names of the Cubans, he has them written down in a notebook which he left with DANIEL SOLIS, a municipal policeman in Cozumel. ROJAS stated SOLIS would not deliver the book to anyone but him.

About December 28, 1962, OSWALD arrived in Cozumel, having proceeded there from Jamaica via Compania Mexicana de Aviacion (CMA). OSWALD, the three Cubans, and ROJAS again discussed the introduction of Cuban propaganda into Mexico, taking it off boats on the high seas, then to Cozumel, and from there by boat to the mainland of Yucatan where it would be taken inland by either bus or truck. During the time of these discussions OSWALD and the three Cubans stayed at the Hotel Playa in Cozumel and ROJAS stayed with DANIEL SOLIS.

OSWALD remained in Cozumel for two or three days and then returned to Jamaica by air. The three Cubans and ROJAS continued to reside in Cozumel until about February 15,

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1963, when OSWALD again came to Cozumel from Jamaica. On this occasion OSWALD stayed three days in Cozumel. The day after his arrival an American by the name of ALBERT arrived from Jamaica. All conversations between this American, OSWALD, and the three Cubans were in the English language, ROJAS stating that all three Cubans spoke very good English. The Cuban woman, CRISTINA, told ROJAS that they had discussed the elimination of President KENNEDY. She stated that OSWALD was for killing President KENNEDY, but that ALBERT and the Cubans did not agree with OSWALD.

ROJAS stated that he has ALBERT's last name entered in the notebook which is in the possession of DANIEL SOLIS. He claimed he got ALBERT's name from a United States Government credential in the bath house of the Hotel Islena where ALBERT stayed. ALBERT returned to the United States via Jamaica the day after his arrival in Cozumel. ROJAS was told by CRISTINA that OSWALD had stated to the Cubans that he and ALBERT had laid plans to eliminate the President. OSWALD allegedly stated that, no matter what the opposition, he would have to go through with it because otherwise he might lose his life, indicating that he was acting under orders.

ROJAS stayed on in Cozumel until early March, 1963, and then returned by bus to Guadalajara. He stated that he never helped to bring in any Cuban propaganda to Mexico and wanted to break relations with the Cubans. For this reason he moved to his present address in Guadalajara without leaving a forwarding address because he fears the Cubans may try to contact him again.

ROJAS could not explain why he cannot remember the names of the three Cubans in Cozumel after having been with them for nearly three months. He described the first Cuban in Cozumel as a man about 40 years of age, five feet eight to nine inches in height, heavy build, dark brown hair, medium complexion, wearing small mustache. The second Cuban who was in Cozumel was described as about 45 years of age, five feet nine to ten inches in height, medium build, medium dark complexion, short beard, dark brown in color.

CRISTINA was described as a female Cuban, about 29 years of age, five feet three to four inches in height, medium build, medium complexion, black hair, brown eyes.

The American named ALBERT was described as a white American, about 55 years of age, six feet in height, medium build, brown hair, light complexion, wearing Texas type hat. CRISTINA told ROJAS that ALBERT was from Mississippi.

ROJAS stated he is willing to go anywhere if his expenses are paid to make any identification and to pick up his notebook with the full names of the individuals mentioned. It was noted during the interview that he appeared sincere, but stated he is desperately in need of money. He lives in a slum area of Guadalajara. He is 31 years of age, about five feet nine inches in height, medium build, dark brown hair, dark complexion, brown eyes, and has a mustache.