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Appendix 3: HSCA Procedural Write-up Mexico Trip 2

and Harold Leap traveled to Mexico City on August 7,

1978. The staff members were met by David T. Patton,

at the Mexican airport at 10:15 p.m. Mr. Patton

then checked the staffers into Room 1754 at the Maria

Isabel Hotel, in Stefnfield, CIA Chief of Station in

Mexico City, wished to see us at 8:30 a.m. the following

morning.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1978, Committee staffers met with Larry Sternfield. He informed the staffers that the two individuals the Committee wished to interview, Daniel Flores, aka Luis Aparicio and Ramon Alvarez Durant, were now available.

At 9:30 a.m., August 8, 1978, Committee staff members interviewed Danny Flores. (See write up of Danny Flores interview.) The interview ended at approximately 10:15 a.m.

office. Mr Sternfield stated that it appeared the GOC Marico had only been able to locate two witnesses for the Committee, Oscar Contreras Lartigue and Noe W. Palomares.

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He asked the staff members whom they wished to speak, to

The Committee staff members explained that they would

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it appeared that the House Select Committee on Assassinations had already asked the Mexicans to locate them. Uske

Mr. Steinfield stated that the HSCA's interview with Ramon Alvarez Duran was considered "highly sensitive." He explained that three rooms at a nearby hotel In one room, Ramon Alvarez Durant would would be used. sit, Committee staff members would sit in a second room and two CIA personnel officers would insure that the equipment worked properly in a third room. field then phoned Mr. Niles Gooding, who had been sent to the Mexico City Station from Headquarters to arrange the procedures for the interviews. Mr. Gooding explained that in 1977 Stansfield Turner had created a new position at Headquarters to insure that important sensitive meetings were within the guidelines previously arranged. Mr. Gooding stated that the Central Intelligence Agency had been under greater Congressional scrutiny the Therefore, Director Turner, in order to past two years. demonstrate the Agency's good faith, had engaged a retired

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Army officer to act as liaison at sensitive interviews by Congressional representatives. Mr. Gooding then explained that we would be escorted by two CIA personnel to our interview with Ramon Alvarez Durant.

At 10:55 a.m., August 8, 1978, Committee staff members interviewed Ramon Alvarez Durant. (See Ramon Alvarez Durant interview write-up.)

At 12:30 p.m., Committee staff members telephoned His secretary Captain Fernandez Ventura Gutierrez. explained that Mr. Ventura was not in the office, but that she would have him call us when he returned. 6:30 p.m., since Mr. Ventura had not yet returned the staffen's call, they again called his office. His secretary apologized for Mr. Ventura and explained that he had not yet returned to the office and she assured us At 9:15 p.m., that he would telephone upon his return. Dr. Jesus Yaneg, the Assistant to the official mayor, telephoned the staff members explaining that Mr. Ventura was very busy on an important assignment and asked us Police skation known as the to visit the (Procuraduria General) at 11:00 a.m. the following morning.

At 10:15 a.m., August 9, 1978, Committee staff members met with State Department Official Richard Howard

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