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1. FOLLOWING HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS STAFF (HSCA) SCHEDULED ARRIVE MEXICO CITY ON 30 MAY 1978 AND DEPART O/A 4 JUNE 1978

GARY CORNWELL, DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL
HAROLD LEAP, INVESTIGATOR
DAN HARDWAY, RESEARCHER
EDWIN LOPEZ, RESEARCHER

STATE DEPARTMENT HAS SENT MESSAGE TO EMBASSY REQUESTING EMBASSY PROVIDE LODGING AND LOCAL TRANSPORT FOR STAFFERS. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HSCA VISIT NOT COORDINATED WITH FBI.

2. EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN REQUESTED TO COORDINATE VISITS WITH APPROPRIATE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES INCLUDING LOCATING AND ARRANGING INTERVIEWS WITH PERSONS LISTED PARA 1, REF A, A THROUGH I.

3. IN ADDITION TO IDENTITY J (WHO SUBJECT MEXICO CITY 44819 AND DIRECTOR 215553) AND IDENTITY K, PARA 1, REF A, AND SUBJECT PARA 2, REF A, HSCA DESIRES INTERVIEW FORMER OTS STAFFER ROBERT ZAMBERNARDI WHO RETIRED MEXICO 1965. HSCA DEFERS TO STATION JUDGMENT WHETHER INTERVIEWS WITH RAMON JOSEPH ALVAREZ DURANT (FORMER SAFEHOUSE KEEPER), GEORGE MUNRO, CHARLES FLICK AND ROBERT ZAMBERNARDI SHOULD BE CONDUCTED MEXICO OR WITHIN CONTINENTAL U.S. IF STATION AMENABLE HSCA INTERVIEWING THESE INDIVIDUALS MEXICO SUGGEST INTERVIEWS BE CONDUCTED IN EMBASSY. IF THESE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED MEXICO, STATION SHOULD POUCH ALL NOTES TAKEN BY INTERVIEWERS TO HQS ATTENTION OTIS C. VIGEANT. PLS ADVISE.

4. HSCA HAS FOLLOWING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THEY INTEND TO

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PURSUE:

A. WHAT DID OSWALD OR THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON PHOTOGRAPHED OUTSIDE CUBAN AND SOVIET EMBASSIES DO WHILE IN MEXICO?

B. IDENTIFY ALL LOCAL CUBAN CONSULATE EMPLOYEES DURING 1963?

C. HSCA CONFUSED BY INABILITY TO LINK PHOTOGRAPHS OF PERSONS VISITING SOVIET AND CUBAN EMBASSIES TO TELETAPS.

D. HSCA HAS BEEN INFORMED THROUGH INTERVIEWS THAT THERE WERE FIVE TELETAPS BUT HQS RECORDS REVEAL TAKE FROM ONLY THREE TELETAPS. HSCA WANTS TO IDENTIFY THE OTHER TWO TELETAPS. HSCA AWARE THERE WERE UNILATERAL TAPS AND THEY DESIRE KNOW IF THESE WERE ON OFFICIAL CUBAN OR SOVIET INSTALLATIONS.

E. IN PHOTO COVERAGE OF CUBAN EMBASSY THERE WERE THREE CAMERA POSITIONS BUT HQS PHOTOS MADE AVAILABLE TO HSCA APPEAR TO BE FROM ONLY TWO CAMERA POSITIONS. HSCA HOPES TO CLARIFY.

F. HSCA HAS INQUIRED IF STATION CAN ASSIST IN ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH MEXICAN OFFICIALS WHO KNOWLEDGEABLE THIS INVESTIGATION. DEFER STATION JUDGMENT RE THIS REQUEST DUE EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT PARA 2, ABOVE.

5. PLS PROVIDE NAME OF STATION OFFICER WITH WHOM MR. CORNWELL CAN BE IN CONTACT WITH DURING VISIT.

6. HSCA OPEN TO ANY STATION GUIDANCE RE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING THEIR VISIT. HSCA ASSUMES MEXICAN AUTHORITIES WILL MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITIES AND INTERVIEWS WITH MEXICAN NATIONALS.

7. FYI ONLY: HSCA STAFFERS CORNWELL, HARDWAY, AND LOPEZ HAVE RECENTLY VISITED CUBA IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR INVESTIGATION. MR. CORNWELL IS MATURE, DISCREET, AGGRESSIVE AND EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY/PROSECUTOR. MR. LEAP IS MATURE AND EXPERIENCED INVESTIGATOR. MESSRS. HARDWAY AND LOPEZ ARE YOUNG RESEARCHERS WHO ARE SOMEWHAT IMPETUOUS AND "FREE SPIRITED." MR. LOPEZ IS BI-LINGUAL AND HAS MEXICAN/LATIN AMERICAN APPEARANCE. ALL HSCA STAFFERS FULLY CLEARED.

8. PLS REPLY IMMEDIATE BY COB 18 MAY 1978. E2, IMPDET, >
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