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SALVADOR DIAZ VERSON, a Cuban exile at Miami, Fla. attended Mewspaper Writers Convention in Mexico City during 11/20-29/63. While in Mexico City. Cuban exile (FNU) BORRELL NAVARROS. employed by Mexican newspaper "Excelsior", told him LEE HARVEY OSWALD had met with a Cuban Embassy official in a Mexico City restaurant during OSWALD's visit to Mexico City about the end of 9/63. On his return to Mismi. DIAZ informed ANGEL FERNANDEZ VARELA, another exile Cuban newspaperman, of the alleged contact of OSMALD and the Cuban Embasay official. FERMANDEZ VARELA, in turn, told JOSE I. LASAGA, a Cuban exile psychologist at Miami, of the contact. IASAGA, in submitting a paper to the White House on the psychological motivations of OSWALD, included information that OSWALD, while in Mexico City in 9/63, met the Cuban Ambassador in a Mexico City restaurant, and they drove off in the Ambassador's car so they could talk privately. IASAGA said he received this information from FERNANDEZ WARELA, who received it from DIAZ VERSON. DIAZ VERSON specifically stated he did not tell FERNANDEZ VAREIA that it was the Cuban Ambassador. and said nothing about a car ride by OSWALD and the Cuban Embassy official. DIAZ VERSON said he considered the information received by him from BORRELL WARROS as speculative.

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Interviews of SALVADOR DIAZ VERSON, ANGEL FERNANDEZ VARELA, and JOSE I. LASAGA, all Cuban exiles at Miami, Florida, were conducted pursuant to information that LASAGA bad submitted a paper to the White House on "Possible Psychological Motivations in the Assassimation of President KENNEDY." In his paper, LASAGE, Chief Clinical Psychologist of the Catholt Welfare Service of Miami, Florida, pursued the hypothesis that the motivation of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the assassimation of President JOHN F. KENNEDY was the influence of FIDEL CASTRG or a CASTRG agent, and that this motivation was developed during CSWALD's trip to Mexico during the period September 27 to October 3, 1963.

The paper of Dr. LASAGA also contained the allegntion that OSWALD engaged in an extended interview with the Cuban Ambassador in Mexico whom he had met in a restaurant on the outskirts of Mexico City, and with whom he departed from the restaurant in the Ambassador's car, so that their conversation would not be overheard. In response to specific inquiry, Dr. LASAGA advised a member of the White House staff that he had received the report concerning the contact of LER HARVEY OSWALD with the Cuban Ambassador from ANGEL FERNANDEZ VARELA, an employee of the Voice of Cuba in Miami who, in turn, had received it from SALVADOR DIAZ VERSON. DIAZ VERSON reportedly had been in Mexico City following the assassination doing investigative work on behalf of an unnamed principal.

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SALVADOR DIAN VERSON, 55 years of age, residing at 8770 S. W. 31st Street, Minmi, stated he arrived in the United States as an exile from the Cuban regime of FINML CASTRO on March 19, 1980. He stated he had been Chief of the Mational Police in Cuba as of 1933, that he had been Chief of the Cuban Military Intelligence Service during the poriod 1948 - 1853, and that he is primarily, by profession, a newspaperman.

He maid he had been in charge of the news desk for the newspaper "Excelsior" published at Havana, Cuba, until it was shut down by the CASTRO regime in August, 1981. BIAS stated he had been President of the Anti-Communist League of Caha, and has always been actively opposed to the Communist threat. He pointed out that he has written several anti-Communist books since coming to the United States in exile, and is currently working on one to be entitled, "The Fifth Borseman of the Apocalypse," which dels with Communism.

Hr. BTAE stated that on November 20, 1963, he traveled from Hinai to Hexico City to attend a Congress of the International Federation of Professional Newspaper Organisations (FIOTP), which lasted until November 20, 1963, He stated that on the evening of Rowenber 26, 1963, while he was present in the offlees of the Hexican Federal Police had placed under arrest a Hoxican Citinen named STAVIA DURAH, who was an employee of the Cuban Embassy in Hexico City. He said that the Hexican Police had determined that LEE EARTHY OWNLD, on his arrival in Hexico City in the latter part of September, 1963, had contacted BURAH, and had stayed in her hous in Hexico City. DURAH was further reported to have placed GWALD in contact with personael of the Cuban Embassy. Hexico City.

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Hr. DIAE stated that this information was published in the November 26, 1963, edition of the newspaper "Excelsion." He stated that the Mexican Police and the press, following the assassination of President EXCHANCE, were greatly concerned over the visit of OMTALE to Mexico City, because of the speculation that the assassination was planmed in Mexico.

Er. DIAE continued that while on this visit to fuscing City, he also had contact with a newspaperman who lives in exile in Mexico City massed Dr. BORELL MAVARDS. He maid Dr. BORELL is a Medical Doctor, and is employed with the Mexican merupaper "Excelsior." He maid Dr. BORELL had told him this OEVALD, on the day after his arrival in Maxico City in the latter part of September, 1883, had gone to a restaurant called El Caballo Blance in Mexico City, together with STLVIA MERLA, where they met a functionary of the Cuban Embansy in Mexico City. He maid no mentics mas made by Dr. BORELL that OSMALD and the official of the Cuban Embansy left the restaurant in a car to emmany in minute convertation.

Hr. DIAL shid that he did not attach may particular importance or scouracy to this severing of OSVALD and an employee of the Cuban Embassy at the restaurant, because he did not believe Dr. BORRELL had any firm sources for this informations, and further, he regarded Dr. BORRELL as a person who tended to invest details for a story.

Hr. BIAI also stated that the alleged meeting at the above restaurant was never reported in the Mexico City newspapers, and this also tended to discredit Dr. BORRELL's information, in the opinion of Mr. DIAS,

Hr. BIAS stated he returned to Hiami from Mexico City on November 29, 1963, and shortly thereafter, had occasion to speak with Dr. ANGEL FERNANDEZ VARELA, whom he described as a former newspaperman in Cuba, and currently

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directing an anti-CASTRO radio program called "The Voice of Cuba." He said he related to Dr. FERMANDEZ the events which had transpired during his visit to Mexico City which were, for the most part, a matter of public informatiog there, concerning the reported contact of OSWALD with an official of the Cuban Embasy.

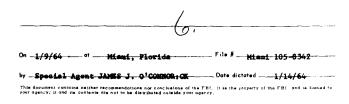
Hr. DIAZ stated that his trip to Mexico City was strictly personal travel made at his own expense, and that the trip was in no way related to any mission or inquiry by him on behalf of any other person or organization. Date ____1/15/64_____

SALVADOR DIAZ VERSON, 8770 S. W. 21st Street, Miami, stated his information concerning the alleged meeting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and the Cuban Embassy official in a Mexico City restaurant, about the end of September, 1963, came from the Cuban exile, Dr. BORRELL MAVARROS, employed by the Mexico City newspaper "Excelsior." Mr. DIAZ stated that in relating the information to ANGEL FERMANDEZ VARELA at Miami, he referred to the person meeting OSWALD as a Cuban Embassy employee, or official, and not as the Cuban Ambassador. He said he did not mention to FERRANDEZ the use of a car by OSWALD and the Cuban Embassy official. Mr. DIAZ stated that to the best of his recollection, BORRELL NAVARROS told him it was a Cuban Embassy officer involved, and not the Cuban Ambassador; also, BORRELL did not tell DIAZ the Cuban official and OSWALD had left the Mexico City restaurant, where they allegedly met, in a car. Mr. DIAZ stated the Mexico City restaurant may have been named the Caballo Bayo, instead of the Caballo Blanco.

Mr., DIAZ said he had made no notes of his conversation with Dr. BORRELL, and he reiterated that he regarded the information of BORRELL as highly questionable.

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Dr. ANGEL FERMANDER VARELA, resident at 3860 N. 8. 6th Avenue, Miami, stated that he is in exile from the CASTRO regime in Cubs, and that he had been an attorney in Cubs, and also an editor for the Cubsa mewepaper "Informacion." He maid he is engaged presently in work for the radio program "Vox de Cubs" (Voice of Cubs), which is directed against the CASTRO regime, and he also directs the publication of the Spanish language propaganda leaflet entitled, "Informe Sobre Cubs," (Report on Cubs).

Dr. FERMANDEZ stated that he had known SALVADOR DIAZ VERBON in Cuba as a former police chief during the 1930's, and as a police reporter for the Mavana newspaper "Excelsior."

Dr. FERRANDEE stated that when DIAZ VERBOW returned to Minni from Mexico City in the latter part of November, 1963, DIAZ VERBON advised him that while in Mexico City he had had contact with other newspaperann there and had learned that the Mexican Federal Police had arrested a Mexican citizen, SYLVIA DURAN, an employee of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, because of her connection between GSWALD and the Cuban Embassy.

Dr. FERMANDEZ said DIAZ VERSON also told him that OSTALD had stayed at the home of DURAN, and subsequently met with the Cuban Ambassador in Mexico City at a restaurant called Caballo Bayo, accompanied by STLVIA DURAN. Dr. FERMANDEZ said he understood from DIAZ VERSON that DURAN, the Cuban Ambassador to Mexico, whose same FERMANDEZ did not know, and OSTALD, reportedly went for a ride together in a car. Dr. FERMANDEZ said that the federal police in Mexico City reportedly had turned over the information concerning these incidents involving OSVALD to the United States Embassy in Mexico City.

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Dr. FERMANDEZ stated that be has regular contact with Dr. JOSE LASAGA, a psychologist for Catholic Welfare Service at Himmi, and he related to Dr. LASAGA the information received from SALVADOR DIAZ VERSON. He said he told Dr. LASAGA at the time that while DIAZ VERSON is an bonest person, all the statements of DIAZ were not necessarily true, as he believed DIAZ VERSON was inclined to embellish a story to make it more interesting.

Dr. FERMANDEZ stated that DIAS VERSON had gone to Mexico City from Minni to deliver a speech before an association of newspapersen gathering there. He said he did not tell Dr. LASAGA that DIAZ VERSON was acting on behalf of an unknown principal.

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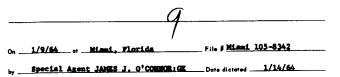
ANGEL FERMIDER VARIA, 3880 H. W. 6th Avenue, Niami, Florida, maintained that SALVADOR DIAZ VERSON of Miami had told him the person reportedly meeting with LEE RANVEY OSNALD in Mexico City was the Guban Ambassador, and not just an Embasy officer. Dr. FERMIDEZ stated that according to what DIAZ VERSON told him, the Ambassador and OSNALD had left the Mexico City restaurant together in a car.

Dr. FERMANDEZ said it was possible that slight changes in the specifics of the information received by him from DIAZ VERSON might have occurred in its transmittal to him, and in the succeeding transmittal to Dr. JOSE I. LASAGA, of Miami, from Dr. FERMANDEZ. 1.

Dr. JOBE IGEACIO LARAGA, 50 years of age, residing at 3340 M. H. 7th Avenue, Hinni, stated that he came from Caba as an exile in January, 1983. He stated he had gradmated from the University of Havana with a Dootor's Degree in Fhilosophy, which was an equivalent of a degree in psychology, and that he subsequently had taken graduate work at Harvard University.

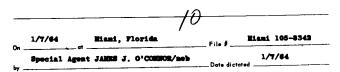
He said he is currently engaged as the Chief Clinical Psychologist for Catholic Welfare Service at Hiami, Florida, working primarily with Cuban youths. He said he had taben considerable interest as a psychologist in the assassination of President JOHN F. KENKENY by LER HARVEN COWALD, and he had set forth the facts relative to the assassination, and his hypothesis as to the motivation of OSWALD in a paper which he submitted to the White House. He said in submitting his psychological paper, he had also isoluded information from Dr. ANGEL FRANKINGE VARIAN FILM relative to the reported contacts by OSWALD with Cuban agents in Mexico City. He said YEELMINES at the time informed him that the information had been received from SALVADOR DIAZ VEREON, when Dr. LANAGA knows slightly. He stated that his information concerning the reported contact of OSWALD with a Cuban Rabeary official came only from ANGEL FIRMANDES, and he, Dr. LANAGA, had not contacte GALVADO DIAS VEREON in this matter.

Dr. LARGA stated he insimiled this information, which originated with DIAN VENDOW, in the paper submitted to the White House because he wanted to emphasize his point of view that OSWALD had contact with Cuban agents. He pointed out that his hypothesis is that OSWALD was motivated to counit the assessmation only after his visit to Hexico City, having there received the mecessary impetus to carry out the assessmation.



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He stated he did not mention the name of SYLVIA DURAN is connection with the reported contact of OSVALD and the Cuban Ambassador in Mexico City because the fact that DURAN, a Mexican citizen, was involved, was not pertinent to his hypothesis. He said it was his understanding from Dr. ANGEL FERNANDEZ that it was the Cuban Anhassador to Mexico City, name not known, and not some other official of the Cuban Enbagey, with whom OSWALD had contact.

Dr. LASAGA stated that although he did not know for whom SALVADOR DIAE VERSON may have made the trip to Mexico City, he assumed that it would have been subsidized by someone or some agency. He said it was possible, however, that DIAZ VERSON had made the trip for his own purposes and at his own expense.

Dr. LASAGA stated he had in the past acted as a delegate-general for the anti-CASTED organization Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionaria (Revolutionary Recovery Movement), and still cooperates with that organization giving lectures, but is no longer a member of the Executive Committee.

He said he is currently engaged in writing a book on the maychological motivations of Communism.

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A confidential source abroad has advised as follows:

HOMOBONO ALCARAZ ARAGON, Calle Anaxagoras #232, Apartment #22, Colonia Narvarte, Mexico, D. F., on January 22, 1964, advised that he is a graduate of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (National Autonomous University of Mexico) at Mexico, D. F.; that he has to complete his thesis to qualify for a law degree from this University, and that he contemplates further studies in France later in 1964 on a scholarship grant.

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ALCARAZ ARAGON stated that he is engaged to an American student, BARRIE MILLMAN, who attends the University of California at Berkeley, California, and that she visited ALCARAZ ARAGON at Mexico City during the Christmas 1963 holiday season.

During this visit, everyone in Mexico, according to ALCARAZ ARAGON, was talking about the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY and ALCARAZ ARAGON stated that he mentioned to BARRIE MILIMAN the possibility that a young American, STEVE KENNAN, described by ALCARAZ ARAGON as a pro-Communist from some city in Pennsylvania, might have had something to do with OSWALD.

ALCARAZ ARAGON stated that he first met STEVE KENNAN in Mexico City in 1962; later saw him in Mexico City

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