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1. OUR STATION IN MEXICO CITY HAS JUST ADVISED US THAT AT 1230 WASHINGTON TIME TODAY 30 NOVEMBER 1963, GILBERTO ALVARADO, NICARAGUAN, ADMITTED TO MEXICAN SECURITY OFFICIALS IN WRITING THAT HIS WHOLE STORY OF HAVING SEEN LEE OSWALD RECEIVE MONEY IN THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS FALSE. HE ADMITTED HE HAD NOT SEEN LEE OSWALD AT ALL AND THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN ANYBODY PAID MONEY IN THE CUBAN EMBASSY. HE ALSO ADMITTED

HE HAD NOT TRIED REPEATEDLY TO PHONE A WARNING ABOUT THIS TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY ON 20 SEPTEMBER AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED. INSTEAD HE HAD FIRST CONTACTED THE U.S. EMBASSY, IN PERSON, ON 25 NOVEMBER, WHEN HE TALKED, AS WE KNOW, TO THE EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER.

2. ALVARADO STILL CLAIMS THAT HE DID REPEATEDLY VISIT THE CUBAN EMBASSY TO SECURE FALSE DOCUMENTATION TO GO TO CUBA FOR SABOTAGE TRAINING (APPARENTLY AS A NICARAGUAN AGENT, ALTHOUGH THE NICARAGUAN SECURITY SERVICE DENIES THIS). MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THIS PART OF ALVARADO'S STORY.

3. ALVARADO SAID THAT HIS MOTIVE IN TELLING THIS FALSE STORY ABOUT SEEING OSWALD PAID MONEY IN THE CUBAN EMBASSY WAS TO HELP HIMSELF GET TO THE UNITED STATES SO HE COULD PARTICIPATE IN ACTION AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO. HE SAYS HE HATES CASTRO AND THOUGHT THAT HIS STORY ABOUT OSWALD, IF BELIEVED, WOULD HELP CAUSE THE U.S.A. TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST CASTRO.

4. OUR MEXICO CITY STATION IS INFORMING THE LEGAL ATTACHE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY THERE OF THIS INFORMATION.

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By mg, NARA, Date 9-20-93

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