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THE FIRST VERY SKETCHY REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE MEXICAN OFFICIAL INTERROGATION OF GILBERTO ALVARADO, NICARAGUAN WHOM HAS CLAIMED HE SAW LEE OSWALD RECEIVE 6500 DOLLARS IN THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY ON 18 SEPTEMBER 1963, SHOWS HE IS TELLING ESSENTIALLY THE SAME STORY. ONE DIFFERENCE IS THAT HE FAILED TO RECOGNIZE A PHOTOGRAPH A SILVIA DURAN AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY, WHEREAS HE DID SO RECOGNIZE HER WHEN INTERROGATED PREVIOUSLY BY CIA PERSONNEL. THE MEXICAN OFFICIAL DOING THE INTERROGATION OF ALVARADO SAYS HE "DOUBTS" ALVARADO'S STORY AND WILL BEGIN WORK TO "BREAK" HIM. THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED IN MEXICO CITY AT 1330 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME

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