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MEMORANDUM FOR : Mr. Clark D. Anderson, Legal Attache
 FROM : Winston M. Scott
 SUBJECT : Copy of Ambassador Mann's Cable of 26 November 1963
passed to legal Attache

1. Attached is a copy of the cable this office forwarded for Ambassador Mann on 26 November 1963.
2. There is also attached a photostat of The Ambassador's draft of this cable.
3. This is sent for your information and may be retained, if you desire, for your files.

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For Secretary Rusk, Mr. McCone and Mr. Hoover.

This message represents combined ^{suggestions} ~~views~~ of myself,
Scott and Anderson.

In view of report from the Nicaraguan ~~student~~ (reference a)
and information contained in taped long distance telephone
conversation between President Dorticos of Cuba and
Cuban Ambassador Hernandez Armas in Mexico City (reference b)
we suggest that Mexicans be informed concerning (reference a)
and that ~~be~~ be put at the disposition of President Lopez Mateos
on condition that Lopez Mateos will agree to order rearrest
and interrogate again Silvia Tirado de Duran along following
lines:

1. Confront Silvia Duran again with Nicaraguan ~~student~~
~~and have Nicaraguan student inform~~
her of ^{details} ~~substance~~ of his statement to us.

2. Tell Silvia Duran that she is only living non-Cuban
who knows full story and hence she is in same position as
Oswald was prior to his assassination; her only chance for
survival is to come clean with whole story ^{and} to cooperate ^{completely} with
Mexican Government ~~completely~~ in return for Mexican
government ~~protective custody~~ ^{protection}.

3. She will not in any case ever be allowed to leave Mexico

Given apparent character of Silvia Duran there would appear to be good chance of her cracking when confronted with detailed ~~description~~ of reported deal between Oswald, Azcue, Mirabel and Duran and the ^{suburban} Cuban Negro, ~~whose name~~ ~~is unknown~~. If she did ~~break~~ ^{break} under interrogation -- and we ~~think~~ ^{suggest} ~~we~~ ^{be asked to} think Mexicans should go all out in seeing that she does -- ~~there~~ ^{and Mexico assumed have needed} ~~is~~ ^{would be} corroboration of statement of Nicaraguan student.

Also suggest that we request Mexican Government to identify and arrest immediately _____ (negro) -- assuming he has not already left Mexico -- the unnamed negro who was witness to alleged deal with Oswald and who presumably does not have diplomatic immunity.

Even more important, suggest we should immediately request Mexicans to arrest Silvia Duran so as to eliminate possibility of her being smuggled out of Mexico to Cuba or killed here. ~~It seems to us~~ ^{immediate} this should be done irrespective of whether Washington decides to authorize us to act along lines of foregoing recommendations.

While we recognize lack of established reliability of
 _____(reference-a) and danger of reaching hasty
 conclusions, we suggest that Dorticos preoccupation with
 money angle of interrogation of Silvia Duran tends to
 corroborate to some extent. authenticity of _____(ref-a) statement.
 There ~~is~~ ^{appears to be} a strong possibility that a down payment
 was made to Oswald in the Cuban Embassy here, presumably
 with promise of a subsequent payment after assassination. ~~of~~

~~Request~~ Request detailed instructions ~~should~~ ^{as soon as possible} and immediate ^{Request}
 instructions on whether we are authorized to request Lopez
 Mateos to rearrest and take Silvia Duran into protective
 custody. ~~Warning~~ Danger of her disappearance or murder
 may be immediate and great.

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