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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : COS

SUBJECT : Visit by Three Staff Representatives of Warren Commission

1. On 9 April 1954 Messrs. Coleman, Slawson and Willens, Staff Representatives of the Warren Commission, came to Ambassador Freeman's office.

2. Ambassador Freeman, Mr. Clarence Boonstra, Mr. Clark Anderson and I met there at 0345 hours on 9 April. The Ambassador asked that Mr. Clark Anderson and I cooperate fully; he said these three would have Top Secret clearances and that he felt we should not try to be too secretive in talking to them. ✓

3. When the three visitors came in, The Ambassador told them that he wished them to call on us for any and all help they needed. He said, however, that he wished personally to approve in advance any and all contacts with Mexican authorities and/or Mexican citizens.

4. The Ambassador told them that a great deal of our information came from some very secret and sensitive sources, such as telephone taps, and he reminded them that any published item from these sources would have to have prior clearance with (KUBARK) and (ODENVY). He told them that revelation of these operations could have very serious consequences and could do great harm to Mexican/U.S. relations. The visitors said any and all items from (KUBARK) and (ODENVY) included in the Commission report would have prior approval of the originating agency.

5. The Ambassador outlined the "rules" under which he wished the visitors to work. He told them he had made a protocol call the previous evening on Lic. Luis Echeverria, Acting Minister of Gobernacion. During that call, The Ambassador told Echeverria of the impending visit

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and said they wanted no publicity. When the visitors asked if they could see Echeverria, The Ambassador said that I would arrange that if they decided they should.

6. See MEXI-3984 for report on the visit of 10 April 1964 to Echeverria.

7. On 9 April and again on 10 April 1964, DCOS and I met with the three visitors in our offices. We spent three hours with them on 9 April and about two and one-half hours on 10 April in our offices. In addition, I met with them twice in The Ambassador's office and went with them to visit Echeverria. In our offices, they:

a. Reviewed the "take" from LIENVOY for the days 27, 28 September and 1 October 1963 when Lee OSWALD contacted and visited the Cuban and Soviet Embassies. They made a "schedule" of OSWALD's activities as far as possible for these days from this source. Note: They were given English translations of these "takes".

b. English translations of the two conversations of 26 November 1963 between President Dorticos of Cuba and the Cuban Ambassador to Mexico Joaquin Hernandez Armas were also reviewed.

c. Had me review the Sylvia Duran case. They were shown photographs of Sylvia and her husband.

d. Had me review the case of Alvarado, the Nicaraguan.

8. The visitors asked what actions the Mexico City Station took beginning 22 November 1963. I said we:

a. Reminded Headquarters, Ambassador Mann and (ODENVY) locally that we had sent them all (in October 1963) data on one Lee OSWALD regarding his visit to Mexico and his visits to the Soviet and Cuban Embassies. ✓

b. Threw all Station assets and sources into the job of trying to get all possible details of OSWALD's travel to and from Mexico, the place he had stayed, the contacts he had made and places he might have visited. ✓

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c. Stayed in continuous contact with our Headquarters on leads they sent to us and with local (ODENVY) to coordinate the work of our two offices. ✓

d. With Headquarters approval, got in touch with Mexican authorities and obtained their help in many cases -- the outstanding ones being the Sylvia Duran and Alvarado cases. ✓

e. Put all possible coverages on Duran, Kostikov and any persons we knew of who had had contact in Mexico with OSWALD. ✓

9. Note: They knew "all about" the telephone conversations OSWALD had, but said two points had previously not been noted by them. These were that:

a. OSWALD stated he wanted to go to ODESSA; and

b. OSWALD also wanted a visa for his wife "who was a Russian".

10. They said that Assistant Secretary Mann still has the "feeling in his guts" that Castro hired OSWALD to kill Kennedy; they said, however, that the Commission has not been able to get any proof of this.

11. No documents or photographs were given to these visitors. The English translations (of transcripts) which they read were kept by the Station. These are attached.

12. It is believed that all three of these visitors were pleased with this Station's work on the OSWALD case.

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