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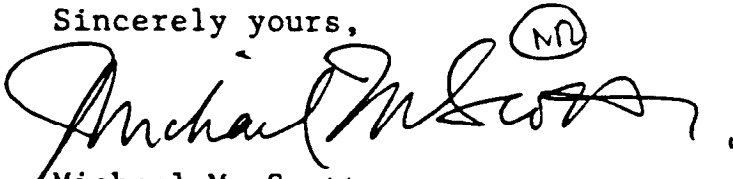
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My father, Winston MacKinley Scott, served in Mexico City as Chief of Station from 1955 to July 30, 1969 when he retired from the Agency. He passed away on April 26, 1971. At the time of his death his study was searched by Agency personnel and, among other things, a manuscript was confiscated which he had written about his life. My understanding is that it contained details about his experiences in the CIA and the Overseas Strategic Service under which he served during World War II. It is also my understanding that he worked in Havana during the late forties and early fifties.

I wish to make a request to the Agency under the Right of Privacy Act to have this manuscript (and any other information which may exist in his file) submitted to the Publication Review Board so that I can take possession of any material to which I am entitled. As his only son, I consider this information of extreme value to me and my family and would greatly appreciate any efforts on your behalf to make these documents available to me.

Please advise me of any other steps I should take in order to expedite this request.

Sincerely yours,

(NR)

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REASONABLE DOUBT

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CIA claims the systems happened not to be working during the period of Oswald's visit.

These lapses, if true, at a period of intense diplomatic strain between the United States and the Soviet Union, suggest an incompetence on the part of the CIA so convenient that it is very difficult to accept. If the CIA had a smidgen of hard evidence to show that the real Oswald was at either spot in Mexico City, such evidence would be the centerpiece of the case to settle once and for all that there was no Oswald imposter at work in Mexico City; the presence of an imposter, of course, no matter how shaded, spells conspiracy.

Many critics believe that if there is a single key to resolving the JFK assassination mystery, it lies in finding the truth about the murky events in Mexico City. The HSCA conducted an intense inquiry into this matter, and staff investigators produced a report of roughly 300 pages. In one of the most frustrating moves the committee made, the Mexico City report was withheld from the committee report and sealed away in the National Archives. The committee report explained that this was done in order to protect the "sensitive sources and methods" used by the CIA.¹⁶²

In 1983, in a nationally broadcast radio program on the anniversary of the assassination, Anthony Summers stated that he had "had sight of that report." He stated that based on his knowledge of the classified report, photographs *were* taken during the supposed visits by Oswald to the Cuban and Soviet embassies and that they had "either been destroyed or were deliberately withheld from the committee." Summers added that the secret report indicated that the existence of these pictures was supported by five CIA officers named in the report.¹⁶³

Summers also told the radio audience that the secret report included details about a "memoir" written by Winston Scott, who was the CIA station chief in Mexico City at the time of Kennedy's assassination. That secret account by Scott, along with the photograph of the real Oswald, was "preserved until [Scott's] death in the early seventies." Summers stated: "Both of these were removed from his Mexico City safe following his death by a senior and renowned counterintelligence chief, and that photograph [has] now, to all intents and purposes, vanished."¹⁶⁴

If a surveillance photo of Oswald in Mexico City did exist, it is bewildering to imagine *why* the CIA did not promptly turn it over to the Warren Commission to shore up the tenuous official evidence

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