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SUBJECT: SILVIA T. DURAN, MEXICAN EMPLOYEE OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY

OSI IN MEXICO CITY, CONTACT OF LEE H. OSWALD.

1. DURAN'S NAME IS NOW REPORTED TO BE SYLVIA TIRADO DE DURAN, AKA SYLVIA DE TIRADO.

2. INTERROGATION OF DURAN BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES REVEALED THAT THE PASSPORT THAT OSWALD SHOWED HER WAS STILL VALID FOR TRAVEL TO THE USSR. HE SAID HE WANTED TO RETURN THERE WITH HIS WIFE, TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY. DURAN HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT OSWALD HAD, OR THOUGHT HE HAD, MADE ARRANGEMENTS IN WASHINGTON WHEREBY INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE SENT TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN MEXICO TO ISSUE HIS SOVIET ENTRY VISA IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE

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HIS HAVING TO VISIT THE SOVIET EMBASSY. WHEN HIS REAL OR IMAGINED INSTRUCTIONS FAILED TO WORK SMOOTHLY HE BECAME RUDE TO THE SOVIETS.

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3. DURAN'S IMPRESSION IS THAT OSWALD IS SIMPLY A "COMRADE" WHO COULD NOT LIVE COMFORTABLY UNDER THE RIGORS OF CAPITALISM AND WISHED TO RETURN TO HIS SPIRITUAL HOME IN THE USSR.

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4. DURAN DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER OSWALD RECEIVED VISAS FOR THE USSR OR CUBA, BUT SAID THAT IF HE HAD SHE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. IF OSWALD SPOKE TO ANYONE ELSE IN THE CUBAN EMBASSY, SHE IS UNAWARE OF IT.

5. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DURAN. IN JUNE 1962 A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE IN MEXICO CITY REPORTED THAT JOSE REVUELTAS, THEN A LEADER OF THE LIGA LENINISTA ESPARTACO (LENINIST SPARTACUS LEAGUE), A MEXICAN DISSIDENT COMMUNIST GROUP, SAID THAT OSWALD DURAN WAS "STRONGLY DRAWN" TO THIS GROUP.

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