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The interview of J. JESUS RAMIREZ TAMAYO contained in the enclosed letterhead memorandum was conducted by SAs EDWIN O. JOHNSON and HENRY J. PRATT. All other interviews of individuals conducted in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, were conducted by SA JOHNSON.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Washington, D. C.
March 19, 1964

RAYMOND BUENROSTRO CORTEZ

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On February 28, 1964, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that inquiry in the vicinity of where the address Avenida Independencia No. 14, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, should be located disclosed no such building number as 14 and no information indicating that the subject still maintained or had maintained an office in that vicinity.

On March 5, 1964, T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that it was ascertained that there is a Calzado (shoe factory) located at Calle 56, Sector Reforma 384, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, which is named Calzado Clarice-Creaciones Unicas. According to T-2, this factory has been closed because of a strike since January, 1963, and the owner of the factory, J. JESUS RAMIREZ TAMAYO, is in the penitentiary. T-2 stated that the watchman at the factory was not acquainted with the subject.

On March 5, 1964, J. JESUS RAMIREZ TAMAYO, Mexican Federal Penitentiary, Guadalajara, stated that he is the owner of the firm known as Calzado Stella. He advised that he owns 180 of the 200 shares outstanding in this firm and that he is presently incarcerated in the Penitentiary pending the outcome of a law suit instituted against him by the

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Oficina de Hacienda de Mexico (Mexican Office of the Public Treasury) in relation to the management of the firm. RAMIREZ expressed confidence that this suit will be resolved in his favor.

RAMIREZ stated that approximately one and one-half years ago during the time that his ownership of the firm was under litigation, the subject "illegally" purchased the firm. RAMIREZ claimed that he never met the subject and that after the subject bought the firm, he, the subject, changed the name of the establishment to Calzado Clarice-Creaciones Unicas. RAMIREZ stated that he did not believe that the subject ever maintained a residence in Guadalajara and he had heard from an unrecalled source in the past that the subject was a Texan who lived in Mexico City.

On March 6, 1964, JOSE DIAZ GARZA, Public Relations Officer, Banco Industrial de Jalisco, Guadalajara, stated that the subject had an account at that bank which was opened in early 1962 in the name of "Calzado Clarice," Calle 56, Sector Reforma 384, Guadalajara. Those authorized to sign checks for this account were the subject and one JOSE MEDEROS HERNANDEZ. According to DIAZ GARZA, the name of MEDEROS HERNANDEZ was dropped from the account late in 1962. DIAZ GARZA related that the subject came to Guadalajara infrequently for brief periods of time and was not well known at the bank. He stated that the subject had the reputation for being an unethical, unscrupulous businessman who was noted for not paying his employees their full salaries.

DIAZ GARZA stated that the subject brought several Cubans from Mexico, D. F., Mexico, to Guadalajara, to work in the shoe factory and that MEDEROS HERNANDEZ acted as an administrator with this firm. DIAZ GARZA stated that the Cuban workers who arrived from Mexico City were ROMERIO BARBOZA, JOSE NOJUEROL and DIMAS FIGUEREDO. DIAZ GARZA stated that he had heard nothing derogatory concerning the above-mentioned individuals.

DIAZ GARZA informed that late in 1962, MEDEROS HERNANDEZ was shot six times with a .22 revolver when a man entered his room at the Genova Hotel in Guadalajara. He stated that MEDEROS HERNANDEZ survived and that it was his opinion that the investigation of the matter seemed to

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indicate that the subject had hired a gunman from Mexico, D. F., to assassinate MEDEROS HERNANDEZ who had previously claimed the subject owed him money. DIAZ GARZA stated, however, that the subject was never arrested.

DIAZ GARZA reported that the subject indicated he had bank accounts in Texas, Canada and Mexico, D. F., Mexico, and had furnished an office address of Reforma 87, Office #404, Mexico, D. F. He stated that the bank did not have a home address for the subject.

On March 6, 1964, RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, a Cuban exile who is employed by Mexalit, 15 de Septiembre and Ferrocarril Streets, Guadalajara, stated that he was aware that there had been some Cuban shoemakers in Guadalajara and that one of them had been shot. RODRIGUEZ stated he was not personally acquainted with these individuals and knew nothing derogatory concerning them.

4 On March 10, 1964, AGUSTIN NAVARRO, Chief of the Secret Service of the Guadalajara Police Department, Guadalajara, informed that he recalled that a Cuban had been shot at the Genova Hotel in Guadalajara by another Cuban but that he did not remember the name of the would-be assassin. He stated that the file concerning the results of the investigation would be in the possession of the Criminal Courts in Guadalajara. He stated that the records of that office contained no derogatory information concerning the subject and no indication that an arrest order had ever been issued for him in connection with the afore-mentioned shooting.

4 Mr. GUADALUPE BAROCIO, Chief of Population, Guadalajara, stated on March 12, 1964, that he recalled the shooting involving Cuban aliens in 1962 and furnished the name of the aggressor as JOSE MIGUEL VALDEZ and the victim as JOSE MEDEROS HERNANDEZ. He stated that the Fourth Criminal Court at the Penitentiary, Guadalajara, had handled the case and the file number was 354.3/98865. He stated that he had received no information indicating that the subject was involved in the afore-mentioned shooting.

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On March 12, 1964, the Secretary of the Fourth Criminal Court, Guadalajara, stated that he could not make the court records concerning the afore-mentioned shooting available for examination. He recalled, however, that he remembered the case well and that the subject had not been involved in it as a defendant. He added, however, that the subject could have been called as a witness since he had been the employer of the victim.

On March 17, 1964, T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that no indication of leftist or pro-Castro activity on the part of the subject in Mexico had come to his attention.