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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA
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Enclosed are 16 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above, which states the number of sources contacted regarding the reported interest of the Communist Party of Mexico in the OSWALD case. *u*

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With regard to ELIZABETH CATLETT MORA's statement that MARY LOUISE CAMACHO, nee PATTERSON, knew OSWALD while he was in Russia, MEX-18 and MEX-19, *(u)* been unable to obtain more explicit information from MORA. *(u)* The matter was discussed again with the informants on 5/5/64, at which time they advised that, according to MORA, she and CAMACHO are long-time friends dating back to the time they were both residents of New York City. The informants advised that MORA and CAMACHO correspond frequently with MORA writing to CAMACHO approximately twice a week and sending her toilet articles, warm socks, and similar items which CAMACHO has needed while in Russia. They stated, however, that MORA has ignored all opportunities persistently created by the informants to say anything more about what CAMACHO may have written her at one time or another regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD. As previously pointed out, direct questioning of MORA by the informants does not produce information. *(u)*

With regard to MORA's information concerning OSWALD's visit to the Cuban Embassy, that information, according to MORA, came from TERESA PROENZA, then Cultural Attache of the Cuban Embassy, during a conversation between MORA and PROENZA. According to the informants, MORA and PROENZA had been close friends for an extended period of time. On the occasion of MORA's relating the story to the informants on 1/13/64 the informants tried to elicit more information from her, but at

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that time and thereafter they have not been able to develop any additional details and MORA has not revealed any additional information. u

The Mexico City Office appreciates the Bureau's position that this matter must be pursued in depth and that the informants should be made aware of the fact that the questions raised by MORA's original information cannot be left unanswered. The informants have been impressed repeatedly with the need to follow this case aggressively with MORA and to clarify the original information. They repeatedly have created situations which would open up a discussion of the previous information, but have been met with an apparent total lack of interest on MORA's part. On 5/5/64 the informants pointed out that, subsequent to MORA's original indication of interest in press reports concerning the OSWALD case, they had repeatedly called her attention to various articles appearing in the press, including an article in "Life" magazine, but received no reaction whatsoever and no indication of interest. 7 X (u)

Under instructions from this office the informants have tried continuously to set up a two or three-day trip out of Mexico City with MORA and her husband, FRANCISCO MORA. Definite arrangements were made on three different occasions for the proposed trip, and on each occasion MORA was enthusiastic about it, desiring to get away from the family and other problems for a few days' rest and relaxation. On each occasion, however, she postponed the trip due to financial problems with the house she and her husband are constructing, ill health of her mother, or pressure of developments such as important visitors arriving in Mexico whom she had to attend. The informants made a final effort to set up a meeting with MORA following the week end of 5/9-10/64 and prior to MEX-19's departure for the United States on 5/18/64, but MORA again claimed that as much as she wanted to take the trip and much as she needed the rest she would not be able to leave Mexico City because of the projects she had pending. It does not appear that it will be possible to set up such a meeting in the future in view of MEX-19's return to the United States. X (u)

Both informants have expressed the belief that further efforts to obtain more specific data from MORA on this matter would be "working a dry well." On 5/5/64 they advised that in their opinion MORA's complete loss of interest in the OSWALD case indicates that she has now decided that she and her associates were not actually involved with him. She, therefore, does not discuss the matter any more aside from speculative X (u)

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