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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3171)

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (92-13)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL W. GIANCANA, aka
[AR] SAM GIANCANA

Classified by 55582/STW

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REASON: 1.5

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Reference Mexico City airtel 11/4/74. & U

The contents of this letter are relevant to referenced airtel getting out background concerning the possible reasons for subject's deportation. However, this is reported separately because classified confidential and not to be reported for dissemination.

[CIA, Mexico City] was requested to furnish any information they might have concerning subject's presence in Mexico and deportation. On 10/1/74 [Mr. ROD MARSHALL] advised that he had furnished some information which he believed originated with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) [to FERNANDO GUTIERREZ BARRIOS, the Subsecretary of Government (Gobernacion), the agency which deported subject. He believed this was done some weeks before subject was detained and deported. He did not recall exact circumstances but thought perhaps [Mr. HARRINGTON] who was coordinating with DEA at the time, might have asked him to do this. [MARSHALL] advised that after subject was detained, [GUTIERREZ BARRIOS] called them to notify them of the detention and that subject was going to be deported.

In subsequent contact, [GUTIERREZ BARRIOS] said that this action was taken because subject was illegally in Mexico and that the action was based on criminal activities of a criminal nature which might be considered in violation of Mexican law. At one point [GUTIERREZ BARRIOS] explained it by saying simply that the subject's papers were not in order.

On 10/2/74 [Mr. MARSHALL] delivered a blind memorandum classified confidential dated 10/2/74 captioned "Information on Sam Giancana" as follows:

5-Bureau

(1-Foreign Liaison)

(2-Chicago) (92-349)

Mexico City

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"On 23 May 1974 we asked a high-level source within the Mexican Secretariat of Gobernacion for information that they might have on Sam GIANCANA. The Department of Immigration is under the Secretariat of Gobernacion, so it was believed that they might have some information on GIANCANA. We never received a reply to this request. In July 1974, however, our contact within Gobernacion told us that the Government of Mexico (GOM) was expelling GIANCANA from the country, to the United States, within 24 hours.

"In meetings held with our contact on 23 August, 28 September, and 1 October 1974, we brought up the subject of GIANCANA. The contact said that the local immigration authorities had been seeking GIANCANA because he was in the country illegally. They finally located him in July, arrested him on the spot, and deported him the following day. The expulsion was not carried out on the basis of any specific information supplied by the US Embassy, nor were there any indications that he was engaged in any criminal activity here. Rather it was an internal GOM decision to expel an unwanted alien who was living illegally in Mexico.

It is noted that this blind memorandum does not appear to document the previous information from Mr. MARSHALL and is somewhat contradictory.

In further explanation 10/2/74, Mr. MARSHALL said he now believes Mr. HARRINGTON had asked him merely to determine if Gobernacion had any information on the subject since MARSHALL believed subject may have been designated by the embassy Narcotics Committee as a "so-called 'joint' target." He stated he did not believe that he had indicated in any manner to GUTIERREZ BARRIOS that the embassy thought subject was involved in narcotics activities in Mexico. He did mention the possibility that because of emphasis being placed on narcotics by both governments, high Mexican officials might have reached the decision that subject should be expelled because of his widely publicized connections with the

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