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A review of notes taken from interviews with David Phillips indicates that there are a several areas which our witness may be questioned about.

Organization & Personnel

Personnel in Mexico City Station:

David Phillips:

In 1963 Phillips was in charge of Cuban affairs for the CIA in Mexico City. As such, he was responsible for the monitoring of the Cuban Embassy.

He was in Mexico City from September 1961 to early 1965, succeeding Tom Hazlett.

He originally comes from Ft. Worth and joined the CIA in 1950.

He recalls the Oswald tape as an intercept between the Soviet and Cuban embassies. Herbert Manel, head of Russian affairs at Mexico City Station would have been primarily responsible for information derived from this intercept.

Phillips was never in the intercept unit, which was staffed mainly by Mexican nationals.

His immediate superior was Warren Dean, but he answered to Winston Scott.

Winston Scott:

Station Chief for the Mexico City CIA Station in 1963. Supervisor for Phillips in practice, although the deputy Chief of Station would normally have been the person to whom Phillips was to report.

Scott was known for his almost photographic memory and a strong personality. He did not like to delegate authority.

Scott was the person who made final determination as to whether information coming in over an intercept was to be forwarded to Washington or not.

Scott is now deceased. He died of a heart attack around 1972. His name was not previously known publicly.

Warren Dean:

Deputy Station Chief under Scott in Mexico City. Phillips was not sure whether it was Dean or Allen White who held this office at the time of Oswald's visit, but he feels fairly positive that it was Dean.