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2. Will continue to interview persons reported to have been acquainted with or have knowledge of subject's activities.

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By airtel dated 12/17/63, the Dallas Office was furnished with results of interview of JOE R. FRANKLIN, an inmate of the Texas Department of Corrections, Hunts-ville, Texas, who alleges OSWALD introduced him to JACK RUBY at Dallas in 1962. Dallas was requested to conduct additional investigation designed to determine if FRANKLIN's allegations could have been true and to recommend desirability of polygraph examination of FRANKLIN.

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Title:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis:

JOE R. FRANKLIN, Texas Department of Corrections, Huntsville, Texas, alleged he met OSWALD in October, 1962, and while drinking with OSWALD at Dallas bars was introduced by OSWALD to JACK RUBY. HORACE TWIFORD stated has never met nor talked with OSWALD and only knowledge of subject involved telephone call received by Mrs. TWIFORD. Various bus drivers on bus routes between New Orleans, Louisiana, and Laredo, Texas, interviewed but none could recall having seen OSWALD in September, 1963. Other persons reported to be possible acquaintances of OSWALD deny any knowledge of subject.

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JCE R. FRANKLIN, Texas Department of Corrections # 172094, was interviewed in the Warden's Office, Wynne Prison Farm, Texas Department of Corrections. FTANKLIN was apprised of the provisions of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code, providing penalties for wilfully furnishing false information and he indicated his familiarity with this statute. FRANKLIN stated that in further elaboration of his original interview on December 2, 1963, he is now able to provide the following details:

He stated that he was born April 24, 1926, at Addington, Oklahoma. He had United States Army Serial Rumber 54150836 and Social Security Number 448-16-4272. He advised he had furnished the above information to the blood bank located on Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, whenever he donated blood.

During the occasion he met the person he claims was IEE OSWAID at this blood bank in October, 1962, he recalls the day to be a Saturday. When informed that records of the Community Blood and Plasma Service, 2109 Commerce, Dallas, reflect that among other dates FRANKLIN appeared on October 19, 1962, to donate blood and that this date was on a Friday, FRANKLIN only exclaimed that he still believed the date of this meeting was on a Saturday. He reiterated that after being seated next to the person who stated his name to be IEE OSWAID for an hour at this blood bank, FRANKLIN's turn came to donate blood and afterwards, as he was leaving, he noticed OSWAID still seated in the waiting room and asked him to accompany him for a drink. FRANKLIN stated it appeared as though OSWAID did not donate any blood before leaving the blood bank with him.

FRANKLIN continued that he and OSNAID left the blood bank about 1:00 P.M. and walked westward on Commerce Street for about three to seven blocks. They passed one bar en route but did not enter it because it was too noisy. They then came to another bar located on the south side of the street so that once

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turned to his left to enter it while walking westward on Commerce Street. While FRANKLIN and OSWAID were seated at a table a man entered and spoke to several other patrons and then came to their table and said "Hi Lee," to OSWAID. A few other casual remarks were made and this man left to go elsewhere in the bar. FRANKLIN stated he asked OSWAID 'Who was that character?", where-upon OSWAID replied 'That's JACK RUBY, he owns this joint!"

FRANKLIN stated he is absolutely positive this was the remark made by OSWALD and that after having observed photographs of JACK RUBY in numerous newspapers and magazines he is positive this was the same man who spoke to OSWALD.

Following their drinking at this unknown bar, FRANKLIN and OSWALD left at about 3:30 P.M., walked back to the blood bank where FRANKLIN had his car parked and both then drove to another bar, named "Jack's Bar," located on Harry Hines Boulevard and close to the loop or circle from which the road to Grapevine, Texas, emanates.

At about dusk they departed this bar and OSWALD asked if FRAIRLIN would drive him to see his, CSWALD's, wife. FRANK-LIN agreed and recalls that upon leaving "Jack's Bar" he drove south on Harry Hines Boulevard for a mile or so before turning right (or west) onto a feeder road which then placed them on an expressway (possibly Interstate 45 since it was not completed much beyond the city limits of Dallas). This expressway paralleled Harry Hines Boulevard and they traveled south on it until arriving at Fort Worth Avenue where they turned to the right (or west) and drove for about two miles. They came to a small shopping center where they turned at a traffic light to the left (or south) and continued for an unrecalled number of blocks before turning right (or west) and then they made other unrecalled turns before arriving at the house allegedly occupied by OSWAID's wife. FRANKLIN stated this house required about 15 to 30 minutes to reach once having turned off at the shopping center on Fort Worth Avenue.

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This house was recalled to be white, probably frame. FRANKLIN parked in front of this house on the street and OSWALD went into the house and came out in a few minutes accompanied by two women, one about 20 years old and the other more matroaly. OSWALD conversed with the younger woman for several minutes while standing on the front porch. She then walked back to the car with him and they stood outside of the vehicle conversing. OSWALD re-entered and they drove off, leaving the young girl on the sidewalk. OSWALD stated that this was his wife and claimed that, with reference to the older lady on the porch, "that old lady is causing me trouble," indicating the trouble was occurring between him and his wife.

FRANKLIN stated he and OSWALD returned to the first bar they had been in and FRANKLIN again observed the person OSWALD claimed was JACK RUBY and this person appeared to be helping out behind the bar. No further conversation was held with this person by OSWALD and shortly thereafter FRANKLIN and OSWALD departed for another tavern.

FRANKLIN continued that he had informed OSWALD that he, FRANKLIN, worked near Farmers Branch, Texas; and OSWALD asked if perhaps he could obtain a ride with FRANKLIN to that area if he would be standing somewhere along Inwood Avenue during subsequent weeks. It was about one week thereafter when FRANKLIN was driving down Inwood in early morning traffic when he observed OSWALD standing on a corner. FRANKLIN stopped and OSWALD entered the car and they drove to Farmers Branch and OSWALD got out. He was not seen again until another week or so had passed and again FRANKLIN saw him standing along Inwood Avenue and again gave him a ride. It was on this occasion that OSWALD indicated he was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses and he gave a small book from this group to FRANKLIN.

FRANKLIN stated that from after viewing newspaper photographs of MARINA OSWALD, he is positive this was the same girl he saw whom LEE OSWALD claimed to be his wife.

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FRANKLIN stated he is positive of the above facts and occurrences and claimed that he is making them known to the authorities strictly on a voluntary basis and that he neither expects nor wants anything in return for this information. He stated that he would be more than willing to submit to a polygraph examination with regard to the above information he has furnished.

HO 105-2191 JWR/mem

On December 15, 1963, HORACE TWIFORD was interviewed by Special Agent JAMES W. RUSSELL at his residence located it 7018 Schley Street, Houston, Texas. MR. TWIFORD confirmed the fact that he is a member of the Socialist Labor Party and distributes newspapers and other publications of this party throughout Texas.

TWIFORD recalls that in late September or early October, MRS. TWIFORD had advised him she had received a telephone call from an individual who wished to speak to him while he was at sea. TWIFORD advised that the man claimed to be LEE OSWALD and was in Houston for only a short period of time. TWIFORD stated that he did not remember this name or the incident until he had returned from his last voyage arriving in Houston on December 14, 1963. He said that, when he arrived at his home, his wife had reminded him of this telephone call and had pointed out that this was possibly the same individual who is said to be responsible for assassinating the late President KENNEDY. TWIFORD turned over to the interviewing agent a small brown envelope which had been sent to him by the Socialist Labor Party. This envelope is a return address envelope for the New York Labor News Company, 61 Cliff Street, New York 38, New York. It is post marked Dallas, Texas, November 10, 1962, and bears the hand printed and hand written return address reading L. H. OSWALD, Box 2915, Dallas, Texas. TWIFORD advised that there is a notation on this envelope that he had mailed this individual a copy of the Labor Day Issue of the Newspaper issued by the Socialist Labor Party on September 11, 1963.

TWIFORD stated that he has never met or talked to LEE HARVEY OSWALD as far as he can possibly recall.

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OSWAID'S TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITY

AT BEAUMONT, TEXAS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN T. KELLY:

On December 12, 1963, FREEMAN O. LEONARD, P. O. Box 1243, Vidor, Texas, advised that he is a driver for the Greyhound Bus Company and that on September 24, 1963 he drove the Greyhound Bus from Lake Charles, Louisiana to Beaumont, Texas, where he was relieved by ELRAY SIMMONS, 140 2nd Avenue, Nederland, Texas, who drove the bus to Houston, Texas.

LEONARD advised that this bus originates in New Orleans. Louisiana and that it arrives at Lake Charles, Louisiana at 2:15 PM after leaving New Orleans at 7:30 AM. He advised that no does not recall a passenger on this trip identifiable with OSWALD and could furnish no information concerning OSWALD.

LEONARD related that there were two buses making this trip and that J. D. KENNEDY drove the other bus which is called the lst section.

On December 12, 1963, J. D. KENNEDY, Houston, Texas, advised that he was the Greyhound Bus Driver who drove the bus on the 1st section from Lake Charles, Louisiana to Houston, Texas or September 25, 1963. He stated that he could furnish no information concerning OSWALL) and did not recall seeing OSWALD on his bus at any time.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA PAUL W. HUCKERIEDE:

AT INUSTON, TEXAS:

On the following dates, bus drivers for Continental Trailways Bus Company, 1114 McKinney Street, Houston, Texas, were interviewed and all advised they were unable to identify LEE HARVEY OSWALD as a person who had been a passenger on their bus.

12/7/63 - - R. M. GOODWIN, 702 South Liberty, Victoria, Texas

12/12/63 - - D. B. WELLS, 1402 Caplin Street, Houston, Texas. 1 HO 105-1291 RDW:bp

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROSS D. WOLCOTT:

AT ALICE, TEXAS

On December 10, 1963, JOE C. SPEER, JR., 116
North Park Place, stated he has been employed as a bus
driver for Continental Trailways Bus and has been on the
Alice to Victoria, Texas run for the past two and one half
years. He stated after viewing a photograph of subject
OSWALD, that he has no recollection of such an
individual riding on any bus he has driven at any time.
He stated further, he is familiar with the photographic
likeness of JACK RUBY, and does not recognize him
as ever having been a passenger on any bus he has driven.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA PAUL W. HUCKERTEDE:

The following investigation was conducted at the request of the Dallas Office concerning JAMES S. GRANT, subscriber to Houston telephone number MI 5-8887, and his mother DOROTHY STANFORD GAYLIN.

On December 13, 1963, Mrs. DOROTHY STANFORD GAYLIN advised that she resides at 5803 Southford Street in Houston, Texas, and has telephone number MI 5-8887, since the first part of July, 1963. GAYLIN advised that for personal reasons her son, JAMES S. GRANT, had the phone non-listed. GAYLINadvised that she cannot recall ever receiving a long distance telephone call from Dallas, Texas. GAYLIN advised that she has no friends in Dallas and only has an uncle who used to live in Dallas and whom she has not seen for about 20 years. She advised that this uncle would not know her by her married name of GAYLIN. She advised that she was last in Dallas about 23 years ago when she was in high school to attend a football game. GAYLIN advised that she does not know OSWALD or RUBY and has never received a telephone call or contact from either. She advised that she has given no one permission to place or receive long distance telephone calls from her phone. CAYLIN advised that the only persons she has given her non-listed number to is her husband, from whom she is separated, SAMUEL GAYLIN, 6310 Calhoun, Houston; and her mother Mrs. GUY GRIMES, 14010 Lillia, Houston. GAYLIN advised that her mother is 80 years old and in poor health and requested that she not be interviewed unless absolutely necessary.

DOROTHY STANFORD GAYLIN is described as follows:

Race Sex Nationality Date of Birth Place of Birth White
Female
American
January 15, 1924
Forest Glade in Limestone
County, Texas

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Height 5'5½"
Weight 120 pounds
Hair, Brown
Eyes Gray

On December 13, 1963, SAMUEL GAYLIN, 6310 Calhoun, Houston, advised that he is the husband of DOROTHY STANFORD GAYLIN and is presently separated from her. GAYLIN advised that he could furnish no information concerning a telephone call from Dallas, Texas; and to his knowledge, neither he nor his wife have ever received such a call. GAYLIN advised that QEWALD and RUBY were unknown to him.

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Mrs. TATIANA BIGGERS, 2805 West Lane Drive, Houston, Texas, was interviewed at her place of employment, 810 Medical Towers Building, Houston. Mrs. BIGGERS advised that she was born in Russia and speaks Russian and French fluently. She advised that she left Russia in 1920, the year of her birth, and resided from 1920 to the late 1940's in France. She advised that she entered the United States as a GI Bride.

BIGGERS advised that over the Christmas Holidays, 1962, she was a house guest of ANNA MELIER, 5903½ La Vistu Drive, Dallas, Texas. She advised that while in Dallas, statended a party at the home of the DECLAR FORDS in Dallas, for on December 28, 1962. She stated also at the party was subject OSWALD and his wife, MARINA. BIGGERS advised she recalls being introduced to OSWALD at the party but did not talk with him. She stated that she talked considerably to MARINA OSWALD because she felt sorry for MARINA in that MARINA was unable to speak English and was more or less left by herself at the party.

She stated MARINA was very hard to talk to and volunteered no information other than answering direct questions put to her. She stated MARINA made no attempt to carry on a conversation. She described MARINA as being a shy and withdrawn person.

BIGGERS advised ANNA MELLERS told her that on one occasion MARINA had come to the MELLER's home in Dallas with her child after a quarrel at home. MELLER said MARINA at that time had a black eye. BIGGERS stated from this she got the impression that OSWAID was cruel to MARINA.

She advised when she first heard OSWALD's name after the assassination it meant nothing to her and she did not recognize him until information concerning his background appeared in the newspapers. She stated she immediately recognized the photograph of MARINA OSWALD which appeared in the newspapers as being of the woman she had met at the FORD's party.

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BIGGERS advised also attending at the FORD party was GEORGE BOUHE, former secretary of the Russian Orthodox Church, presently at Bacliff, Texas, and VICTOR and IRENA .

VYSIEP, Dallas, Texas.

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On December 7, 1963, the Douglas, Arizona, Police Department reported the receipt of a long distance telephone call from a woman at Miami, Florida, who refused to identify herself. This anonymous caller stated that ROY T. RUTHERFORD "helped LEE OSWALD."

Investigation at Douglas, Arizona, disclosed ROY T. RUTHERFORD, a carpenter formerly residing at Douglas, moved in 1962 from Douglas, Arizona, to Houston, Texas.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA CLIFTON BROWNING, JR:

AT SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS:

On December 13, 1963, ROY T. RUTHERSFORD, 541
Texas Avenue, South Houston, advised he had never set on
known LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and he and his wife have not been
in Dallas, Texas. RUTHERSFORD said the only person he known
who might have called Douglas, Arizona, Police Department,
is a MARGARET MOFFET, 134 South Dixie Highway, Hallandale,
Florida. He advised he had met MOFFET in Douglas, Arizona,
in 1959. RUTHERSFORD stated MOFFET had called the Douglas,
Arizona, Police Department, to locate he and his wife in
December, 1961. RUTHERSFORD said he had last seen MOFFET
in the summer of 1961, at which time MOFFET had stayed at
his home in Douglas, Arizona. He said he had put her on a
bus for Hallandale, Florida, when he observed her to be an
alceholic and a political fanatic. RUTHERSFORD advised
noither he nor his wife have written or talked to MOFFET
since 1961.

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CI T-1 and CI T-2 are and who furnished information to SA EMIL E. HOPKINS on December 12, 1963.

CI T-3 is which was utilized in the characterization of ARNOLD JOHNSON.

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DETAILS:

Oswald and Communist Party

On December 12, 1963, CI T-1 and CI T-2 advised that on December 8, 1963, a Communist Party meeting was held at the home of GENNE KUHN, who has previously been identified by CI T-1 as the Chairman of the Lower Ohio Valley Section of the Communist Party, 610 South Front Street, Wheeling Island, West Virginia. Presiding at the meeting was ARNOLD JOHNSON from the New York Office of the Communist Party. JOHNSON had come to the meeting from Cleveland, Ohio. The first topic discussed at the meeting was the assassination of President KENNEDY. JOHNSON asked the group whether the people were blaming the assassination on Marxism or on right wing activity. Those present said they first thought that President KENNEDY was killed by a Marxist, but after LEE -OSWALD was shot by JACK RUBY, they blamed the shooting on right wing and southern civil rights groups. ARNOLD JOHNSON, several times, stated that Marxists were not to blame since such actions did not follow the theory of Marxism. said LEE OSWALD was an agent of someone, identity not disclosed by JOHNSON. JOHNSON said OSWALD had written to the party several times and JOHNSON had answered the letters concerning the information requested, but JOHNSON does not recollect the particular letters. He stated he answers many letters received at Communist Party Headquarters. He also said he does not sign his letters "Yours truly" but on a more personal basis. He said the Soviet Government turned over their files on LEE OSWALD but he did not know what was in these files. CI:T-lgand=CI T-2 believed JOHNSON was trying to get over the point that OSWALD was working as someone's agent when he went to Russia, but - . JOHNSON was evasive on this point. JOHNSON said OSWALD first tried to train men to fight in Cuba, and then turned around and became involved in the Fair Play For Cuba organization. JOHNSON discredited OSWALD as a Marxist.

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On August 2, 1962, CI T-3 advised that ARNOLD JOHNSON is Legislative Director of the Communist Party, USA.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Report of SA THOMAS B. ESTEL, Cincinnati, captioned and dated as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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12/23/63 Date: Transmit the following in (Type in plain text or code) AIRMAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing) DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555), SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16601) SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) FROM: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka; IS - R - CUBA Enclosed herewith for New Orleans is one copy of two-page Secret Service memorandum reflecting "Rec'd 11-24-63 L. PM, By Dale Wunderlich", which contains information from JOHN RICE, SAIC, Secret Service, New Orleans, Louisiana. This document was furnished to the Bureau, Washington, D.C. by Secret Service. The first paragraph contains information regarding ELMO BROPPLE, New Orleans PD, selling tires to a man calling himself A. J. HIDELL, this being in December, 1962, or January, 1963. Further, BEOPPLE later saw a picture of OSWALD on T.V. handing out Fair Play for Cuba literature and recognized him as HIDELL. New Orleans will interview BEOPPLE and resolve it being noted Dallas has no information indicating OSWALD visited New Orleans in December, 1962, or January, 1963. 3-Bureau 105-82555 2-New Orleans (ENC. 1) 2-Dallas EEH:mja DEC 26 1953 (7) Approved

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TO DIRECTOR AND SACS DALLAS AND NEWARK
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 105-15823

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS DASH R, OO--DALLAS.

RE NEWARK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES, TWELVE FOURTEEN, SIXTY THREE.

REFERENCED TELETYPE REFERS TO IDENTITY OF
INDIVIDUALS WHO KNW SUBJECT USMC, SANTA ANA, AS
FURNISHED BY SP. FOUR NELSON DELGADO. CONTACT WITH
CID, USMCB, EL TORO, TWELVE FOURTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, DETERMINED
THAT WITHOUT FULL IDENTITY, MSN AND ORGANIZATION, NO
INFORMATION COULD BE OBTAINED IN ORDER TO LOCATE INDIVIDUALS
NAMED BY DELGADO UNTIL TWELVE SIXTEEN. CID STATES IF
INDIVIDUALS TO BE LOCATED HAVE BEEN SEPARATED, IT WILL
BE FOUND NECESSARY TO DETERMINE FORWARDING CIVILIAN —
ADDRESS THROUGH USMC, WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPARATION RECORDS.

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LOS ANGELES FOLLOWING CLOSELY AND WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ALL INDIVIDUALS SET FORTH IN RE TELETYPE, TWELVE SIXTEEN.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, DALLAS

FROM SAC, BUFFALO /105-4467/ 2P

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RE SA AIRTEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER THIRD LAST, WHICH SET FORW IDENTITY PERSONS WHO ENTERED MEXICO AT NUEVO LAREDO, SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIX LAST.

ALBERT JOSEPH KAPLAN, NINE NINE ZERO LAFAYETTE AVE., BUFFALO, NY NYZI LEFT BUFFALO SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST ON SICHTSEEINC TRIP
BY GREYHOUND BUS. AFTER SPENDING NICHT SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIVE LAST
AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, BOARDED GREYHOUND BUS THERE ABOUT EIGHT
O-CLOCK AM SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIX LAST. ARRIVED LAREDO, TEXAS, BETWEEN
TEN THIRTY AM AND ELEVEN O-CLOCK AM SAME DAY, WHERE TRANSFERRED TO
MEXICAN BUS OPERATED BY TRANSPORTED DE NORTE. CROSSED BRIDGE
TO NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO. THERE ENTERED MEXICAN IMMIGRATION OFFICE
WHERE ISSUED TOURIST PAPERS VALID FIFTEEN DAYS. SPENT SEPTEMBER
TWENTY SIX LAST PLAZA HOTEL, MONTEREY, AND NIGHT SEPTEMBER TWENTY
SEVEN LAST AT MAIN HOTEL GUADALAJARA, NAME NOT RECALLED. ARRIVED
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EXICO CITY SEPTEMBER TWENTY EIGHT LAST AND STAYED GURADEOLA
HOTEL, MADENA STREET. LEFT MEXICO CITY OCTOBER SIX OR SEVEN LAST
AND RE-ENTERED US BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. STATED DID NOT OBSERVE
OSWALD OR ANY PERSON FITTING DESCRIPTION OSWALD AND DOES NOT KNOW
NAMES OF ANY PERSONS ON BUS.

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December 23, 1963

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Remarks:

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Q334 Torn portion of a sheet of paper bearing handwritten message beginning "Father on Sept. 26th I was...." and ending "....of a True Catholic. Thank you" and signed "Fabian McElroy"

Result of examination:

Q334 was searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

No fingerprint cards have been located for persons using the names or aliases Fabian McElroy and Fabion McElroy.

It was concluded that LEE HARVEY OSTIALD, K4 and K5, did not prepare the questioned handwriting on Q334.

Q334 has been photographed and is retained in the Bureau.

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Re: Fabign McElroy; St. Bernards Cat VICTIN;	01/100	NO LAB FILE File # 62-19000 Lab. # D-437492 IH
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Memorandum . TO DATE: FROM : C. A. Evens BOTH FILES SUBJECT: FABIAN MCELROY, SUSPECT ANON. LETTER Please search the name of the individual through the records of the identification Division and return this memorandum with notation of your findings to -Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section, Room, The following identifying data are listed for your assistance (Att.: Special Investigative Division only - in addition to the m and the Government agency appearing in the title): Sex Roce Height Name and aliases (For use of Laboratory) (3) Male Female FABIAN MCELROY Date and place of birth 72 1 6 um Ales reached Military Service # csc • Last known address Previous Government employment Date SGE security form received Other pertinent identifying data (Att.: Lab., including PD se and location) Identification Division Reply Based upon information furnished, no record located. A noncriminal fingerprint record which IS or MAY BE identical was located. This record was searched through the criminal files and no criminal record found. The enclosed Identification Record IS or MAY BE identical with the record of the employee, applicant, or subject.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SACS DALLAS, HOUSTON MEMPHIS NEW YOUR, SAN ANTONIO

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----NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC KNOXVILLE /104-528/ LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS DASH R DASH CUBA.

RE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY JOHN HOWARD EOWEN.

RE HOUSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DECEMPER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. THREE THIRTY NINE PM.

REFERENCED TELETYPE REQUESTED KNOXVILLE TO CHECK INDICES TO IDENTIFY BOWEN.

KNOXVILLE INDICES REFLECT ON JUNE FOUR, FORTYTWO, CHRLES M. PICKEL, ROUTE SEVEN, HENDERSON SPRINGS, SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MAKE COMPLAINT RE A J. H. BOWEN WHO HE EELIEVED TO BE AN ITALIAN AND OPERATED A BOYS CAMP KNOWN AS QOUTE CAMP FIRE COUNCIL UNQUOTE. COMPLANIMANT STATED ONE OF BOYS AT CAMP TOLD A GEORGE SHARP RECENT HAD SEEN SUBJECT TEAR DOWN AMERICAN FLAG AND STANDETT ON GROUND. ALSO SAID SUBJECT HAD THREE LARGE POLICE DOGS AT DEC 27 196

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CAMP AND BOYS AT CAMP HAD EEEN NUISANCE IN NEIGHBORHOOD.

COMPLAINANT STATED BOWEN TRAVELED CONSIDERABLY OVER THE

COUNTRY ROADS AND HAD ONCE TRAVELED TO MEXICO CITY,

MEXICO. COMPAINANT STATED BOYS CAMP SELECTED FROM JUVENILE

COURT SOURCES.

KNOXVILLE OFFICE REQUESTED INVESTIGATION BY THP AND THP, ON AUGUST TWENTYONE, FORTYTWO, ADVISED HAD CONTACTED C
CHARLES PICKEL, GEORGE SHARP AND OTHERS AND THE MAIN TROUBLE
WAS ON ACCOUNT OF SOME VICIOUS DOGS BOWEN HAD AT HIS CAMP.
THP OFFICER REPORTED IN TALKING TO SOME WORKERS AT HIS CAMP, THEY
TOLD HIM THEY HAD NEVER SEEN OR HEARD OF ANY ACTIVITIES
ON THE PART OF EOWEN WHICH WOULD LEAD THEM TO PELIEVE HE
WAS OR HAD BEEN DISRESPECTFUL TO THE UNITED STATES. NO DESCRIPTION
OF SUEJECT APPEARS KNOXVILLE FILE.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT KNOXVILLE OFFICE WHICH REFLECTS J. H. BOWEN IDENTICAL WITH JOHN HOWARD EOWEN AND FOLLOWING EACKGROUND INFORMATION SET FORTH.

ON DECEMEER TWENTY, SIXTYTHREE, HOWELL C. STEPHENS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOYS CLUB OF KNOXVILLE, INC., ADVIED END PAGE TWO

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EOWEN BUT STATED BOWEN FORMERLY WAS DIRECTOR OF CAMP FIRE COUNCIL AT KNOXVILLE FROM JUNE, THIRTYEIGHT TO SPRING OF FORTYTHREE, AT WHICH TIME COUNCIL WAS ABANDONED AND A FOYS CLUE ORGANIZED. STATED HE KNEW OF NOTHING DEROGATORY CONCERNING BOWEN-S LOYALTY TO THE COUNTRY BUT IT WAS RUMORED THAT BOWEN AND, FOR THIS REASON, HE WAS LET OUT OF EOYS WORK AT KNOXVILLE. BOWEN OPERATED A CAMP FIRE COUNCIL CAMP IN SEVIER COUNTY. ACCORDING TO STEPHENS, HE WAS SINGLE AND WOULD BE AT LEAST EIGHTY YEARS OF AGE. HE STATED THAT FROM KNOXVILLE BOWEN WENT TO MEXICO WHERE HE WASREPORTED TO BE DOING MISSIONARY WORK AMONG INDIANS. STEPHENS REFERRED TO A RECENT ATRICLE IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS REFLECTING EOWEN WAS GOING OVERSEAS.

THE KNOXVILLE JOURNAL, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN ISSUE NOVEMBER FOURTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, REPORTED THE NEWS ARTICLE QUOTE JOHN HOWARD EOWEN, ORGANIZER OF FOYS CLUP HERE AND MISSIONAYR TO THE MIXTECA INDIANS IN MEXICO FOR PAST TWENTY END PAGE THREE

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YEARS, LEFT NEW YORK YESTERDAY FOR A SPEAKING TOUR IN ENGLAND, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AND ITALY UNQUOTE. IT WAS REPORTED EOWEN WAS INVITED BY EVANGELICAL GROUPS OF EACH COUNTRY.

A REVIEW OF NEWS MORGUE OF KNOXVILLE JOURNAL REFLECTS

A NEWS ARTICLE DATED DECEMEER FIVE, FIFTYTHREE, WHICH
REPORTED JOHN HOWARD BOWEN RESIDED LAREDO, TEXAS, THAT
HE HAD ESTABLISHED MISSIONARY STATION AND A BAPTIST CHURCH
IN MEXICO, AND WAS THE FIRST PROTESTANT MISSIONARY TO ENTER
LAND OF MISTICAS. HIS ADDRESS WAS LISTED AS FOX THREE ZERO
EIGHT, LAREDO, TEXAS. THE SOURCE OF THIS ITEM WAS A LETTER
TO THE JOURNAL FROM BOWEN.

THE FILE CONTAINED A LETTER SEPTEMEER ELEVEN, SIXTY

ONE, POSTMARKED TEXMELUCAN, PUE, MEXICO, WRITTEN EY ALBERTO

OSPORNE, SETTING FORTH THAT BOWEN WAS INJURED WHEN HE FELL

ON A BUS BETWEEN MEXICO CITY AND PUEELA. IT REPORTED

BOWEN LEFT KNOXVILLE APRIL, FORTYTHREE, FOR MEXICO WHERE HE

ENTERED MISSIONARY WORK, HAVING EEEN INVITED BY THE LATE DR.

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G. H. LACEY, A MISSIONARY OF SOUTHERN EAPTIST MISIONS.

OSBORNE REMARKED EOWEN WOULD BE EIGHTY TWO IN JANUARY

BUT COULD EASILY PASS FOR A MAN IN HIS MIDDLE FIFTIES.

IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT BOWEN, PRIOR TO COMING TO KNOXVILLE

HAD SERVED AS A MISSIONARY IN INDIA AND HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN

MISSIONARY WORK SINCE NINETEEN TEN, EXCEPT FOR THE TIME HE

SPENT IN KNOXVILLE. A SHORT ARICLE CONTINING THIS

INFORMATION APPEARED IN THE SEPTEMBER, SIXTYONE ISSUE OF

KNOXVILLE JOURNAML.

THE FILE CONTAINED POST CARD POSTMARKED NOVEMBER PAREN ILLEGIBLE PAREN, FIFTYFOUR AT TAMPA PAREN ILLEGIBLE PAREN, ADDRESSED TO JOURNAL STATING HE WAS MAILING SOME PHOTOS TO JOURNAL, THAT LAST CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCED HE WAS RETIRING, BUT AFTER TRIP TO ENGLAND WHICH HE SPENT AT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, HE HAD RETURNED TO MEXICO.

EY LETTER DATED APRIL SEVEN, FIFTYEIGHT, DR. MARTIN
HIDALGO, OAXACO, OAX, MEXICO, WROTE JOURNAL THAT EOWEN,
A MISSIONARY, HAS SAVED TWO SMALL CHILDREN FROM BEING STRUCK
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BY A BIG TRUCK AND, IN DOING SO, WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED ON HIS LEFP SIDE. A SHORT NEWS ARTICLE RELATING THIS INFORMATION APPEARED KNOXVILLE JOURNAL IN ISSUE APRIL TWELVE, FIFTY EIGHT.

RECORDS KNOXVILLE PD CONTAIN NO RECORD FOR POWEN. NO RECORD KNOXVILLE CREDIT BUREAU. INQUIRY KNOXVILLE FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY KNOWN RELATIVES RESIDING THIS AREA OR ANY CLOSE ACQUAINTANCES WHO MIGHT HAVE BOWEN-S ITINERARY.

COPIES EEING MADE OF TWO PHOTOGRAPHS APPEARING IN NEWS MORGUE AND COPIES WILL BE FORWARDED DALLAS AND BUREAU FOR FORWARDING TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY AND FOR POSSIPLE FORWARDING TO LEGAT, ENGLAND, FOR SHOWING DR. AND MRS. BRYAN MC FARLAND, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.

EUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE DATA TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, FOR APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO LOCATE ACQUAINTANCE WHO MIGHT BE AWARE OF BOWEN-S ITINERARY.

SAN ANTONIO REQUESTED CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN ANY ACQUAINTANCES OF FOWEN THAT CITY WHO MIGHT KNOW HIS EN PAGE SIX

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ITINERARY.

WFO PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED CHECK PASSPORTS. NOTE REPORTED TRAVEL NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, SIXTYTHREE.

NEW YORK WILL CHECK INS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE SOURCES FOR ANY 'INFORMATION RE TIME, METHOD OF DEPARTURE BY EOWEN REPORTEDLY ON NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, SIXTYHTREE, FOR ENGLAND, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AND ITALY.

REPORT ON ABOVE INVESTIGATION BEING SUBMITTED BY
KNOXVILLE BUT ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION NOT EEING
CONDUCTED UNLESS BUREAU OR DALLAS REQUESTS.

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TO SAC DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R.

REEXTEL DECEMBER TWENTY LAST.

ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE JOHN H. BOWEN THROUGH SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS. BUREAU IS NOT REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INQUIRY BY LEGAT, MEXICO, AT THIS TIME RE BOWEN AS IT APPEARS HE HAS LEFT MEXICO. WHEN PHOTOS BOWEN RECEIVED, COPIES WILL BE FURNISHED LA FOR DISPLAY TO AUSTRALIAN GIRLS.

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NOTE: Bowen is missionary who spent many years in Mexico and we believe he sat next to Oswald during 9-26 to 27-63 trip from Laredo to Mexico City. We believe Bowen presently on trip to England, Spain and Portugal.

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Date December 16. 1963

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GILBERT CASTANEDA, an employee of Bonanza Airlines, San Diego, California, was shown photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK L. RUBY. CASTANEDA stated that he was a passenger on Trans Texas Airlines Flight 290 on October 3, 1963, from Laredo, Texas, to San Antonio, Texas. He recalled his seet companion on the flight was a Navy Chief Petty Officer who was enroute to San Antonio to make connections with another airline. He could not recall the name of his seat companion; however, he was sure that it was not OSWALD or RUBY. After studying the photographs of OSWALD and RUBY, CASTANEDA advised that he could not recall either of them as being passengers on Trans Texas Airlines Flight 290, October 3, 1963.

On .	12/11/63 at	San Diego, Cal	lifornia File#	SD 44-251
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REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Detroit dated December 10, 1963.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

SA RICHARD L. GLOSSA's impression of Mr. ROBERT PICHIOTINO during the contact on December 12, 1963, was that Mr. PICHIOTINO is an apparently sincere individual who was emotionally upset as a result of the President's assassination. He apparently wanted desperately to help in some way, and in this distraught condition he made up a story to tell the Postmaster, which story is in no way connected to factual happenings. Immediately after the Postmaster had mailed the letter to Mr. HOOVER, Mr. PICHIOTINO realized that he was unjustly incriminating innocent people, and he attempted to rescind his story and still "save face" in the eyes of his employer.

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At Detroit, Michigan:

No leads are presently outstanding in this matter in the Detroit Office, however, this case is being maintained in a pending status in this office in the interest of administrative and clerical efficiency in the event further leads are received. The case will be closed administratively in forty-five days if no leads are outstanding.

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Information received that mail with a return address of "IEE H. OSWALD, School Book Depository, Texas" addressed to "RUBENSTEIN, 312 S. Oak, Owosso, Michigan" had been handled by mail carrier ROBERT PICHIOTINO, Owosso. PICHIOTINO advised he had never handled any such mail and his story that he had handled it is entirely without basis, and he permitted his imagination to get the best of him.

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DETAILS:

FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., received an undated letter from GERALD A. GALE, Postmaster, Owosso, Michigan, in which GALE enclosed a slip of paper which purported to pertain to mail handled by a mail carrier in Owosso. This slip of paper indicated mail with a return address of "LEE H. OSWALD, School Book Depository, Texas" was addressed to RUBENSTEIN, 312 S. Oak, Owosso, Michigan.

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