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12/27/63

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12/18/63 - 12/24/63

TITLE OF CASE
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.

REPORT MADE BY
SA GRAHAM W. KITCHERL

CHARACTER OF CASE
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REFERENCE: Report of SA EDWIN DAIRFURLE dated 12/16/63 at Houston.

SAN ANTONIO (INFORMANTS):

An information copy of this report is being furnished San Antonio in accordance with the request of that office.

HOUSTON:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

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

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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RE: TRAVEL ON "SS MARION LYKES"
SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER, 1959

On December 11, 1963, ROBERT F. RADER, General Vice President, Lykes Brothers Steamship Lines, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised the "SS MARION LYKES", operated by his company sailed from New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 20, 1959, with four passengers, including LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Fort Worth, Texas. This vessel proceeded to France. RADER stated he expected most of the officers, stewards, and waiters on this vessel would have become acquainted with the passengers at that time. RADER identified the third mate on the above trip as JAMES L. GRIFFIN and the radio operator as LOVIX M. STEPHENSON.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR.:

AT GALVESTON, TEXAS

On December 18, 1963, LOVIX M. STEPHENSON, 3824 Avenue P, advised he is a retired radio operator. STEPHENSON recalls he worked from approximately August, 1958, until August, 1960, as a radio operator on the "SS MARION LYKES". STEPHENSON stated he made numerous voyages on this ship during the above period but due to the lapse in time, he could not recall the identity of any passengers. STEPHENSON stated that he had observed many photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD but that OSWALD's photographs were not at all familiar to him and he had no recollection of ever having seen OSWALD in his life.

AT LA MARQUE, TEXAS

On December 18, 1963, JAMES L. GRIFFIN, residence 2415 Oakland Drive, La Marque, advised that he is presently employed-as Second Mate on the vessel "SS JEAN LYKES".

He stated that he vaguely recalled that he was employed on the "SS MARION LYKES" as Third Mate, number two, on the 8:00 to 12:00 watch in 1959 recalling that this ship sailed to Le Havre, France. He stated that he does not remember any passenger by the name of OSWALD and does not recall the identity of any of the passengers that were aboard the "SS MARION LYKES". GRIFFIN has seen numerous published photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and stated OSWALD's photographs are unfamiliar to him.

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TRAVEL ON "SS MARION LYKES"
SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER, 1959

On December 24, 1963, JOE BILL EVANS was interviewed aboard the "SS JOHN LYKES" at Pier 10, Galveston, Texas, by SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR. EVANS is presently employed as Chief Steward aboard this vessel and his home address is 2130 Loving Street, Houston, Texas.

He stated he was employed as Steward aboard the "SS MARION LYKES" from 1955 to 1960 and recalled that this ship made several trips to France. He stated the "MARION LYKES" carried numerous passengers during his employment and he does not recall the names of any of the passengers. He further advised that he does not recall any passenger by the name of OSWALD.

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RE: OSWAID TRAVEL

- In effort to determine if OSWAID was a passenger on a bus from Lake Charles, Louisiana, to Houston, Texas, the following Greyhound Bus Drivers were interviewed on the dates indicated.

None of the drivers could recall ever having had OSWAID as a passenger on their bus:

12/19/63 C. W. KIRKLAND, 921 Highland
Houston, Texas

12/19/63 J. R. HEATHERINGTON, 224 Santa Fe Drive,
Houston, Texas

12/23/63 RAYMOND E. SESSIONS, 6546 Cindy Lane,
Houston, Texas.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM J. SCHMIDT at Houston, Texas on December 20, 1963.

Mr. T. R. HENDERSON, 111 Garrotsville Street, advised
he is employed as a bus driver by the Continental Trailways.
He advised he was employed in this capacity on September 25,
1963.

Mr. HENDERSON advised that on September 25, 1963 at
about 8:10 p.m. he relieved Continental Trailways driver CONRAD
ROBERTS at Beaumont, Texas. He advised the bus was en route to
Houston, Texas from New Orleans, Louisiana, and was bus number
5121.

Mr. HENDERSON advised he drove the bus from Beaumont
to Houston, arriving approximately 10:50 p.m. He advised he
does not recall seeing LEE HARVEY OSWALD aboard this bus.

Mr. HENDERSON advised to his recollection he has
never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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TO DIRECTOR, AND SAS DALLAS, ATLANT, BIRMINGHAM,
CINCINNATI AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 189-69/

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER
TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS TEXAS.

RE BUREAU TELCALL FROM INSPECTOR DON MOORE OF THE BUREAU
TO NEW ORLEANS NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX, SIXTYTHREE.

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES, BUREAU VITALLY INTERESTED IN
DETERMINING WHEREABOUTS OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD ON SEPTEMBER
EIGHTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. ALLEGATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT
OSWALD VISITED MEXICO CITY, ON SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN LAST.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHICH HE HAS REQUESTED BE KEPT
CONFIDENTIAL] SHOW LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS ISSUED FIFTEEN DAY
MEXICO TOURIST CARD ON SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE. ON

SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE
ISSUED TOURIST CARDS OF SIX MONTHS DURATION BY MEXICAN CONSUL

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ONE. ~~ROBERT HOWARD PEAVY~~, ^{3 1 2} THREE ONE TWO BLACKLAND ROAD,
N. W., ATLANTA, GEORGIA. TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO THREE ONE DASH
ONE SEVEN ZERO TWO. TOURIST CARD NUMBER FOUR THREE SIX THREE
SEVEN FIVE EIGHT. INDICATED GOING TO ACAPULCO, MEXICO, FOR
PLEASURE APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN DAYS.

TWO. ~~MALLINE CARTER PEAVY~~, ^{3 1 2} THREE ONE TWO BLACKLAND ROAD,
N. W., ATLANTA, GEORGIA. TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO THREE ONE DASH
ONE SEVEN ZERO TWO. TOURIST CARD NUMBER FOUR THREE SIX THREE
SEVEN FIVE F. INDICATED GOING TO ACAPULCO, MEXICO, FOR PLEASURE
APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN DAYS.

THREE. ~~CHRISTINE STEELE EATMAN~~, PEACOCK HEIGHTS, EUTAW,
ALABAMA. TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE SEVEN TWO DASH TWO FOUR SIX
ONE. TOURIST CARD NUMBER FOUR THREE SIX THREE SEVEN FIVE NINE.
INDICATED GOING TO MEXICO FOR VACTION OF ONE MONTH DURATION.

FOUR. ~~ARTHUR CRANDALL HAZARD MASON~~, ^{2 1 6} TWO ONE SIX EATON
ROAD, HAMILTON, OHIO. TELEPHONE NUMBER T W THREE DASH FOUR SIX
NINE FOUR. TOURIST CARD NUMBER FOUR THREE SIX THREE SEVEN SIX
ZERO. U. S. PASSPORT NUMBER TWO FOUR FOUR THREE ZERO FOUR ONE.
INDICATED GOING TO MEXICO THREE WEEKS AS TOURIST.

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FIVE. RICHARD LAWRENCE PHILION, TWO ONE FIVE NORTH
SIXTEENTH STREET, EDINBURG, TEXAS, NO PHONE LISTED. TOURIST
CARD NUMBER FOUR THREE SIX THREE SEVEN SIX FIVE. INDICATED
TRAVEL TO MEXICO FOR STUDY PURPOSES. *La Mexico*

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CINCINNATI AND SAN ANTONIO, INTERVIEW
TOURISTS RESIDING YOUR TERRITORIES ON NOVEMBER
TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, AS TO WHETHER ACQUAINTED WITH OSWALD,
WHETHER OSWALD TRAVELED WITH THEM TO MEXICO, OR WHETHER THEY
HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ANY TIME OSWALD MAY HAVE TRAVELED TO
MEXICO.

SUTEL RESULTS OF INTERVIEW TO BUREAU DALLAS, AND NEW ORLEAND
SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN WITHOUT FAIL, REFERENCE TELEPHONE CALL OF
INSPECTOR DON MOORE TO THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE NOVEMBER
TWENTYSIX SIXTYTHREE AND MARK TELETYPE ATTENTION DIVISION FIVE.

NEW ORLEAND WILL LOCATE REMAINING THIRTEEN
PERSONS EXCEPT BAGOLINI ~~LUIGI~~, TOURIST CARD NUMBER TWO FOUR
ZERO SEVEN NINE. ITALIAN PASSPORT NUMBER NINE THREE SEVEN THREE
SEVEN EIGHT DAHS P OF BOLOGNIA, ITALY, WHOSE TRIP TO MEXICO WAS
FOR FIFTEEN DASY TO ATTEND CONGRESS OF PHILOSAPHY. *US*

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URGENT 12/27/63 9-31 AM EST MHM
TO DIRECTOR /105-82555/ AND SAC DALLAS /100-10461/
FROM SAC JACKSONVILLE /105-824/ 1 P

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS DASH R DASH CUBA, DO DALLAS.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST AND JACKSONVILLE

TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTYONE LAST.

DAVID CHRISTIE MURRAY, JR., ON DECEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST ADVISED HE IS NOT POSITIVE BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE CAMILOUS BROWN TO BE IDENTICAL WITH CHARLIE BROWN. ACCORDING TO HIS MEMORY, CAMILOUS BROWN IS A NEGRO AND CHARLIE BROWN IS A WHITE MALE, AGE APPROXIMATELY TWENTYONE IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, HEIGHT FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT TWO TWENTYFIVE POUNDS, HAIR BROWN, COMPLEXION RUDDY. BROWN WAS A CORPORAL IN MACS NINE AT SANTA ANNA AND MURRAY STATES MARINE RICHARD CALL, MENTIONED IN DALLAS TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTY LAST, MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE KEPT UP WITH BROWN/S WHEREABOUTS.

CHARLOTTE ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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URGENT 12-28-63 12-03 PM EST BAW

TO DIRECTOR, AND SACS, DALLAS AND SAC, NEW YORK
"WA XXXX" NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC, MIAMI 2 P

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS DASH R.

RE WFO TEL DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN AND NEW YORK AIRTEL
DECEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST REGARDING INTERVIEW OF EDGAR A.
BUTTLE.

MR. BUTTLE INTERVIEWED AT MIAMI DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHT
AND STATED HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH LAW FIRM OF FINCH AND
SCHAEFLER, THREE SIX WEST FOUR FOUR STREET, NEW YORK CITY, FROM
NINETEEN FIFTY TWO TO FIFTY SIX. HE VAGUELY RECALLS CONTACT
WITH MR. ROMAN, NEW YORK CITY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT,
CONCERNING TRUANCY PROBLEM OF BOY WHOM ROMAN CONSIDERED TOO
CLOSELY TIED TO MOTHER/S APRON STRINGS.

MR. BUTTLE, WHO IS A HEARING EXAMINER FOR FEDERAL TRADE
COMMISSION, DOES NOT RECALL HOW THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED
TO HIM BUT BELIEVES IT WAS A QUOTE TOTAL GRATUITY UNQUOTE
CASE THOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME RECORD AT FINCH AND SCHAEFLER.
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B. Brown
J. J.
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HE STATED HE NEVER SAW THE BOY AND BELIEVED HE SAW THE MOTHER
ONCE. THIS NINETEEN FIFTY THREE CONTACT OF BUTTLE WITH
OSWALD FAMILY NEVER OCCURRED TO BUTTLE IN RELATION TO
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND BUTTLE HAD NO
RECOLLECTION OF THE NAME OSWALD.

NEW YORK CONTACT FINCH AND SCHAEFLER FOR FURTHER INQUIRY.

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12/29/63 1-47 AM CST

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TO DIRECTOR /105-82555/ AND SACS NEW ORLEANS /100-16601/ AND DALLAS /100-10461/

FROM SAC MEMPHIS /105-891/

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS - R - CUBA, OO DALLAS

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE 12/13/63 REQUESTING INVESTIGATION

TO LOCATE JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY. MURPHY LOCATED NIGHT OF 12/28
 LAST AS ITINERANT LODGER AT SALVATION ARMY NASHVILLE, TENN. STATES
 HAS BEEN DRIFTING AROUND COUNTRY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SEPT. LAST
 DRIFTING VARIOUS CITIES CALIF. EARLY OR MID OCT. LAST HITCHHIKED
 AND RODE RAILS TO DALLAS, TEXAS STOPPING OVER NIGHT SALVATION ARMY.
 SECURED DISH WASHER JOB THRU TEXAS STATE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE
 AT HASKELL-S DRIVE INN RESTURANT HASKELL AVE., DALLAS, A GREEK
 RESTURANT OWNED BY QUOTE JOHN END QUOTE LNU. THEN SECURED LODGING
 AT DALLAS RESCUE MISSION, COMMERCE STREET. WORKED ABOUT ONE WEEK

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AND QUIT.— OCT. THIRTY FIRST LAST STATED LEFT DALLAS RESCUE MISSION IN EARLY MORNING, BRIEFLY VISITED COMMERCIAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WHERE DID NOT LEAVE NAME, THEREAFTER WENT ALONE TO STATLER HILTON HOTEL PERSONNEL OFFICE ARRIVING THERE BETWEEN NINE AND NINE THIRTY A.M. , RECALLED THERE WAS GIRL IN HER TWENTY-S WITH RED HAIR WORKING IN PERSONNEL OFFICE, FILLED OUT EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORM AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE WAS ONLY APPLICANT IN OFFICE AT THIS TIME. MALE NEGRO IN HIS SIXTY-S ARRIVED ABOUT THIS TIME AND UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT EMPLOYMENT AS BAKER. WHITE FEMALE THIRTY TO THIRTY FIVE ONLY OTHER APPLICANT NOTICED IN OFFICE WHILE THERE. INTERVIEWED BY EMPLOYMENT SUPERVISOR, MRS. FISHER, SHORTLY THEREAFTER AND EXCEPTED JOB AS HELPER IN EMPLOYEES CAFETERIA. WENT DIRECTLY FROM PERSONNEL OFFICE DOWNSTAIRS

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WHERE CHANGED INTO UNIFORM AND PUNCHED TIME CLOCK AND BEGAN WORK. DID NOT RETURN TO PERSONNEL OFFICE AND WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOCKED IN ON DUTY AS OF TWELVE THIRTY P.M. 10/31/63.

STATES HIS ONLY ASSOCIATE STATLER HILTON WAS MALE MEXICAN NAME UNRECALLED TWENTY FIVE YEARS FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, WORE THICK HORN RIMMED GLASSES, ALSO EMPLOYED IN EMPLOYEES CAFETERIA THIS INDIVIDUAL ASSISTED MURPHY IN OBTAINING A ROOM NEXT DOOR TO HIS RESIDENCE, EXACT ADDRESS UNRECALLED. MURPHY RESIDED IN THIS ROOM APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK THEN MOVED INTO YMCA WHERE RESIDED UNTIL HE LEFT DALLAS.

MURPHY WORKED STATLER HILTON UNTIL 11/26 LAST WHEN WORK HOURS CUT TO TWO TO THREE HOURS PER DAY AND EMPLOYMENT NOT WORTH WHILE. STATED WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS DUE TO EVENTS IN DALLAS AND FEARING POSSIBLE RIOTS QUIT AND LEFT VIA TRAIN FOR NEW ORLEANS, SINCE THEN HAS HITCHHIKED THRU OUT SOUTH.

MURPHY ARRIVED NASHVILLE 11/28 LAST. EMPHATICALLY STATES WENT ALONE TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AT STATLER HILTON. STATES HAS NEVER SEEN OSWALD AND DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HIM OR HIS ACTIVITIES. STATES KNOWS NOTHING CONCERNING OSWALD ALLEGEDLY
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ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT AT STATLER HILTON AND DENIED
ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
STATES HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY GROUP OF THREE INDIVIDUALS ARRIVING
TOGETHER SEEKING EMPLOYMENT STATLER HILTON 10/31 LAST.
DESCRIPTION OBTAINED, MURPHY UNEMPLOYED, HITCHHIKING TO ST.
LOUIS, MO.

THREE ZERO TWO-S BEING FORWARDED DALLAS.

DALLAS ADVISE OTHER OFFICES AND HANDLE.

AM COPY FORWARDED ST. LOUIS.

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URGENT - 12-3-63 - 2-0111 2-30 PM JAM

TO DIRECTOR /3/ AND SAC DALLAS
FROM SAC NEW YORK 105-38431 2P
LEE HARVEY OSWALD

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Belmont _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
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VINCENT TED LEE, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, FPCC, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND HE ADVISES AS FOLLOWS..

Fair Play for Cuba Committee

LEE STATES HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A CHARTER HAVING BEEN ISSUED BY HIM TO OSWALD OR ANYONE ELSE FOR AN FPCC CHAPTER IN NEW ORLEANS.

LEE STATES HE HAS NO PERSONAL RECOLLECTION OF HAVING RECEIVED ANY CORRESPONDENCE FROM OSWALD, OR EVER HAVING CORRESPONDED WITH OSWALD.

HE STATES, HOWEVER, IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE FPCC OFFICE IN NYC MAY HAVE RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM OSWALD SINCE THE MAIL TO FPCC, NYC, IS VOLUMINOUS.

LEE ADVISES HE HAS NOT BEEN AT THE FPCC OFFICE IN NYC SINCE NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, LAST, AND IS NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ANY INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE TO THAT OFFICE SINCE THAT DATE.

LEE STATES HE CANNOT RECOLLECT EVER HAVING MET OSWALD, THOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THEY MAY HAVE MET IN THE COURSE OF ONE OF LEE'S MANY SPEAKING TRIPS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

LEE ADVISES HE

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HAS SEEN PHOTOGRAPHS OF OSWALD IN PRESS AND DOES NOT RECOGNIZE HIM AS ANYONE HE HAS EVER MET. LEE STATED HIS DESIRE TO BE OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO US GOVERNMENT IN ANY WAY HE COULD IN CONNECTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE STATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE AVAILABLE ANY RECORDS AT THE FPCC OFFICE, NYC, WHICH MIGHT BE PERTINENT TO THAT MATTER. LEE ADVISED HE HAS BEEN, AND IS PRESENTLY, ILL AT HIS HOME AND DOES NOT ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO GO TO THE FPCC OFFICE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO DAYS.

HE STATED THAT IN MAKING RECORDS AVAILABLE FROM THE FPCC OFFICE, NYC, HE WOULD WANT TO HAVE HIS ATTORNEY PRESENT. LEE FURNISHED THE INTERVIEWING SAS WITH HIS UNLISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER AT HIS HOME, WHERE HE COULD BE CONTACTED, [REDACTED]

NYO IS FOLLOWING THIS MATTER CLOSELY AND WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FROM FPCC OFFICE IN NYC ANY DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE RELATING TO THIS MATTER.

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2-40 PM NY R 3 VA CTF

CC-MR. ROSEN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/13/63

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka;
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
AFO

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Enclosed herewith is a replica sack made by SAs BARDWELL D. ODUM and GIBBON E. MC NEELY at the Texas School Book Depository building on December 1, 1963, from paper and tape available in the shipping room of the Texas School Book Depository.

The original sack found on the sixth floor of this building on November 22, 1963, and believed to be the sack in which OSWALD carried the rifle into the building on November 22, 1963, was in possession of SAs ODUM and MC NEELY at that time and the replica sack was made to approximately the same size and as nearly as possible in the same manner as the original sack.

This replica sack has been shown to witnesses primarily to convey the true color of the original sack, its color being changed by chemical processes during treatment to develop latent fingerprints.

It is requested that you make a comparison between the replica sack and the original sack to determine if they are made with the same weight and type of paper and gum tape, and if the paper and tape is the same color as, that used in the original sack.

Please return the replica sack to the Dallas Office when your examination is complete.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Dallas (89-43)

Date: December 27, 1963

To:

Date:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka;
IS - R

John Edgar Hoover, Director

J. Edgar Hoover
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Examination requested by:

Dallas

Reference:

Letter 12/13/63

Examination requested:

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Remarks:

Specimen Q10 is the sack in which OSWALD was reported to have transported the rifle into the Texas School Book Depository Building and was among the items personally delivered to the Laboratory on 11/27/63.

In view of the importance of this case, the Bureau is tentatively holding all evidence pending a determination as to when it can be properly released.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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Mr. Henry A. Schutz, Jr. Room 5722 (sent direct)

Mr. Elbert T. Turner Room 649 RB (sent direct)

ELS:GFM (10)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Dallas**

Date: **December 27, 1963**
FBI File No. **105-82585**
Lab. No. **D-438450 MD**

Re: **LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka;
IS - R**

Specimens received **12/20/63**

K52 A replica sack made at the Texas School Book Depository Building from paper and tape available in the shipping room of the Texas School Book Depository

Result of examination:

It was determined that the paper and tape used for specimen **K52** is different from the paper and tape used for the **Q10** paper bag that was previously submitted in this case.

Specimen **K52** is retained.

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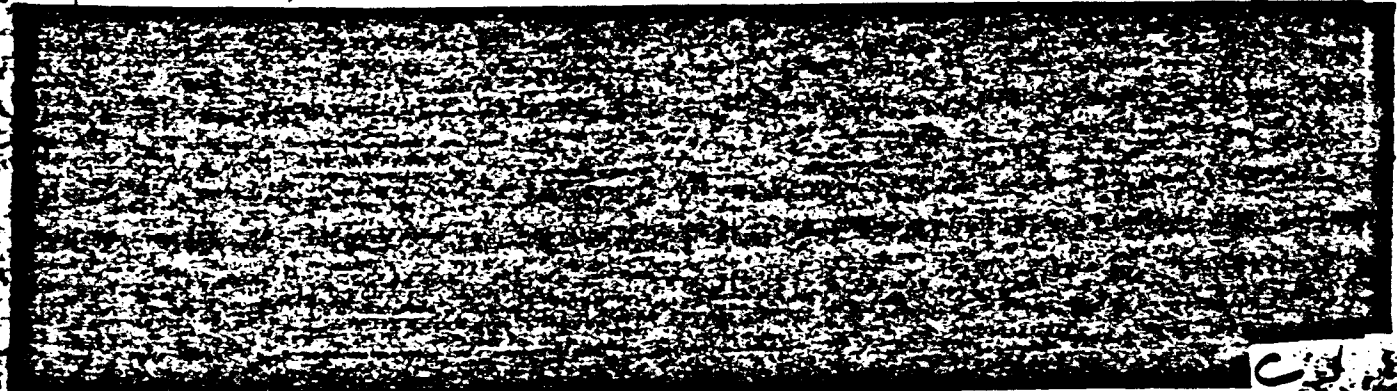
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BUFILE 105-82555. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R.
 REBUCAB DECEMBER 26 LAST.

[REDACTED] RELIABLE, ADVISED EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF
 RECORDS OF HOTEL CUBA FOR PERIOD JUNE 1962 TO OCTOBER 1963
 FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY REGISTRATION FOR OSWALD UNDER HIS
 NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES.



BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS OF BOWEN INTERVIEW
 AS SOON AS HE IS LOCATED.

CLARK D. ANDERSON

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 3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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MEXICAN IMMIGRATION RECORDS AS SUGGESTED RECAP.

NOTE: Subject when traveling to Mexico in 9-63 made passing remark
to fellow travelers on bus that he previously stayed at the Hotel Cuba
in Mexico City. Records of this hotel have been checked negatively.
Legat states that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This does not appear necessary or advisable.

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CHANGED. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, LEE HARVEY OSWALT.

IS - R. OO COLON DALLAS.

TITLE CHANGED TO INCLUDE NAME OSWALT AS FURNISHED BY SUBJECT TO MRS. BEAUFORD T. CHURCH, INTERVIEW WITH WHOM IS SUMMARIZED BELOW.

France La. Fla

RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM BUREAU TO TAMPA THIS DATE.

MR. GEORGE B. CHURCH AND HIS WIFE, MRS. BEAUFORD T. CHURCH,

WERE INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY THIS DATE. MR. CHURCH IS A RETIRED U.S. ARMY COL. HAVING SERVED TWENTY FIVE YEARS IN THE ARMED FORCES AND HE IS PRESENTLY TEACHING AT OAK GROVE JR. HIGH SCHOOL, TAMPA. MRS. CHURCH IS EMPLOYED BY THE TAMPA PUBLIC LIBRARY PART TIME. THEY RESIDE AT TWO FOUR TWO SEVEN SUNSET DRIVE, TAMPA. EACH

ADVISED THEY WERE PASSENGERS ON THE SS MARION LYKES IN A SEPT. FIFTY NINE ENROUTE TO EUROPE FROM NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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WHEN SUBJECT OSWALD WAS ONE OF THE FOUR PASSENGERS ON THIS SHIP. MR. AND MRS. CHURCH EACH ADVISED THAT THE TRIP LASTED BETWEEN TEN AND FOURTEEN DAYS AND THAT WAS THE ONLY CONTACT THEY HAVE HAD WITH OSWALD/ THAT THEY HAD NEVER SEEN NOR HEARD OF HIM BEFORE AND THEY HAVE HAD NO CONTACT OF ANY KIND WITH HIM SINCE ALL THE PASSENGERS LEFT THE SHIP IN FRANCE. THEY STATED THAT OSWALD SHARED A STATEROOM WITH ONE BILL LORD, BUT THEY WERE EACH OF THE IMPRESSION THAT LORD AND OSWALD HAD HAD NO PREVIOUS CONTACT AND THEY DID NOT BELIEVE THEY WERE TRAVELING AS COMPANIONS. BOTH MR. AND MRS. CHURCH STATED THAT OSWALD AND LORD DID NOT SEEM COMPATIBLE IN THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE THE SAME INTERESTS AND SEEMED TO ASSOCIATE WITH ONE ANOTHER NO MORE THAN WAS NECESSARY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. MR. AND MRS. CHURCH STATED THAT OSWALD TALKED VERY LITTLE, THAT HE WOULD ANSWER QUESTIONS WHEN PUT TO HIM DIRECTLY, BUT VOLUNTEERED PRACTICALLY NOTHING. THEY EACH ADVISED THAT OSWALD CLAIMED HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO SWITZERLAND TO STUDY, HAVING JUST BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE USMC, BUT OSWALD CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE HE WOULD

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STUDY IN SWITZERLAND AND WAS NOT CERTAIN OF THE SUBJECTS HE WOULD STUDY, ALTHOUGH MRS. CHURCH STATED THAT HE MENTIONED HE MIGHT STUDY EITHER PHILOSOPHY OR PSYCHOLOGY. MRS. AND MRS. CHURCH ADVISED THAT ALL THE PASSENGERS ATE TOGETHER IN THE OFFICERS MESS, BUT THAT OSWALD TALKED VERY LITTLE AT THESE TIMES. THEY ALSO ADVISED THAT OSWALD SPENT PART OF THE TRIP IN HIS CABIN BECAUSE HE WAS SEASICK. NEITHER MR. CHURCH NOR MRS. CHURCH RECALLED ANY DISCUSSION WITH OSWALD CONCERNING WORLD CONDITIONS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OR POLITICS. MRS. CHURCH ADVISED SHE RECALLS OSWALD AS BEING SOMEWHAT BITTER BECAUSE HE CLAIMED HIS MOTHER HAD A HARD TIME DURING THE DEPRESSION AND SHE RECALLS THAT HE MADE SOME STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT HE DID NOT LIKE THE MARINE CORPS. MR. AND MRS. CHURCH EACH ADVISED THAT THEY HAD PLAYED CARDS AND HAD INVITED BOTH LORD AND OSWALD TO JOIN THEM BUT THAT LORD DECLINED BECAUSE HE WAS STUDYING FRENCH AND OSWALD DECLINED BUT DID NOT GIVE ANY SPECIFIC REASON FOR SO DOING. MRS. CHURCH ADVISED THAT WHILE SHE AND HER HUSBAND PLAYED CARDS, OSWALD WOULD OFTEN SIT AT ANOTHER TABLE BY HIMSELF AND

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PRACTICE SHUFFLING CARDS. MRS. CHURCH STATED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO QUOTE FIGURE OUT QUOTE OSWALD IN THAT HE LEFT LITTLE OR NO IMPRESSION ON MR. CHURCH. HE STATED OSWALD SEEMED PRE OCCUPIED AND THAT HE MADE NO EFFORT TO BE AGREEABLE OR SOCIABLE. MRS. CHURCH STATED THAT SHE DID NOT CONSIDER OSWALD SURLY OR UNFRIENDLY, BUT THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY QUIET AND THAT AT THE END OF THE VOYAGE. SHE ASKED HIM FOR HIS ADDRESS AND HE FIRST WANTED TO KNOW WHY SHE ASKED FOR HIS ADDRESS, J AND SHE TOLD HIM THAT SHE INTENDED TO SEND HIM A CHRISTMAS CARD. H HE GAVE HER HIS MOTHER-S ADDRESS IN FORT WORTH AND AT THAT TIME STATED HIS NAME WAS SPELLED OSWALT. MR. AND MRS. CHURCH EACH COMMENTED THAT OSWALD-S BEHAVIOR WAS IN CONTRAST TO THAT OR LORD WHO WAS A VERY LIKEABLE INDIVIDUAL AND AN INTERESTING CONVERSATIONALIST. NEITHER MR. NOR MRS. CHURCH RECALLED OSWALD HAVING ANY CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE SS MARION LYKES, ALTHOUGH MRS. CHURCH STATED SHE RECALLED THAT THE CHIEF ENGINEER, WHOSE NAME SHE COULD NOT REMEMBER, HAD MADE A REMARK TO HER AND HER HUSBAND ON ONE OCCASION THAT OLWALD WAS A SMART KID. MRS. CHURCH STATED

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THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND BOTH WERE AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE CHIEF ENGINEER WOULD MAKE SUCH A REMARK TO THEM. MR. AND MRS. CHURCH EACH ADVISED THAT THE TRIP TO EUROPE WAS TAKEN AS A VACATION AFTER MR. CHURCH'S RETIREMENT FROM THE ARMY. EACH ADVISED THAT CONSIDERING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CLOSE CONFINES OF THE SHIP AND THAT FACT THAT THERE WERE ONLY FOUR PASSENGERS ON THE SHIP, THEY CONSIDERED THEIR CONTACT WITH OSWALD WAS MUCH LESS THAN WOULD NORMALLY BE THE CASE UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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URGENT 12-19-63 4:00 PM MST LMT

TO DIRECTOR /105-82555/ AND SAC, DALLAS /100-10451/

FROM SAC, EL PASO /105-1264/

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R. OO. DL.

REBUAIRTEL DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST RE GENERAL FNU SILICIA
AND DALLAS TEL TO DIRECTOR DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST RE ROBERT
KAYE.

TODAY GENERAL MANUEL N. SILICIA, BRIGADIER, MEXICAN ARMY
GARRISON, OJINAGA, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN OSWALD AT ANY TIME, AND DID NOT RECALL
THAT HE HAD EVER TOLD ANYONE THAT HE HAD SEEN OSWALD.

RICHARD CASE NAGELL, PRESENTLY INCARCERATED EP COUNTY JAIL,

TODAY ADVISED THAT QUOTE FOR THE RECORD, I THINK I HAD BETTER SAY

I MET OSWALD IN MEXICO CITY AND TEXAS AND MY ASSOCIATION WITH HIM
WAS PURELY SOCIAL UNQUOTE. ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO HAVE NAGELL EL-

ABORATE, HOWEVER, HE REFUSED TO DO SO, NAGELL IS SUBJECT OF

CASE CASE ENTITLED, RICHARD CASE NAGELL, AKA, STATE

NATIONAL BANK OF EL PASO,, EL PASO, TEXAS, NINE TWENTY SIXTY THREE

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SR, BUFILE NINE ONE DASH ONE EIGHT THREE THREE NINE. NAGELL HAS HISTORY PAST MENTAL DISTURBANCES AND USDC, EP, HAS MADE REPEATED EFFORTS TO HAVE NAGELL SUBMIT TO PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION, HOWEVER NAGELL REFUSES TO DO SO.

SAC OSCAR G. WEISHEIT, JR., US SECRET SERVICE, EP ADVISED THIS DATE EXTENSIVE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND REINTERVIEW ROBERT KAY, WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN INCONTACT WITH SUBJECT IN DENVER, OLORADO, IN EARLY OCTOBER, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. STATED KAYE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT EP AREA AND THAT EP OFFICE, FBI, WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED WHEN KAYE LOCATED. FBI, EP NOT DUPLICATING EFFORTS SECRET SERVICE TO RELOCATE KAYE BUT WILL SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE KAYE INTERVIEWED WHEN LOCATED BY SECRET SERVICE. REPORT FOLLOWS RE INTERVIEWS WITH SICILIA AND NAGELL.

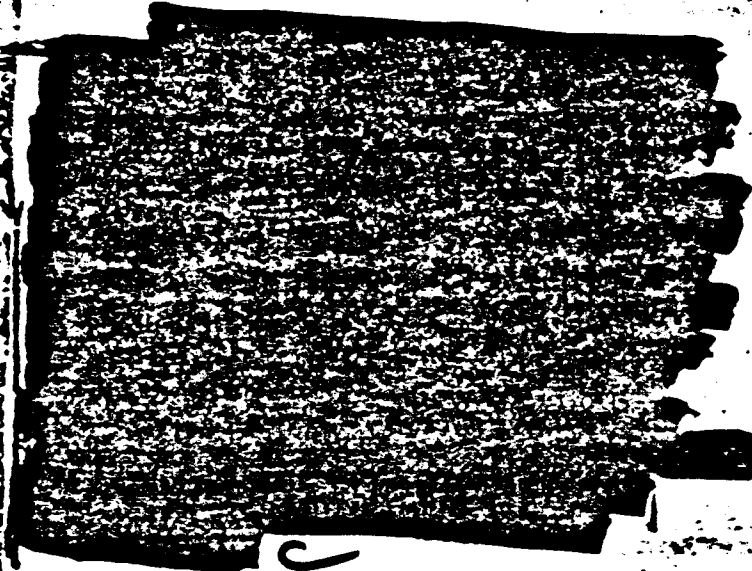
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office KNOXVILLE	Office of Origin DALLAS	Date 12/23/63	Investigative Period 12/19/63 - 12/20/63
TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD		Report made by THEODORE A. SANDERS	Typed By QYP
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - R - CUBA	

REFERENCES: Dallas teletype to Houston, Kansas City, Knoxville, Little Rock, New Orleans, and San Antonio 12/9/63, 11:26 PM.
Houston teletype to Bureau 12/17/63, 3:39 PM.
Knoxville teletype to Bureau, Dallas, Houston, Memphis, New York, San Antonio, and WFO 12/20/63, 1:50 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Knoxville teletype to Director 12/20/63, 7:50 PM, requested that the Bureau furnish information appearing in this teletype to the Legat, Mexico City, for appropriate investigation in effort to locate acquaintances who might be aware of BOWEN's itinerary since a news article reported that he left New York on 11/13/63 for England, and other countries.

Photograph of JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY obtained from Olan Mills Portrait Studios, Chattanooga, Tennessee, December 20, 1963, was forwarded air mail special delivery, December 20, 1963, from Chattanooga to FBI Office, Dallas, Texas.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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LEADS

The following leads were set forth in referenced Knoxville teletype to Director 12/20/63, 7:50 PM:

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will check INS records or other appropriate sources for any information regarding date and method of departure for BOWEN for England, Spain, Portugal, and Italy. A news article reported this departure as November 13, 1963.

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

AT LAREDO, TEXAS:

Will conduct investigation in an attempt to locate acquaintances of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN who might have knowledge of his present itinerary; it being noted that BOWEN's address in December, 1953, was reported to be Box 308, Laredo, Texas.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

Will, in checking passport records as requested in referenced Knoxville teletype, note that BOWEN is reported to have left November 13, 1963, from New York, mode of travel not shown, for England, Spain, Portugal, and Italy.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

 Report of: THEODORE A. SANDERS
 Date: 12/23/63

Office: KNOXVILLE

File Number: 105-528

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Soc Sec 488-42-7335

Synopsis:

JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY, white male, date of birth 6/16/36, employed as salesman on sales crew traveling Kentucky, Virginia, Middle and West Tennessee, for Olan Mills Portrait Studios, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Employed five separate occasions, all short duration, during period 4/22/57 to 2/25/61. Not eligible for rehire. No contact MURPHY reported since 2/61. Limited background information obtained from files that company set forth. JAMES MURPHY visited Salvation Army, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Men's Transit Dormitory, few occasions, last such visit August 29, 1963, for one night. Limited background information and name of sister set forth. JOHN HOWARD BOWEN reported formerly Director of Campfire Council, Knoxville, Tennessee, June, 1938, to Spring, 1943. Source stated knew nothing derogatory concerning BOWEN's loyalty and stated BOWEN was [redacted] and for this reason let out of boys' work, Knoxville. BOWEN reported to be at least 80 years of age. Reported to have gone to Mexico when leaving Knoxville in 1943 and to have performed missionary work among Mixteca Indians. Knoxville newspaper articles reflect in 1953 BOWEN reported residing Laredo, Texas. According to news articles, BOWEN had served as a missionary in India prior to coming to Knoxville and active in missionary work since 1910. Photographs from newspaper morgue being obtained. Source states no known relatives or acquaintances residing Knoxville. No record Knoxville PD or Knoxville Credit Bureau. Article in Knoxville Journal, November 14, 1963, reported BOWEN left New York November 13, 1963, for speaking tour in England, Spain, Portugal, and Italy, having been invited by evangelical groups of each country.

DETAILS:

Date 12/21/63

Miss IRENE PENNY, Personnel Office, Olan Mills Portrait Studios, 1101 Carter Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, advised SA GEORGE C. WELBORN files of that office contain the following information concerning JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY.

On April 27, 1957, application for employment Olan Mills Portrait Studios was partially executed in name JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY, Social Security Number 488-42-7335, white male, date of birth June 16, 1936, 5' 10", 150 pounds, permanent address Humboldt, Tennessee. Application was for position as salesman with sales crew in State of Virginia. No indication where application was executed but had to have been filed with crew chief in Virginia. MURPHY listed mother as being deceased, did not comment on other relatives. Listed high school education but did not indicate school or date. Only employment listed was himself as salesman, no address. No other information appeared on the application.

MURPHY was employed with sales crew of Olan Mills Portrait Studios, traveling in Virginia, April 22, 1957, termination date not listed. Crew Chief was JULIA DOOLEY. MURPHY was hired January 13, 1958, sales crew in Kentucky, Crew Chief CHARLEY YOUNG, 414 Bonna Wood Drive, Hermitage, Tennessee, Sales Manager, Kentucky and Tennessee. Resigned April 7, 1958. Rehired January 12, 1959, Sales crew Kentucky and Tennessee, Crew Chief CHARLEY YOUNG. Resigned May 23, 1959. Notation, unable to get along with crew members, unsatisfactory. Rehired April 6, 1960 with sales crew Kentucky and Tennessee, crew chief CHARLEY YOUNG. Separated June 18, 1960. Rehired October 17, 1960, sales crew Kentucky, crew chief CHARLEY YOUNG. Released February 25, 1961, services unsatisfactory, would not rehire. Notation, cannot pay hotel bills.

Miss PENNY advised CHARLEY YOUNG's sales crew does not work Chattanooga, Tennessee, and from a review of the file it does not appear MURPHY ever appeared in Chattanooga, Tennessee, with this company either when filing application or for re-employment.

On 12/20/63at Chattanooga, Tennessee

File #

105-528by SA GEORGE C. WELBORN

/epm

Date dictated

12/20/63

A letter appears in file from Local Draft Board #1, U. S. Selective Service System, Natchez, Miss., April 27, 1959, seeking location of JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY, Selective Service Number 22 136 106. Notation appears in file MURPHY told Olan Mills he was turned down by Local Draft Board due to Psychopathic Letter of Inquiry September 15, 1960, from Reverend JOHN T. MARTIN, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, 313 Walnut Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for reference since MURPHY appeared at that church for assistance in obtaining employment. During first employment MURPHY was a patient at Whitfield, Virginia, August 9 to 15, 1957, diagnosis Pyelonephritis.

As undated photograph of MURPHY was obtained which Miss PENNY believed was taken during his last employment.

Date 12/21/63

On December 19, 1963, Captain T. R. ARROWOOD, Salvation Army, 809 Georgia Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, advised SA GEORGE C. WELBORN that files of that office reflect one JAMES F. MURPHY, white male, date of birth June 16, 1936, permanent residence Kosciusko, Mississippi, 5' 10" 145 pounds, Social Security Number 488-42-7335, single, Catholic, Sister, JEAN MURPHY, 1309 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, had spent one night at Salvation Army Quarters, Mitchell Avenue, Chattanooga, on two or three occasions during the past three or four years. The last visit at the Salvation Army was one night's stay on the night of August 29, 1963. No contact had been had with this individual since that time. No associates or activities since that time were known to the Salvation Army. Prior to August 29, 1963, this individual appeared at the Salvation Army for one meal during April, 1963.

On 12/19/63 at Chattanooga, Tennessee File # 105-528

by SA GEORGE C. WELBORN

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Date dictated 12/20/63

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/21/63

Mrs. SILAS HOWERTON, Salvation Army Mens Dormitory, 1603 Mitchell Avenue, Chattanooga, advised SA GEORGE C. WILBORN JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY was unknown to her and after looking at registration cards of individuals of that name for August 28, 1963, she determined interview had been handled by her husband on that date.

On 12/20/63 at Chattanooga, Tennessee File # 105-528
by SA GEORGE C. WILBORN /gpm Date dictated 12/20/63

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Date 12/21/63

SILAS HOWERTON, Salvation Army Mens Transit Dormitory, 1603 Mitchell Avenue, on December 20, 1963, advised Registration Card of his office August 29, 1963, reflects JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY, white male, date of birth June 16, 1963, Social Security Number 488-42-7335, 5'10", 145 pounds, spent one night at above dormitory night of August 29, 1963. During interview MURPHY advised he was single, Catholic, and his nearest relative was his sister Miss JEAN MURPHY, 1309 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. MURPHY had advised he was en route to Memphis, Tennessee, and had spent the previous night at Atlanta, Georgia. The files reflect he had spent one night previously at this dormitory on February 23, 1963.

Mr. HOWERTON could not recall this individual from above card but when a photograph of JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY which was taken by Olan Mills Portrait Studios, was exhibited to him, he stated he remembered the individual but could furnish no additional information.

On 12/20/63 at Chattanooga, Tennessee File # 105-528

by SA GEORGE C. WELBORN /epm Date dictated 12/20/63

Mrs. CLARA DURGIN, Clerk, YMCA, 812 Georgia Avenue, Chicago, advised SA GEORGE C. WILBORN no one by the name of JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY or similar name, was current member of the YMCA and the name was not familiar with the YMCA as a past resident. Registration cards for residents were not filed in current order and were not reviewed.

On 12/19/63 at Chattanooga, Tennessee File # 105-528

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Efforts to Identify
JOHN HOWARD BOWEN

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MEXICO
TEXAS
Portugal
Italy
India

On June 4, 1942, CHARLES M. PICKEL, Rural Route 7, Henderson Springs, Tennessee, Sevier County, advised an Agent of the FBI, Knoxville, that one J. H. BOWEN, whom he believed to be an Italian, had resided in the vicinity of Henderson Springs for the past two years. He stated that BOWEN operates a camp for boys known as the "Campfire Council". According to PICKEL, one of the boys at the camp told GEORGE SHARP of Route 7, Henderson Springs, Tennessee, that he had seen BOWEN tear down an American Flag and stomp it into the ground. PICKEL said that BOWEN had three large police dogs at his home, which were very dangerous. PICKEL complained that the boys at the camp were committing some acts of thievery and property damage in the neighborhood. PICKEL stated that BOWEN spends time traveling over the country roads in and around Henderson Springs and that he knew for a fact that BOWEN had once traveled to Mexico City.

At the request of the FBI, PAUL LILLY, Patrolman, Tennessee Highway Patrol, made an investigation of the above allegation. On August 21, 1942, Patrolman LILLY, by letter, advised the FBI, Knoxville, that he had contacted Mr. GEORGE SHARP, Mr. CHARLES M. PICKEL, and others, and all of these persons had told him that the main trouble concerning BOWEN was on account of some vicious dogs which BOWEN had at his camp. LILLY stated that the neighbors told him they were deathly afraid of these dogs and that something had to be done about them. LILLY reported that he talked to some workers at the camp and they told him they had never seen or heard of any activities that would lead them to believe that BOWEN was or had been disrespectful to the United States.

Date December 23, 1963

Mr. HAL C. STEPHENS, Executive Director, Boys' Club of Knoxville, Inc., residence address 407 Caswell Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that he was not personally acquainted with JOHN HOWARD BOWEN but stated that he had heard a lot about BOWEN since BOWEN was formerly Director of the Campfire Council at Knoxville, Tennessee, from 1938 to the Spring of 1943. STEPHENS stated at this time the Campfire Council was abandoned and the Boys' Club was organized and BOWEN was let out of boys' work. STEPHENS stated that he knew of nothing derogatory concerning BOWEN's loyalty to the country, but it was rumored that BOWEN [redacted] and for this reason he was let out of boys' work in Knoxville. STEPHENS stated that he knew of no prosecution concerning BOWEN and, to his knowledge, no charges were ever placed. He stated that he never received any derogatory information concerning BOWEN's loyalty to the country, but that he, STEPHENS, does know that when he took over the books and inventory of the Campfire Council for the newly organized Boys' Club, items on the inventory such as boats and motors, were never accounted for.

cc previously placed in 105-24074-24 re Bowen

STEPHENS related that as Director of the Campfire Council, BOWEN operated a Campfire Council Camp in Sevier County for several years. According to STEPHENS, BOWEN was single and he stated that at this time he would be at least 80 years of age. STEPHENS advised that he knew of no relatives of BOWEN residing in this area and had never heard of any close acquaintances of BOWEN residing in this area.

STEPHENS stated that when BOWEN left Knoxville he reportedly went to Mexico where he was reported to be doing missionary work among the Indians. STEPHENS stated that BOWEN reportedly had been a missionary prior to coming to Knoxville and claimed that he had been a missionary in India.

Mr. STEPHENS advised that a recent news article appeared in the Knoxville Journal on or about November 14, 1963, which read as follows:

"BOWEN leaves for overseas; JOHN H. BOWEN, organizer of Boys' Club here and missionary to the Mixteca Indians in Mexico for the past 20 years, left New York yesterday for a speaking tour in England, Spain, Portugal, and Italy."

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"BOWEN organized the Campfire Council for Boys, which evolved into Boys' Club. He served as Director of Boys' Club from 1929 to 1943, when he left for missionary work in Mexico. BOWEN was invited by evangelical groups of each country."

STEPHENS stated that he wrote the Knoxville Journal a reply to the above news article in which he had informed them that BOWEN had never been a Director of the Boys' Club. He stated that he understood that BOWEN in the past had friends submit news items to the Journal for reprint.

Mr. STEPHENS advised that he had no knowledge of BOWEN's residence in Knoxville when he was with the Campfire Council and he stated BOWEN's residence in Sevier County was limited to his operation of the Campfire Council Camp. STEPHENS stated that he was sure that BOWEN has never returned to Knoxville nor resided in Knoxville since he left in 1943.

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The news article referred to by HAL C. STEPHENS of the Boys' Club regarding BOWEN's reported departure for Europe appeared in the November 14, 1963, issue of the Knoxville Journal; however, an examination of the records of the morgue on December 20, 1963, did not disclose any correspondence relative to this particular article. The morgue did reflect a news article dated December 5, 1953, in the Knoxville Journal, which reported that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN resided in Laredo, Texas, and had established a missionary station and a Baptist church in Mexico. He was reported to be the first protestant missionary in the land of the Mixtecas Indians. His address was listed as Box 308, Laredo, Texas. The source of this item appeared to be a letter addressed to the Journal from BOWEN.

The newspaper file contained a postal card from BOWEN bearing an illegible postmark of Tampa (Florida?), November 2, 1954. On this postal card BOWEN advised the Knoxville Journal that he was mailing some photographs to the Journal. He stated that last Christmas he announced he was retiring but after a trip to England where he spoke at a missionary conference, he decided to return to Mexico.

The news file contained a letter dated April 7, 1958, from a Dr. MARTIN HILDAGO, Oaxaca, Oax, Mexico. He wrote that BOWEN, a missionary, had saved two school children from being struck by a truck. In dashing in front of the truck to sweep the children from the path, BOWEN was slightly injured on his left side when he came in contact with the truck. The writer stated that this was the same missionary who had saved three children from a burning hut about eight years previously.

A short article in the Knoxville Journal dated April 12, 1958, described this incident, based on the above letter.

The newspaper file also contained a letter dated September 11, 1961, from an ALBERTO OSBORNE, which was postmarked at Texmelucan, Pue, Mexico. This letter reported that BOWEN was injured when he fell on a bus between Mexico City and Puebla, and it reported that BOWEN had been doing missionary work in Mexico since he left Knoxville in April, 1943. The letter set forth that BOWEN was invited to Mexico by the late Dr. C. E. LACKY, a missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention. The letter reported that BOWEN would be 82 in January (1962), but that he could easily pass for a man in his middle 50's. This letter went on to relate that BOWEN, prior to coming to Knoxville, had served as a missionary in India and had been active in missionary work since 1910 except the time he spent in Knoxville.

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The Knoxville Journal published a short news article on September 15, 1961, based on the above letter.

On December 20, 1963, Mrs. CLARA BULL, Knoxville Credit Bureau, advised that a search of her files reflected no credit record for JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

On December 20, 1963, Mrs. CHARLES DAVIS, Records Department, Knoxville Police Department, advised that she found no arrest record in the files of her office for JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SEATTLE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE DEC 27 1963	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/21 - 22/63
TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD		REPORT MADE BY SA DONALD H. HEAD	CHARACTER OF CASE IS - R

REFERENCES: Phoenix teletype to Seattle, 12/21/63;
 Seattle teletype to Bureau and Dallas, 12/21/63;
 Dallas teletype to Seattle, 12/21/63;
 Seattle teletype to Bureau, Dallas and
 Minneapolis, 12/22/63.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigation reported herein concerns only information furnished by WILLIAM HENRY TIMMER regarding OSWALD's alleged activities in Stanley, North Dakota in 1953.

LEADS:

MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE
At Stanley, North Dakota

1. Will interview TIMMER's maternal grandmother, MARY WURTZ, to determine if she can recall this incident or who TIMMER's friends were during this period.

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 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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 3 - Minneapolis (105-2564) (REG)
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See Pres. Comm. 1/22/64
 JAMES J. [Signature] JAN 22 1964

2. Will interview DOUG JELLESED at Westland Service Station for any thing he can recall during this period of 1953.

3. Will interview BUD WILL, owner of the trailer court, and conduct other source checks in an effort to determine if OSWALD was there in 1953.

4. Will try to ascertain exact location of LAKE EVANS, and set out lead, noting his mother is supposed to be a school teacher on an Indian reservation.

At Rapid City, South Dakota

Will interview JACK FREEHAN for any information he may have or can recall.

At Fargo, North Dakota

Will interview JERRY EVENSON for any information he may have or recall.