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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 12/5/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/2-5/63
TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Aka.		REPORT MADE BY DENNIS W. SHANAHAN	TYPED BY plb
CHARACTER OF CASE IS - R			

REFERENCE: Report of SA LEO K. PEDROTTY dated 12/2/63, at Chicago.

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CHICAGO

1. AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will report results of toll calls on telephones available to JOHN ROSSEN.

2. Will purchase two guns identical to that used in the assassination of President KENNEDY from Klein's and submit to the Bureau attention Assistant Director CONRAD.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant Director IVAN W. CONRAD, FBI Laboratory, telephonically advised the Chicago Division on 12/4/63, that the Bureau was desirous of securing from Klein's two rifles identical to the gun that was used in the assassination of

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President KENNEDY. These rifles were to be sent to the Bureau attention Assistant Director CONRAD.

SA LLOYD H. NELSON has contacted appropriate officials of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, in an effort to affect a check of all toll calls from the following phones available to JOHN ROSSEN, Chairman of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee:

Hyde Park 3-4297, residence,
5715 Blackstone, Chicago

337-4356, Plaza Theater,
308 West North Avenue, Chicago

CA 3-5022, Villa Teatro,
1621 South Louis, Chicago

Officials of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company have advised that this check may take several days and it might be impossible to determine toll calls made from these phones.

On December 4, 1963, THOMAS HARRIS, Allerton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he formerly resided at 16443 Crown Road, Apartment 6, Franklin Park, Illinois. On the evening of November 26, 1963, or early morning November 27, 1963, HARRIS overheard a couple in Apartment 7, adjacent to his apartment, having an argument. The husband seemed distressed over their marriage. After arguing for several minutes the husband said, "Maybe I ought to shoot the President and the cops will take care of me." HARRIS was not aware of the identity of the couple in Apartment 7 and could furnish no further information concerning this matter. The above information was furnished to the Secret Service in Chicago and a letterhead memorandum was submitted to the Bureau for dissemination.

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WILLIAM J. WALDMAN, Vice President, Klein's Sporting Goods, 4540 West Madison Street, Chicago, advised SA ROBERT J. DOLAN on December 2, 1963, that the microfilm containing photographs of Klein's order blank reflecting purchase of the gun used to assassinate President KENNEDY also contains photographs of other pertinent business records of Klein's which records are necessary to Klein's operation. WALDMAN requested that a copy of the original microfilm be made for the use of his firm. Accordingly, a copy of this microfilm has been made and the Chicago Division is retaining the original microfilm in its possession.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA DENNIS W. SHANAHAN
Date: 12/5/63

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 62-6115

Bureau File #: 62-109060

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis:

Information concerning THOMAS AUTHER VALLEE from Veterans Administration files set forth. Information concerning ammunition similar to that used by subject set forth. Former USMC officer, WILLIAM K. TRAIL, advised he knew subject slightly as marine in Japan, Taiwan and Santa Ana, California. Described OSWALD as person who was not well accepted by other men because he gave impression he felt he was smarter than them.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date 12/4/63

Mrs. S. A. DOVING, Contact Office Secretary, Veterans Administration (VA) Regional Office, 2030 West Taylor, Chicago, furnished the VA files pertaining to THOMAS AUTHER, VALLEE, C#17460615, to SA JACK C. HAMMACK on this date. The files reflect the following information:

F 11-15-1933 - Chicago

VALLEE has not had a claim with the VA since 1957. He was discharged from the VA Hospital at Downey, Illinois, and the discharge summary dated 2/5/57, was recorded as follows:

"Patient is a 23 year old, Marine Corps veteran who was admitted to this hospital for the second time on 9/14/63 and carried under the diagnosis of passive aggressive personality reaction, aggressive type. Reference is made to the admission report. Since his admission, the patient has been treated on the closed and open NP Service. Though he has poor insight into his problems and has difficulties in maintaining good interpersonal relationships, it is felt at this time that the patient has achieved maximum benefit from his hospitalization. His plans for the future are to live at the YMCA, and he has looked for employment.

"Physical and laboratory findings show no change from those previously reported."

Diagnosis: Passive aggressive personality reaction, aggressive type.

Prognosis: Guarded

The discharge summary is signed A.E. HARVEY, M.D., Neuropsychiatrist, and V. LINTINI, M.D., Neuropsychiatrist

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By SA JACK C. HAMMACK/jmn Date dictated 12/4/63

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By letter dated 12/12/56, V. O. LEE, Adjudication Officer, advised VALLEE his claim for disability benefits was denied as his nervous condition was not incurred or aggravated by his service.

A Rating Sheet dated 12/12/56, signed S. APPEL, M.D., reflects VALLEE was admitted to the VA Hospital, Downey, Illinois, on 8/28/56 where his condition was diagnosed as passive personality reaction, aggressive type, and it was held that the diagnosis of schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type, was in error.

VALLEE's last known address was listed as 6030 Sheridan Road, Chicago, in August, 1956. His DOB is shown as 11/15/33 at Chicago. He was reported to have received the following medical treatment while in the service:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Illness</u>
Naval Hospital, Quantico, Virginia	Feb., 1956	NP Condition
Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland	Feb. - Aug., 1956	NP Condition

Transferred to VA Hospital, Downey, Illinois, 8/28/56, to await separation from the service.

The file reflects that VALLEE's mother and father are deceased. The only relative listed is his sister, MARY C. VALLEE, 6030 Sheridan Road, Chicago. The only employment listed is Marine Corps from 2/9/55 to date of separation.

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The file reveals that VALLEE applied for educational training on 2/10/54. He listed the school as Wright Junior College, 3400 North Austin Avenue, Chicago, and he showed his final goal as Photo Engraver. The application was denied because the information submitted concerning courses to be studied was incomplete.

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GEORGE ZUCKER, Sales Representative, Century Arms Company, St. Albans, Vermont, who resides and maintains an office at 3950 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, advised on December 4, 1963, he has handled several sale transactions and resale to retail outlets of 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridges loaded with non-magnetic full metal case bullets manufactured by Western Cartridge Corporation, East Alton, Illinois.

He advised that on October 30, 1962, a shipment of 20,000 rounds of ammunition was purchased from the Elmer Joyce Gun Shop, 336 Scott Street, Covington, Kentucky, and was shipped to Alden's Mail Order Company, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago. He advised that on December 7, 1962, 20,000 rounds of ammunition was shipped to the Southern Trading Company, 4012 Griegs Road, Houston, Texas. This shipment was purchased from Sloan's Sporting Goods, New York City, New York.

On December 19, 1961, 10,000 rounds of ammunition was shipped to National Gun Trading, Inc., 253 Southwest 22nd Avenue, Miami, Florida. This ammunition was purchased from the International Firearms Company, Lt., 1011 Bleury St., Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

On February 16, 1962, 12,000 rounds of ammunition was shipped to Spiegel's, Inc., 1061 West 35th Street, Chicago. On March 12, 1962, 6,000 rounds of ammunition was shipped to Spiegel's, Inc. Both shipments were purchased from the Elmer Joyce Gun Shop, Covington, Kentucky.

GEORGE ZUCKER advised he does not sell ammunition to private individuals and all sales are made to retail outlets.

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by SAs JOHN P. HELFRICH and Date dictated 12/5/63
JOHN B. TARPEY/bap

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On December 4, 1963, MATT SUZNNICK, Chief, Plant Protection, Alden's Mail Order Company, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, advised that based upon all available information he was unable to locate any records which would indicate that OSWALD had purchased ammunition from their company.

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JOHN B. TARPZY/bap Date dictated 12 5/63

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On December 4, 1963, DONALD BRAY, Chief Security Officer, Spiegel's, Inc., 1061 West 35th Street, Chicago, advised after a thorough and complete check of all available records, that he was unable to ascertain if OSWALD had purchased ammunition from Spiegel's.

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WILLIAM K. TRAIL, 10149 South Eberhart, was contacted at his place of employment, the Continental Insurance Company, 310 South Michigan Boulevard, and furnished the following information:

He served in the United States Marine Corps from September, 1956, until November, 1959, as a second lieutenant and later as a first lieutenant. During late August or early September, 1958, while assigned to the Atsugi Naval Air Station in Japan, with the First Marine Air Wing, Marine Air Group 11, Marine Air Control Squadron 1, his group was transferred to Taiwan. At that time he first became aware of the fact that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was assigned to this same Marine Air Wing. At the time their group was moving to Taiwan he recalled that OSWALD and another Marine were being held prisoners at Atsugi and had to be picked up by a "chaser" with a gun. He was unable to recall any other circumstances surrounding this event other than he seemed to recall that OSWALD was marched from the Marine jail without shoes which seemed odd to him at the time.

During the ensuing months on Taiwan from September to January or February, 1959, he saw little of OSWALD but heard rumors of his being different than the other men in his group. In this regard he explained that OSWALD did not seem to get along well with the other men and gave the impression that he felt he was smarter than the others and enjoyed showing off his purported superior intelligence.

In January or February, 1959, he, TRAIL, returned to the United States and was thereafter assigned to the Marine Corps Naval Facilities at Santa Ana, California. He recalled seeing OSWALD again at this Marine base during early or mid 1959, at which time OSWALD spoke to him and seemed to be more sociable than he had been while they were

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by SAs EDWARD KINZER, JR. and
FARNIE L. WALDRUP/sfs

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in the same group in Japan and Taiwan.

Mr. TRAIL concluded by stating that he had very little contact with OSWALD at any time during his military career and his recollection of OSWALD and his activities were very limited. He did recall reading in the paper during the fall of 1959, that OSWALD had defected to Russia but heard nothing further of him or about him until November, 1963, when it was publicized that he was the suspected assassin of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. He added that he could suggest no one who might recall OSWALD and he personally was not acquainted with a Marine named "BEEZER".

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CARL MILBURN, 109 South Wolcott, Thornton, Illinois. was contacted at his place of employment, the Allis Chalmers Company, Harvey, Illinois. He stated that he was assigned to the Santa Ana, California, Marine Corps Base during 1959, but never personally became acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He could suggest no one whom he felt would be able to furnish information concerning OSWALD.

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by SA EDWARD KINZEL, JR./sfs Date dictated 12/5/63

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Mrs. MIKE DEJANOVICH, 102 North Wolcott, advised that her son, OWEN DEJANOVICH, was in the United States Marine Corps during 1959 where he was assigned to the Marine base at Santa Ana, California. She was certain that he did make the acquaintance of LEE HARVEY OSWALD during that particular period of time. She advised that the reason she knew this was that she had recently visited with her son who is presently a student at Arizona State College, Cottage City, Flagstaff, Arizona, and he told her of having known Mr. OSWALD whom he described as "very odd". In this regard he stated they called him "OSWALD THE RABBITT". She stated that she was certain that her son would cooperate by furnishing what information he might possess concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On 12/1/63 at Thornton, Illinois File # 62-6115

by SA EDWARD KINZER, JR/sfs Date dictated 12/5/63

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TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD		REPORT MADE BY RICHARD L. KESLER	TYPED BY JNR
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS-R	

REFERENCES:

Washington Field teletype dated 12/3/63, to Director, and SACs, Los Angeles, Charlotte, San Diego and Chicago, re Marine Corps Acquaintances of OSWALD.
 Charlotte teletype 12/4/63 to Director and SACS, Dallas, Los Angeles and WFO, re Marine Corps Acquaintances of OSWALD, presently stationed NCAS, New River, N. C.
 Charlotte teletype 12/4/63 to Director and SACS, Dallas, Jacksonville, re JACK OR JOHN FREEMAN.
 Miami teletype 12/5/63, to Director and SACS, Charlotte, Jacksonville and Dallas, re JACK OR JOHN FREEMAN.

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LEADS:

JACKSONVILLE

Will conduct investigation at Florida State Prison, Raiford, Florida, re JACK or JOHN FREEMAN, as requested referenced Charlotte tel 12/4/63.

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Upon receipt of results of interview of WILLIAM M. DEAN, Blanch Prison Camp, Yanceyville, N. C., by Charlotte, will interview JOHN ERMIL FREEMAN.

CHARLOTTE

Will sutel results of interview with WILLIAM M. DEAN, Blanch Prison Camp, Yanceyville, N. C., and thereafter submit results of interview in investigative report.

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Report of: RICHARD L. KESLER
Date: 12/6/63

Office: CHARLOTTE

Field Office File #: 105-1731

Bureau File #:

Title: LEE-HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Synopsis:

On 12/4/63, K. B. BAILEY, Warden, Central Prison, N. C. Prison Department, Raleigh, N. C., made available undated and unsigned letter from WILLIAM M. DEAN, Inmate, Blanch Prison Camp, Yanceyville, N. C. Letter reflects that while DEAN in Florida State Prison, Raiford, Fla., from 1961 to 1963, he was in cell with 7 men, including JACK or JOHN FREEMAN. DEAN claims FREEMAN was Communist and lover of CASTRO, and that when he, DEAN, read about OSWALD being arrested in New Orleans, he recalled FREEMAN discussing the matter and FREEMAN made statement to effect he belonged to same outfit as OSWALD. DEAN's letter set forth that FREEMAN stated President KENNEDY would be killed before his term was up and that it would be in Texas. DEAN's letter set forth names of other prisoners who could furnish information re FREEMAN and stated FREEMAN was paroled and went to Miami. Files, N. C. Prison Department, Raleigh, reflect DEAN while on escape from N. C. was arrested 8/60 by SO, Hernando, Fla., and sentenced 5 years for Grand Larceny. He was admitted to State Prison, Raiford, 4/7/61, and released 9/12/63, to N. C. authorities for extradition to N. C.

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DETAILS:

INFORMATION REGARDING JACK OR JOHN
FREEMAN, FORMER INMATE, FLORIDA STATE
PRISON, RAIFORD, FLORIDA

K. B. BAILEY, Warden, Central Prison, North Carolina Prison Department, advised he had received on December 3, 1963, an undated, unsigned letter addressed to L. R. TEMPLE, Assistant Warden, which had been sent by WILLIAM M. DEAN, an inmate at Blanch Prison Camp, Yanceyville, North Carolina. He made available this letter, which reads as follows:

"NORTH CAROLINA PRISON DEPARTMENT

"Mr. Temple
Centerel Prison
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I must get this off my mind; I do not know if I am right or wrong, or that it means anything; but I can't live with myself till I get this off my mind.

Well I was at Raiford Fla; there was 7 men to the cell; 3-T-3 was my cell, all the time I was there; we had a young man, 32 years old, name Jack Freeman, and John Freeman; he was a Communist, and a lover of Castro, he had a card and all kinds of books on Communist.

Now there are 2 other prisoner that has a better mind than I have; and they can tell the F.B.I. a lot more than I can; one prisoner, we call Dock, he work at the hospital, for Doctor K. H. Zaffke; he was Dr. Zaffke right hand man; he had been in the Navy a long time; a prisoner by the name of -- Emmett Kissler there will know Dock's real name.

Another is Howard Hopkins; he was getting short when I left Sept. 12, 1963. They can tell quit a bit what went on there; this John Freeman, went out on Parole a couple weeks before I left. He was parole to Mimia.

On 12/4/63 Raleigh, N. C. File # Charlotte 105-1731
by SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS :JNR Date dictated 12/4/63

"When I read in the paper that this Oswald guy was pick up in New Orleans, and was on the radio I rember this Freeman talking about it; Freeman got a radio from some one, and he get New Orleans, and he told us that that was the outfit he belong to and how they change their name ever so often, and how well they was traind, and that President Kennedy would be kill before his term was up and that it would be in Texas, this Freeman would talk a lot and this Dock and I would get Freeman in a heat and he would, explain his point to prove himself; Freeman alwas talk with the Cubans that was with Castro; but was afraid of the one that was against Castro.

I fond out that he really was one of Castro top men over hear; and for some reason, he like me, he once sead becuse I argue with him, that it help him for the future to come; for a well I play up to him to see just what all he would tell me; hear is some of it, and it fits in well just what hapen; and the other prisoners in the cell can tell you the same.

What happen was just like Freeman said it would be. Now he told us one time, that his organization knows every Sheriff in U. S. that has had traing on how to spot a Communist, and when they take over this country, after the President is kill, they have cells, he calls it that, Goveners and Sheriffs will be next; and right on down the line.

As I said I don't know; just what I hurd and I was told after Freeman left, that he was one of the right men; I relize now why Freeman talk like he did; one time he said he like me becuse I argue with him and it was training him for the future; also he said some day you will find out just who I am; and I did, and it comes back to me now; the more I think about it, and

"I know it can be check out, and should be done.

Also this Freeman is a Morman, and had 3 wives is the way he was caught; Mr. Dugger, Asst. Supt. of Raiford knows all about Freeman; from what Freeman said.

I belive I put enought hear that you can go on without me talking to any one;

And I have know you many years Mr. Temple and know you are not a Communist; and no one will know I wrote this but ones that you realy know, are not Communist. Becuse, I know there are gards at Raiford that are, so you know how this can cause me truble, if it gets out.

Sign. XXX"

Mr. BAILEY stated DEAN is a safe cracker who is presently serving a 35 to 40 year sentence. He is in poor physical health and is about 63 years old. He said he knows of no reason why DEAN would write such a letter unless he believes the contents are accurate

Date December 6, 1963

J. D. WILSON, Supervisor, Consolidated Records Section, North Carolina Prison Department, advised his records show WILLIAM M. DEAN, North Carolina Prison Number 44784, is presently serving a 35 to 40 year sentence imposed in Superior Court, Caldwell County, North Carolina, February 25, 1946, for breaking and entering, burglary and larceny. DEAN escaped June 14, 1951, and was recaptured July 2, 1951. On March 29, 1957, he was paroled; however, his parole was revoked June 30, 1958. He again escaped February 26, 1959, and while on escape was arrested August 3, 1960, by the Sheriff's Office, Hernando County, Florida. On April 7, 1961, DEAN was admitted to Florida State Prison, Raiford, Florida, to serve a five year sentence for Grand Larceny. He was released from Florida State Prison September 12, 1963, and was turned over to the Sheriff of Union County, Florida, to be held in custody awaiting extradition to North Carolina. On October 21, 1963, he was returned to Central Prison, Raleigh, North Carolina, and on November 28, 1963, was transferred to Blanch Prison Camp, Yanceyville, North Carolina.

The file contained the following descriptive data concerning DEAN:

Born	September 16, 1908, or September 16, 1898, Portland, Oregon
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5' 9"
Weight	200
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Brown
Education	7th grade
Last address	107 Church Street, Lenoir, North Carolina (1946)
FBI No.	469 163
Florida Prison No.	002471

On 12/4/63 at Raleigh, N. C. File # Charlotte 105-1731
 by SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS :JNR Date dictated 12/4/63

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INFORMATION CONCERNING LEE HARVEY OSWALD,
DEVELOPED THROUGH ACQUAINTANCES PRESENTLY
STATIONED MARINE CORPS AIR FACILITY, NEW
RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA

Date

December 6, 1963

Staff Sergeant CAMILOUS BROWN, MACS No. 8, Marine Corps Air Facility, New River, North Carolina, Marine Serial Number 1211028, advised he first met LEE HARVEY OSWALD during 1958 when OSWALD was transferred to MACS No. 9, Marine Corps Air Facility, Santa Ana, California. He stated OSWALD was with the squadron for about a year and was discharged sometime during 1959. Sergeant BROWN stated that OSWALD was a "quiet guy" who stayed to himself and did not solicit friends. He stated OSWALD was disliked by members of the squadron because his quality of work and professional attitude were poor and he only appeared to be waiting for discharge day.

BROWN stated OSWALD rarely went on liberty, saved all of his money, and was very resentful when his living quarters were inspected by barracks officers. He also stated that OSWALD had made the statement, "Nothing in my room concerns anyone but myself" and that room inspections seemed to concern him more than anything else. BROWN stated he never knew of OSWALD engaging in discussion of politics or world affairs with anyone, and had never heard him express an opinion on any subject other than his room inspections.

BROWN advised that shortly after OSWALD was discharged he read in the Santa Ana local newspaper that OSWALD had applied for Russian citizenship. He stated that he was not a close friend of OSWALD and knew of no close friends OSWALD had.

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by SA ROBERT B. McLENDON :JNR Date dictated 12/5/63

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Captain TIBBOTT G. CSIK, Marine Serial Number
055365, Operations Officers, MACS No. 8, Marine Corps
Air Facility, advised on December 4, 1963, that he reported
at MACS No. 9, Santa Ana, California, on July 20, 1959, and
was acquainted with OSWALD on incidental basis from that time
until OSWALD's date of discharge, which was about two months
later. He stated he had read in newspapers, possibly
Santa Ana local newspaper or Los Angeles newspaper, a
month or two after OSWALD's discharge that OSWALD had
applied for Russian citizenship.

- Captain CSIK stated he could furnish no
information as to OSWALD's personality, friends or contacts,
or his position in connection with politics or world affairs.

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Sergeant W. B. FUNK, Marine Serial Number 1168785, HACS No. 8, Marine Corps Air Facility, advised on December 4, 1963, that he was Barracks Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) at MACS No. 9, Santa Ana, California, during the time OSWALD was assigned to that squadron. He explained that his duty as Barracks NCO was to inspect all quarters and determine if they were properly maintained. He stated OSWALD had a private room in a quonset hut, and that OSWALD kept this door locked at all times and that for him to inspect OSWALD's room, he had to threaten disciplinary action to get OSWALD to unlock the door. He stated OSWALD always had a stack of books on Communism, which he had obtained from the Camp Library, and possibly some from Santa Ana Public Library, which OSWALD read constantly.

Sergeant FUNK stated he had never heard OSWALD discuss politics or world affairs and he assumed at that time OSWALD was merely interested in Communism on an academic basis. He stated that practically everyone "felt sorry" for OSWALD, as he was a "loner", who stayed by himself and never went on liberty with any of the men from the squadron. He stated he doubted if OSWALD had any friends in the Santa Ana area.

Sergeant FUNK further stated that a Lance Corporal by the name of (First name unknown) DEL GARDO (phonetic), had resided in the same quonset hut with OSWALD for a time, and that DEL GARDO was so uncomfortable with OSWALD he requested to be assigned to other sleeping quarters.

Sergeant FUNK stated he had no other information to offer concerning OSWALD except that he recalled that OSWALD was trying to obtain a hardship discharge from the Marine Corps during 1959 to help his mother and he had read in a Los Angeles paper shortly after OSWALD's discharge that he had applied for Russian citizenship.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 12/6/63, [REDACTED] Collections Department, First National Bank, St. Petersburg, Florida, advised that on about May 28, 1963, that bank financed for WILLIAM H. and HENRY P. MASON a 1959 Ford 4-door, white, Custom 300, VIN C9NG 118320.

On 10/28/63 the bank learned that the car was abandoned on the parking lot of an Eckerd's Drug Store, Pasadena, Florida, (in Greater St. Petersburg). Bank recovered and repossessed the car that date.

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[redacted] said that he had been advised of the whereabouts of the car by HENRY P. MASON, who is the father of WILLIAM H. MASON. [redacted] believes that HENRY P. MASON lives at 2600 Lealman Avenue, St. Petersburg, and works for the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. in some connection. HENRY P. MASON advised [redacted] that WILLIAM P. MASON, as of 10/28/63, or shortly thereafter, was in the County Jail, Corpus Christi, Texas, on a marijuana charge.

Efforts to contact HENRY P. MASON, or anyone at his address, on 12/6/63, were unsuccessful. Unless MASON and DEWEY are not located at Corpus Christi, Texas, no further effort will be made to contact HENRY P. MASON.

LEADS:

HOUSTON DIVISION:

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

Interview MASON at County Jail for information as set out in re San Antonio airtel. If DEWEY not in jail, ascertain whereabouts from MASON. If MASON and DEWEY not in Corpus Christi, and whereabouts not known, advise Tampa. (This lead set out in re Tampa Tel to Houston, 12/6/63).

DALLAS DIVISION and SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

One information copy this report furnished Dallas as Office of Origin, and San Antonio, as per San Antonio request in re airtel to Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JOHN H. MILLER
Date: 12/7/63

Office: TAMPA

Field Office File #: TP 105-2142

Bureau File #:

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY -- RUSSIA

Synopsis: Information developed that CHARLES H. DEWEY and WILLIAM HENRY MASON, both of Treasure Island, Fla., entered Mexico by automobile at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, 9/26/63. Investigation St. Petersburg, Florida develops MASON and DEWEY associates in that area; left no-account checks 9/23/63, and abandoned MASON's automobile St. Petersburg that date. Investigation developed MASON now "living in Corpus Christi, Texas", also that he is in county jail, Corpus Christi, on marijuana charge.

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DETAILS:

Information received by the San Antonio Division shows that on September 26, 1963, CHARLES H. DEWEY and WILLIAM HENRY MASON, both of Treasure Island, Florida, entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, bound for Monterrey, N.L., Mexico, by automobile.

AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA:

On December 5, 1963, a review of St. Petersburg and Holiday Isles City and Telephone Directories for 1960 through 1963, failed to disclose anyone who could be identified as DEWEY or MASON, above.

On December 5, 1963, [Mrs. DOROTHY WHITE,] Credit Bureau, St. Petersburg, advised that the files of that office do not contain any record which could

possibly be identified as that of DEWEY.

Mrs. [WHITE] located a record for one WILLIAM H. MASON, wife BARBARA (divorced), formerly of 9254 or 9264 55th Street North, St. Petersburg. Notation in record shows that as of November, 1963, MASON was "living in Corpus Christi, Texas".

On December 6, 1963, Mrs. [WHITE] advised that a St. Petersburg bank had recently re-possessed an automobile from MASON. According to that recent information, MASON had a "brother", HENRY, living at 2690 Lealman Avenue, St. Petersburg.

On December 6, 1963, GILBERT PIERSON, Manager, Eckerd's Drugs, 6320 Gulfport Boulevard, South, St. Petersburg, advised that WILLIAM H. MASON had worked at that store for a short while until three or four months ago. He later worked at Dick and Millie's Restaurant on Treasure Island.

PIERSON said that MASON had a friend named DICK, who is not known to PIERSON, but whose name appeared on one of several bad checks MASON gave various Eckerd's Drug Stores in the St. Petersburg area.

PIERSON said that on September 23, 1963, MASON cashed a "no account" check at PIERSON's store. He believed the amount to be \$20. On that same date, MASON left his 1959 white Ford automobile on the parking lot of PIERSON's store. About one month later a representative of a St. Petersburg bank came to the store, and repossessed the ford.

PIERSON said that he and other Eckerd's managers have been looking for MASON and PIERSON, and he heard from some unrecalled source that MASON is in jail in the state of Texas on a marijuana charge.

PIERSON described MASON as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	27 to 28 years

Height	5'10"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown, wavy
Scars and marks	Broken tooth, upper right front.

On December 6, 1963, GENE NOEL, Manager, Eckerd's Drugs, 2902 34th Street, St. Petersburg, advised that he knows WILLIAM H. MASON to have been an employee of GILBERT PIERSON at one time at Eckerd's Drugs on Gulfport Boulevard. On September 23, 1963, when NOEL believed MASON to still be an employee of Eckerd's, he cashed a check for him, in the amount of \$20, which was "no account". The check was made payable to CHARLES T. DEWEY and signed by MASON. It was endorsed on the back, CHARLES T. DEWEY. It is NOEL's recollection that both MASON and DEWEY cashed the check. From a note on the back of the check, NOEL believed that CHARLES T. DEWEY was employed by Dick and Millie's Restaurant. DEWEY is not otherwise known to NOEL.

On December 6, 1963, GILTA ABEL, Dick and Millie's Seafood Restaurant, 12785 Golf Boulevard, Treasure Island, advised that both WILLIAM H. MASON and CHARLES "CHUCK" DEWEY had been employed there for a few months until three or four months ago, at which time they left. She believed that they later worked in Clearwater, Florida, but did not know for what establishment.

Charles H. Dewey

ABEL said that she knows that MASON, at least, left one hot check with Dick and Millie's Restaurant, fairly recently, and that he owes her \$25 personally. ABEL did not know the present whereabouts of either MASON or DEWEY.

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REPORTING OFFICE Milwaukee	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Dallas	DATE 12/9/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/25/63 - 12/6/63
TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON	TYPED BY bs
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - R	

REFERENCES

Report SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON, 12/5/63, at Milwaukee; Dallas teletype to Milwaukee, 12/5/63 (Inter Office); Milwaukee teletype to Bureau (copy Dallas), 12/6/63; Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, Dallas and Los Angeles, 12/6/63; Louisville teletype to Bureau, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Los Angeles and New Haven, 12/5/63; Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, Dallas and New York, 12/6/63.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Lead was set out for New York and Dallas (Milwaukee tel to Bureau, Dallas and New York, 12/6/63) to take cognizance of the sale of a description of the type used by OSWALD by Sloan's Sporting Goods Co., 82 Chambers St., New York 7, New York (according to information furnished by KENNETH BERENISEN of Ken's Gun Center, Milwaukee). It is not known to Milwaukee whether Sloan's has previously been contacted.

Will refer to page 3 of FD 302 covering interview of EARL WILLIAM VANIDESTINE in the details of this report. Set out there are possible means of identifying a Marine from Baton Rouge, La., who allegedly talked to VANIDESTINE about OSWALD during the time the latter was in the Marine Corps. A lead was set out for Los Angeles in Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, Dallas and Los Angeles, 12/6/63, to attempt to identify the Marine from Baton Rouge. It is suggested that, if Dallas is in possession of information which will assist Los Angeles in this matter, that any other logical leads be set out and Los Angeles advised thereof.

Will also note from pp. 1 and 2 of the same FD 302 that VANIDESTINE can scarcely be considered a reliable source because of his medical record and possible misrepresentations to the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Post-Exponent.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON
Date: December 9, 1963

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: MI 62-1178

Bureau File No.: 62-109060

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis: JAMES BLECHA, Milwaukee, received 100 rounds of 6.5 ammunition, type employed by OSWALD, from Elmer Joyce Gun Shop, Covington, Ky., in February, 1962; but it didn't fit his gun so he turned it over to Ken's Gun Center, which traded same to Gordy's Gun Shop, both of Milwaukee. None of above recalls any dealings with OSWALD. EMIL CONRAD SOLBERG, Rock Falls, Wisc., stated a man resembling OSWALD was in his store in July, 1963, and claimed to be hitchhiking from Washington to Chicago. EARL WILLIAM VANIDESTINE, former member of Marine Air Control Squadron #9, was quoted in the Appleton (Wisc.) Post-Crescent as saying that OSWALD was always complaining and saying he was going to Russia and would give the Russians confidential information. On interview, VANIDESTINE, who was retired from the Marine Corps for medical reasons and admits hospitalization in 1962 and 1963 for psychiatric reasons, said he recalled no conversations with OSWALD whom he knew only slightly. VANIDESTINE said the statements he made to the newspaper were based on conversations with another Marine whose name he could not recall.

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DETAILS:

SALE OF AMMUNITION OF TYPE USED BY OSWALD IN
ASSASSINATION

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

On December 5, 1963, JAMES BLECHA, 4701 North 50 Street, Milwaukee, stated that he received 100 rounds of 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridges loaded with non-magnetic full metal case bullets manufactured by Western Cartridge Corp. from Elmer Joyce, Covington, Ky., in February, 1962. He found that they didn't fit his gun, so he corresponded with JOYCE, who directed him to turn the cartridges over to Ken's Gun Center, Milwaukee. He did this and then obtained some Belgian-made ammunition to fit his gun. BLECHA said that he had no personal knowledge of OSWALD and had never seen him in his life.

On December 6, 1963, KENNETH BERENDSEN, Ken's Gun Center, 1707 West Center Street, Milwaukee, recalled that BLECHA turned over to him 100 rounds of the above-described ammunition at the request of ELMER JOYCE of Covington, Kentucky. BERENDSEN agreed to accept it because he does business with JOYCE. However, BERENDSEN didn't need the ammunition so he traded at Gordy's Gun Shop, Milwaukee.

BERENDSEN said that he didn't need the ammunition because he had on hand part of the shipment of 1000 rounds of the same type of ammunition which he received from Sloan's Sporting Goods Co., 89 Chambers Street, New York 7, New York. BERENDSEN attempted to find the invoice for this shipment but was unable to do so. He said that SLOAN had advertised the ammunition in a circular about two years ago. BERENDSEN stated that he did not know and had never seen OSWALD and had had no dealings with him.

On December 6, 1963, GORDON E. PAUTZ, Gordy's Gun Shop, 2082 South Muskego, recalled getting 100 rounds of the above-described ammunition from BERENDSEN of Ken's Gun Center about a year and a half ago. He said that he had since sold it to miscellaneous customers whom he could not identify. He said that he had never seen OSWALD or done business with him.

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REPORTED PRESENCE OF OSWALD AT ROCK FALLS,
WISCONSIN, JULY, 1963

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS J. GRAHAM:

On December 6, 1963, IRVING S. LUND, Rock Falls, Wisconsin, telephonically contacted SA THOMAS J. GRAHAM at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and advised that EMIL SOLBERG, a grocer, Rock Falls, Wisconsin, had told him that during July, 1963, an individual had entered his store and attempted to purchase a pair of trousers but left because he had insufficient money. LUND stated that SOLBERG told him that this individual resembled LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He added further that SOLBERG was of the opinion that this might have been OSWALD.

AT ROCK FALLS, WISCONSIN

EMIL CONRAD SOLBERG, operator of the Solberg General Store, Rock Falls, Wisconsin, which he advised has a population of approximately 75 people, stated that he was on duty in his store at approximately 7:00 p.m. on a day during July, 1963 when a young man entered his store. He said that this individual was observed by him walking along the highway in front of his store and after entering his store told him that he was hitchhiking from Washington to Chicago, Illinois. SOLBERG said that he did not specify whether this was Washington, D.C. or the state of Washington but indicated that he was going to Chicago, Illinois and that this city was his home. He said that this individual looked at some wash trousers, which were hanging on racks in the store and told SOLBERG that he would like to purchase a pair of trousers. SOLBERG stated that he asked this individual what size he needed and received the reply that he did not know what size he wore. SOLBERG said that he measured the waist of this individual and believes that it was a 34 waist. He said he then selected a pair of trousers and laid them on the counter, after which this individual said that he had only \$1 to pay toward the trousers which SOLBERG replied that he could not sell them at that price. He said that he was informed by this stranger that he was on his way home and wanted to look respectable when arriving there.

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SOLBERG stated that this individual remained in his store for a period of not more than five minutes and during this time he inquired as to the direction he should go to get on to Highway 12. SOLBERG said that he informed him that he would have to go to Eau Claire which was approximately 15 miles northeast of Rock Falls. He added that this individual then left his store and when he last saw him he was walking along the highway in the direction of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

SOLBERG stated that this individual had no clothing or other property with him when he was in his store although he may have had some outside of the store along the highway. However, he said he did not see any items that he was carrying. He said that he was dressed shabbily and had on a shirt and trousers which he described as being made of wash or cotton material but he could not recall the color.

SOLBERG described this individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30 years
Height	5'9 or 10" (SOLBERG stated that he is 5'7" and he estimated the height of this individual as 2 or 3" taller)
Weight	150 - 160 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Light
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Color unknown
Appearance	Was unshaven and the skin on his face appeared to be rough. Hair was unkempt and long.
Scars or Marks	None noted
Speech	No accent noted. SOLBERG stated he spoke like average Midwesterner.
Peculiarities	Appeared to be very nervous and at times spoke in a very low tone of voice.

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SOLBERG stated that no one else was in the store at the time this individual was there and he did not know whether anyone else in the building had observed him although he did not believe so.

SOLBERG stated that it was his opinion that this individual resembled LEE HARVEY OSWALD. However, he said that he would not state that he was identical with OSWALD or that he was in any way positive that he was OSWALD. He said that he could not state any more than the fact that he did resemble OSWALD and after seeing OSWALD's picture on a number of occasions he concluded that it was possible that he could have been OSWALD.

SOLBERG stated that he had never seen this person before and has not seen him since. He said he believed that he hitchhiked into Rock Falls and left by the same mode of travel.

MILITARY

At Menasha, Wisconsin

Date December 9, 1963

EARI WILLIAM VANIDESTINE, Menasha Hotel, Menasha, Wisconsin, employed as used car salesman at Turley Pontiac Used Car Lot, Neenah, Wisconsin, advised that he is the son of CLARENCE VANIDESTINE, Route 1, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, was born Door County, Wisconsin August 16, 1937. He served in the U.S. Marines from September 19, 1955 to August 31, 1958 and from December 10, 1958 until July, 1963 under serial number 1542413, and he is medically retired as of July, 1963 with the rank of Lance Corporal and receiving half-pay. He stated that when he re-enlisted in December, 1958 he was assigned to the Marine Corps Air Facility at Santa Ana, California and was a member of Marine Air Control Squadron #4 there from January, 1959 to about July, 1959 after which he was transferred to Squadron #9 at Santa Ana. He stated he went overseas to Japan in September, 1960 with this Squadron. He stated the Squadron returned to the U.S. in October, 1961 and he returned in November, 1961 to Balboa Hospital, San Diego, that he had been hospitalized in Japan as a result of an injury in which he suffered a broken blood vessel in the brain in July or August, 1961. He was released from the Hospital in November, 1961 and was assigned to Hdq. and Hdq. Squadron #3, El Toro until March, 1962. He was then hospitalized at Camp Pendleton Hospital because of one of three attempts he made at suicide while in service, and from there was transferred to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Oakland, California where he remained until June, 1962 after which he was sent to Treasure Island. He went AWOL from there in August, 1962 and was apprehended in November, 1962 and taken to Camp Pendleton Hospital and assigned to the El Toro base. He went AWOL from the Hospital December 22, 1962 and was apprehended in January, 1963 at Long Beach. He was returned to the Camp Pendleton Hospital for a period of about three weeks and then returned to the El Toro base but hospitalized again in February, 1963 at the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego after which he was transferred again to the Oakland Hospital and finally medically retired from there in July, 1963. He stated his hospitalization in 1962 and 1963 was for psychiatric reasons.

He stated that when he heard about LEE HARVEY OSWALD assassinating the President he made a remark to his employer that he had known OSWALD in the Marine Corps. On the following Monday he was interviewed by a reporter for the Appleton Post-Crescent and he furnished information to him as to what he knew about OSWALD. He stated that the article written by the reporter indicated that

On 12/6/63 at Neenah, Wisconsin File # MI 62-1178

by SAs JOHN D. O'CONNELL & JAMES H. BREWSTER Date dictated 12/6/63
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he was personally acquainted with OSWALD and that this is not the case as he recalls no conversation with OSWALD at any time and recalls hearing no statements by OSWALD. He denied that he had told the reporter that he had been a warrant officer when he retired from the Marines and stated that he had actually told him he was being considered for such a rating before he suffered an injury which resulted in his retirement, and that the article in describing him as a warrant officer was in error.

He stated that the article quoted him as stating OSWALD was always complaining and saying that he was going to Russia, that he hated the United States and the Marines, and that "some of the fellows" had told him that OSWALD said he was going to turn over confidential information when he got to Russia. He stated the article states a Marine from New Orleans, when OSWALD was there, talked a lot about him and how he hated the United States and read Communist literature. He stated that he has no personal knowledge as to any of these matters as the only personal contact he recalls having with OSWALD was once, probably in the summer of 1959 when he was in charge of a work detail to load a truck and OSWALD was a member of the detail, working under his supervision for about a half hour. He stated that while he recalled all members of the detail were complaining he can't specifically recall any statements by OSWALD. He stated that he believes he was aware of OSWALD from about April, 1959 as a member of Squadron 9 and that he was a fellow member of that Squadron with OSWALD from about July, 1959 until whenever OSWALD left the Squadron which he believes was about September, 1959.

He stated that he cannot state for certain what, if any, discussion of OSWALD he heard prior to the time that OSWALD left the Marines and went to Russia and an article concerning this appeared in a local Santa Ana newspaper. He stated that after this article appeared in the paper there was a lot of discussion of OSWALD and there was joking among members of the Squadron that if you wanted to get out of the Marines all you had to do was state you wanted to go to Russia. He stated that he recalls one Marine in particular talking about OSWALD and indicating he knew him quite well. He stated that although the news article reporting his interview stated this man was from New Orleans he was actually from Eaton Rouge and he, VANIDESTINE, had associated with him from about January, 1959 until he was discharged.

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in the spring of 1960. He stated this man was a Corporal when discharged and had been in Squadron 9, that he was then about age 22, 5'9", 180 pounds with blond hair. He stated he was single and drove a 1955 white Ford Tudor which he believes had Louisiana plates on it. He stated he associated with this individual a great deal, often going out with him socially and borrowing his car on a number of occasions but he cannot now recall his name and has no record of it. He states this Marine also associated with a member of the same Squadron named DANIEL O'CONNOR who has since been discharged and is employed by IBM, that he believes O'CONNOR resides in Inglewood, California. He stated that one GWEN MARTEN, whom VANIDESTINE often dated, would also know the name of the Marine from Baton Rouge. He stated GWEN, age about 30, 5'8-9", with dark hair had worked at the Pirates Den, Beer Bar at Santa Ana and her whereabouts will be known to a Mr. JACKSON, the proprietor. He stated that Captain BLOCK, first name unknown, and Colonel GREGORY, first name unknown, who were Operations Officer and Commanding officer respectively of Squadron 9 at the time might also know the identity of the Baton Rouge Marine.

He stated that the remarks made to him by this Marine were the basis of statements he made to the reporter about OSWALD talking of going to Russia and saying he was going to turn over confidential information when he got there, and it was possible such remarks were all made after the newspaper article appeared about OSWALD going to Russia. He stated that while he believes other Marines talked to him about OSWALD's attitude toward the Corps and toward Russia he cannot recall identity of such persons. He stated that he definitely did not work on any crew with OSWALD except for the work detail referred to and knew little or nothing about him personally, that statements made by him to the Appleton newspaper reporter were based on comments by the Baton Rouge Marine and possibly other Marines whose identity he does not recall.

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Reference

Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, 12/9/63.

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Lead

DALLAS:

AT GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS

Will locate and interview ROBERT TAYLOR re statements made concerning purchase of rifle.

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Copy to:

Report of: CHARLES T. ADAMS
Date: December 9, 1963

Office: Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania

Field Office File #: 105-9958

Bureau File #:

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis: ROBERT TAYLOR, Grand Prairie, Texas, during past week visited mother at Harveys Lake, Pa. TAYLOR reported to have stated that prior to assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, he fixed a car for individual believed to be OSWALD and in lieu of payment of bill received a rifle similar to rifle used in assassination. TAYLOR still has possession of rifle. TAYLOR en route to residence, arriving late evening, 12/10/63.

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DETAILS: Corporal ROY PETERS, Pennsylvania State Police, Wyoming Barracks, Wyoming, Pa., advised SA CHARLES T. ADAMS that his sister, Mrs. MARGARET RYAN, an employee of the Food Fair Store, Kingston, Pa., informed him that a fellow employee, Mrs. KAY GIBSON, was heard to make remarks that her brother, ROBERT TAYLOR of Fort Worth, Texas, knew OSWALD and purchased a rifle from OSWALD prior to the assassination of the late President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

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Feb 11 1964
Mrs. ROSE TAYLOR, mother of ROBERT TAYLOR, High Street, Harveys Lake, Pa., on December 9, 1963, advised SA CHARLES T. ADAMS that her son, ROBERT, and his wife have been visiting her for the past week. She stated her son and his wife arrived a week ago Sunday (December 1, 1963) to do some deer hunting. She advised her son left Friday, December 6, 1963, for his home, Box 125 "G", RD #1, Grand Prairie, Texas. She stated that last evening, December 8, 1963, she received a telephone call from her son from St. Louis, Mo., advising his car had broken down and that he needed money for repairs. She stated her son indicated that after necessary repairs, he would arrive home in the late evening hours of December 10, 1963. She advised her son is 47 years of age, married, has three children, and works as a mechanic in an automobile garage, place not known. *1916*

Date December 9, 1963

Mrs. KAY GIBSON, RD #1, Dallas, Pa., advised that her brother, ROBERT TAYLOR, and his wife have been spending the week at her mother's residence, Mrs. ROSE GIBSON, Harveys Lake, Pa. She stated her brother, whom she calls "BOB" but who also uses the nickname of SLIM, stated that prior to the assassination of the late President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, an individual drove into the garage where he is employed as a mechanic for repairs. Mrs. GIBSON continued that according to her brother, after the repairs were made, the individual did not have money to pay the bill and sold her brother a rifle for \$12.00, the bill being \$9.40.

She stated her brother informed her that after the assassination of the late President KENNEDY, he observed LEE OSWALD's photograph in the newspapers and recognized OSWALD to be the individual who sold him the rifle. According to TAYLOR, OSWALD lived within walking distance of the garage where he was employed.

Mrs. GIBSON advised she did not know the name or the location of this garage, but it was in a small town between Irving, Texas, and her brother's place of residence, Grand Prairie, Texas.

She advised that the rifle, when purchased by her brother, did not have a scope on it, but he subsequently mounted a scope on this rifle. To the best of her knowledge, he still has this rifle.

Mrs. GIBSON stated according to her brother, OSWALD's wife has walked past this garage where he is employed on one or two occasions. At the time of the car repair, OSWALD was accompanied by another male, name unknown, and the car in question was a late model car, no further descriptive data known to Mrs. GIBSON.

She stated OSWALD was not personally known to her brother, and he did not know OSWALD's name at the time of the car repair and purchase of the rifle.

On 12/9/63 at Kingston, Pa. File # Philadelphia 105-9958
by SA CHARLES T. ADAMS /dcb Date dictated 12/9/63

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