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Report of: CHESTER C. ORTON
Date: 12/9/63

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #: 105-15823

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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis: George Rose and Company, Inc., Los Angeles, sells only "reload" ammunition, and then only with sale of a firearm. No ammunition was sold with the purchase of the Smith and Wesson .38 Special to HIDELL. Sergeant DAVID WALLACE RANSEBERGER, U.S. Marine Corps, knew OSWALD to be "always alone", and constantly critical of the Marine Corps. GERALD L. K. SMITH's Newsletter, dated 12/4/63, from Dallas, set out.

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GEORGE ROSE, Owner of George Rose and Company, Inc., 1225 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, advised that all of the ammunition sold by his company are "reloads". It is also the policy of the company to only sell ammunition by mail order when a firearm is purchased. The ammunition is never sold separately. According to the records of the company, no ammunition was shipped or sold with the purchase of a Smith and Wesson .38 Special, which was shipped on March 20, 1963, to A. J. HIDELL, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas.

ROSE stated that LEE HARVEY OSWALD could not have purchased any ammunition for a revolver or for a rifle subsequent to March, 1963, unless he purchased another weapon and ordered ammunition as a part of that purchase.

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Sergeant DAVID WALLACE RANSBERGER, Marine Serial Number 1064516, Repair Battalion, Yermo Annex, United States Marine Corps, Supply Center, Barstow, California, furnished the following information:

In 1956, RANSBERGER was assigned to the Marine Corps Air Facility, Santa Ana, California, and to the Marine Air Base, El Toro, California. In August, 1957, RANSBERGER was transferred to the Marine Air Base Squadron, Atsiga, Japan. He returned to El Toro, California, on November 15, 1958.

During his initial tour of duty at El Toro, in 1956, RANSBERGER was acquainted with an individual with the last name of OSWALD, who possibly is identical to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. The degree of association was not close. RANSBERGER recalled that one of his duties was to furnish repair parts for vehicles and generators to a unit to which OSWALD was assigned.

RANSBERGER recalled that OSWALD was either a Private or a PFC who was "always alone". RANSBERGER said that OSWALD was constantly critical of the Marine Corps. RANSBERGER was unable to furnish any additional information concerning OSWALD.

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The Los Angeles Office on December 5, 1963, received the Newsletter of ~~GERALD L. K. SMITH~~, dated December 4, 1963, (regarding GERALD L. K. SMITH, see Appendix on Christian Nationalist Crusade):

"FROM DALLAS, TEXAS

"December 4, 1963

"Dear Friend:

"I arrived in Dallas shortly before this letter was mailed.

"I am preparing a special manuscript entitled 'Mysterious Facts Behind the Assassination of John F. Kennedy'. I join with many others who are of the opinion that Rubenstein, the killer of the killer, was part of a conspiracy to silence Kennedy's killer before he was tempted to talk.

"The sister of Rubenstein admitted that she had said: 'The Communists will kill Oswald before he tells what he knows.'

"Jewish friends of Rubenstein in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills announced that they would make bail and finance the defense of Rubentein regardless of the cost.

"Why was Kennedy assassinated by a Communist? Was Kennedy not the man who challenged the judgment of the right wing elements for advocating that there was an internal Communist threat?

"Here is my theory. The right wing tide has been rising in America for some time. Even Victor Reuther, the left wing brother of Walter Reuther, admitted in a public statement that the right wing was in the ascendancy. Former President Kennedy was a shrewd and cunning politician. Like his father and his political forebears of Boston, he knew how to adjust himself to the rumblings of public sentiment prior to an election.

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"Shortly before he was killed he made a strong speech in Florida in which he virtually promised the liquidation of Castro's regime. This angered Khrushchev, Mao Tse-Tung and Castro.

"Kennedy's killer had recently visited the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. He had contacted agents of the Red Chinese regime and he was a part of the pro-Castro propaganda machine in the United States. He spent two years in Moscow. He was a deep student of the Marxist philosophy. He was married to a Russian wife. He was a pro-Castro agitator.

"It is my belief that this act was not an independent act of violence. It represented a cunning collusion based on international intrigue -- a desperate attempt to frustrate the American people who have become determined that the enemy shall not hold a military base 90 miles from our shores.

"The real, real plot: It was, of course, believed that the killer would escape and might never be known. The propaganda machine in Moscow, Havana, Peking and certain left wing commentators in America were all set to blame the assassination of President Kennedy on patriots whom they had smeared as right wing extremists. If the killer had not been caught and the identity of the assassin had become a nebulous uncertainty, the Moscow propaganda machine with plenty of puppets inside the news media in America would have screamed accusations at every courageous right wing patriot who has been warning America of the very danger that manifested itself in the person and the plot of Lee Oswald.

"In the preparation of my report concerning this matter, I have visited with important personalities in Dallas. For the record I have visited the scene of Mr. Kennedy's assassination, and I have made a study of the life and background of the killer of the killer. More money will be spent to white-wash Rubenstein even to the point of lionizing him as a hero than will be spent in any other direction in connection with this case.

"Let me remind you that if the original conspiracy to kill the President and hide the killer had been successful, this would have been used by politicians, propagandists, character assassins and smear artists in a desperate and ruthless attempt to completely liquidate the right wing movement in America.

"Every intelligent and fearless leader who had opposed the formation of a family dynasty, the development of a Federal bureaucracy, the appeasement of Communism, and the bureaucratic outlawing of Christian devotions -- every fearless and intelligent right wing leader who had espoused these principles and other similar principles would have been made the victim of a hate campaign which would have surpassed the smear tyranny which liquidated the life and leadership of the martyr, the late Senator Joseph McCarthy.

"Thanks to the providence of God in the emergence of truth, the whole debacle has established itself as a Communist conspiracy. Never again will the watery-mouthed appeasers be able to say, 'Internal Communism is not dangerous -- the threat is only external'. A hint as to what had been planned for the right wing leaders, including the writer, is in the propaganda which has been coming out of Moscow. These thieving, blood-thirsty liars witness the assassination of our President by a known Communist who even confessed his Communism in a television interview, and then have the unmitigated satanic gall to say that the assassination of our President was the result of the activities of the extreme right wingers of Dallas and the United States.

"Of course, anything as dramatic and as terrible as this cannot be simplified, but if I were to sum it up in a sentence I would say: The Communists had been quite pleased over the fact that Mr. Kennedy had been noticeably patient and tolerant with their Western Hemisphere invasions, but they detected a determination on his part to alter his course and move to the right and to respond to the right wing sentiment of the American people in his dealings with Castro, so they ordered him shot. The fraudulent feud between Red China and

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Russia has been exposed by the fact that since the assassination Khrushchev has made new overtures to Mao Tse Tung and has announced that a special campaign has been launched for the rebuilding of strong ties between Red China and the Soviet Union.

"Just before I dictated this paragraph, I talked to a very important clergyman who has an inside track on certain information which may have come out by the time you receive this letter, but he told me that it had been reliably rumored that Oswald and Rubenstein were friends. Related to this fact is the theory that somehow Rubenstein felt compelled to kill Oswald before he talked and revealed the plot of which Rubenstein was suspected of being a part.

"Another man reported that the day Oswald was shot as he came out of the jail in Dallas, he glared at Rubenstein, manifesting an excited look.

"The report I am preparing which I will send to all answering this letter, filling out the coupon, will contain neglected facts that the Jew-controlled press and the ether wave news media will be inclined not to publish or publicize.

"This is the hour of my greatest burden. Those of us who stand in the front line will be subjected to great persecution and abuse in the days that lie ahead. The smear machine and the bureaucratic tyrants are determined to so canonize and glorify the New Frontier as to bring down upon the heads of patriots who resist socialism, bureaucratic tyranny, world government, etc. --- abuse designed to liquidate leadership and destroy constructive patriotic opposition.

"These political tyrants will fail. They will attempt to deify Lyndon Johnson, the enigmatic Texas politician. They will attempt to make the present situation look like a war-time crisis when political opposition is represented as being unpatriotic.

"It must not be forgotten that Johnson was credited with drawing up the legislative blueprint in the U.S. Senate which resulted in the smear, character assassination and leadership liquidation of the late martyred U. S. Senator Joseph McCarthy. The whole censure action against McCarthy was based on false testimony. The complete falseness of the testimony against McCarthy was later established beyond doubt, but no apologies were forthcoming from Mr. Johnson and his controlled Senate.

"Yes, they will fail. Those of us who are committed to the preservation of our Christian traditions, those of us who look upon world government and any compromise with Communism as treason, those of us who stand in the forefront defending our Constitutional freedoms, our state sovereignties, our racial self-respect will not retreat one-sixteenth of an inch. We are motivated by love of country, love of Christian tradition and love of racial self-respect. We shall not dilute or discourage these motivations.

"You, however, can defeat us. How can you defeat us? By failing to support this Crusade with your prayerful concern and your money.

"This is the emergency moment. While the American public is preoccupied with a new President and a new executive regime and the hypnotic drama surrounding the assassination -- while these preoccupations are in force, the inner cabal, the "hidden hand" manipulators will attempt to fix their policies beyond repair or retreat. Only courageous patriots like I believe myself to be can say the things, issue the warnings, and employ the strategies necessary to frustrate treason in this deadly moment.

"I believe that my manuscript on the Kennedy assassination will be the most revealing and the most significant thing I have ever written. In my judgment the assassination of Kennedy by a disciple of Khrushchev, Castro and Mao Tse Tung will eventually so expose the Red plot as to make the rank and file of American citizens completely right wing. This will bring about

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a permanent resistance to Marxism within our Nation beyond the reach of the appeaser, the irrational sentimentalist and the traitor himself.

"The assassination underscores the fact that the Red conspiracy will not tolerate even good nature and patience if it denies them the complete fulfillment of their ultimate aims.

"Behind the Iron Curtain those who were known as liberals were liquidated first because they refused to approve the ultimate.

"I am sending a special research committee to Washington, D.C. We will diagnose and analyze the whole new Administration. We will make a careful study of all appointments and of individuals being elevated to positions of great power. After we have made this survey I will be able to tell you with some degree of certainty the direction in which "the ball will bounce". If Johnson moves to the right and shows an honest attempt to respond to the right and to the right wing, we shall without prejudice report same. If, as I fear, he yields to the "hidden hand" cabal and permits himself to be manipulated by the obnoxious elements which have been altogether too powerful in Washington, I shall report same to you without fear or favor and without concern for the risks involved.

"In the meantime I am concentrating on the report: 'The Mysterious Facts Behind the Assassination of John F. Kennedy'. Be patient with me. I want this to be thorough and complete.

"Everyone who answers this letter will be put on the list to receive this document.

"Pray for me that God may watch over me. Like every right wing leader in America, I will be the victim of desperation on the part of left wing and appeasement elements who are suffering the pangs of disappointment because they were not able to hide the killer and blame the right wing leadership for this diabolical act.

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"As I write this letter I reconsecrate myself completely and fully to the ideals and principles to which I have given my life. If people like you and me fail to hold the line in this critical moment, we will be overwhelmed by an emotional tyranny determined to liquidate and wipe out every human being as far as political leadership is concerned who ever spoke a critical word concerning the ambitions of a dynastic bureaucracy.

"'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty'. At times it is dangerous and risky to pay that price, but by the grace of God I shall pay it regardless of its consequences.

"I am almost tempted to define the loyalty of my friends in terms of the ones who answer this particular letter. Please don't fail me. Fill out the coupon indicating your desire for the manuscript entitled 'Mysterious Facts Behind the Assassination of John F. Kennedy.'

"Superficial people are preoccupied with the holiday mood and the dramatic events surrounding the assassination. Such people will fail and forget to send in money necessary to keep this dynamic and fearless Crusade alive at the most important moment in its life and at one of the most important moments in the life of our Nation.

"I do not hesitate to say that the complete freedom of the American people depends upon our kind of uncompromising patriotism, the kind which refuses to yield to the mind-washing tyrannies of "hidden hand" manipulators.

"Under God I appeal to you not to permit the dagger of neglect and preoccupation to be driven through the heart of this noble Cause.

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"How much money you give is strictly your affair,
but in God's name, do not fail to give.

"Sincerely yours for Christ
and America,

/s/"Gerald L. K. Smith

"GLKS/rl

"Post Office Box 27895
"Los Angeles 27, California"

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APPENDIX

CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE

A source advised on August 12, 1959 that the Christian Nationalist Crusade (CNC) was organized in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1947, and moved its headquarters to Glendale, California, in 1953, where it continues to be located; that from the parent CNC, subsidiary organizations, including the Christian Nationalist Party (of America), have developed; that these organizations all reflect in their literature the imprint of their chief organizer and director GERALD L.K. SMITH, whose basic argument has been that this nation, traditionally Christian, and racially segregated, is threatened by anti-Christian and racially "mongrelizing" forces such as communism and internationalism, all dominantly motivated by international Jewry which controls this country financially and politically; and that these organizations are not membership organizations, but represent followers who contribute to them or subscribe to their literature. Although GERALD L.K. SMITH and his associates are not known to have appealed to illegal action, the tenor of their statements and program is anti-Semitic, as indirectly indicated by the slogan of the Christian Nationalist Party, announced in 1950, which was "One Faith - One Race - One Nation".

"The Cross and The Flag" is the copyrighted monthly official organ of the Christian Nationalist Crusade and Party (National Political Committee), Post Office Box 27895, Los Angeles 27, California, published by GERALD L.K. SMITH and edited by CHARLES F. ROBERTSON at 1200 South Central Avenue, Glendale, California.

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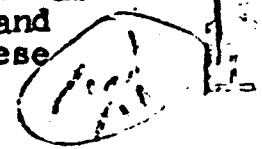
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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

In addition to lead set out in referenced Charlotte airtel enclosing letterhead memorandum, Miami, unless information in Miami possession precludes such action, should in addition furnish Customs information regarding claims of FREEMAN concerning flying planes to Cuba.

CHARLOTTE

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Will immediately conduct any investigation concerning information or leads received in captioned matter and immediately report same.

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Date: 12/9/63

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Synopsis:

WILLIAM MORRIS DEAN, inmate, N. C. Prison Dept., Blanch, N. C., advises was former inmate Florida Penitentiary, Raiford, Fla., being released to N. C. authorities 9/12/63. States while at Raiford, Fla. met JOHN (JACK) FREEMAN, another inmate, who was pro-Castro and pro-Communist. FREEMAN claimed to have flown planes to Cuba and spent considerable time in Cuba. DEAN advises that at time LEE OSWALD involved in affray in New Orleans last spring, FREEMAN listened to broadcast concerning it and concerning pro-Castro group in New Orleans and made statement that OSWALD was "his buddy" and he belonged to same outfit as OSWALD. DEAN also advised that FREEMAN made statement that President KENNEDY would be killed before his term was up and this would occur in Texas. Also that after President was killed and "they took over", the Governors and Sheriffs would be killed. FREEMAN further made statement that pro-Castro group in Utah had caches of guns. FREEMAN gave DEAN following names of contacts which DEAN recorded in a book: ANDRE T. MARTISON, 331 East 9th St., New York 3, N. Y.; T. C. CHENG, Room 906, East Asia Bank Building, #10 Desvoeux Road, Central, Hong Kong; CUSTAVO MACHADO, Caracas, Venezuela; LUIS VALENCIA, Colombia, South America; DOMINGO RANGEL, Venezuela; FRANCISCO JULIAO, Brazil; TOM KINGBURG, Mexico; LOMBARD TOLEDANO, Mexico.

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DETAILS: AT BLANCH, NORTH CAROLINA

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RE: JOHN ERMIL FREEMAN

Set forth hereinafter is results of interview with
WILLIAM MORRIS DEAN, inmate, North Carolina Prison Department,
Blanch, North Carolina, on December 5, 1963.

Date 12/9/63

WILLIAM MORRIS DEAN, inmate, North Carolina Prison Department, Blanch, North Carolina, advised he was formerly an inmate at the Florida Penitentiary, Raiford, Florida, for two and one half years, serving a sentence for breaking and entering while on escape from North Carolina. He stated he was released to the North Carolina authorities September 12, 1963, to complete 35 to 45 year sentence for safe cracking.

He stated while at Raiford, he was the cellmate of JOHN (JACK) FREEMAN for one year. FREEMAN was outspoken pro-CASTRO and pro-Communist. FREEMAN claimed he had flown planes to Cuba, left them, was flown back to the coast of Florida, where he parachuted down and got other planes to fly to Cuba. He, FREEMAN, had spent considerable time in Cuba.

FREEMAN stated when arrested in Miami, Florida, on bigamy charge he had a large supply of baby bottle nipples in his possession which were to be used as silencers on guns. FREEMAN spoke constantly of the advantages of communism and with admiration for the CASTRO regime. DEAN stated that FREEMAN was able to get into the penitentiary all kinds of communist literature which he tried to get other inmates to read.

DEAN stated when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was involved in an affray in New Orleans, Louisiana, last spring, he recalls FREEMAN had a radio and listened to the broadcast from New Orleans about the pro-CASTRO group in that city and their activities. FREEMAN made the statement that OSWALD was "his buddy" and that he belonged to the same outfit as OSWALD. FREEMAN also made the statement that President KENNEDY would be killed before his term was up and it would occur in Texas.

FREEMAN also stated that after the President was killed and "They took over" then the Governors and the Sheriffs would be killed. FREEMAN asked DEAN if he knew the Sheriff of Hernando County, Florida, where DEAN lived previously. DEAN replied he did and also most of the Deputies. The next day FREEMAN told DEAN the name of that

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Sheriff, his address, and also the correct names and addresses of the Sheriff's Deputies. FREEMAN claimed "They" had the names of every Sheriff in the United States listed with their addresses so that they could be killed.

DEAN stated FREEMAN originally was from Indiana, and described FREEMAN as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	31-32 years
Hair:	Sandy
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	165 pounds

DEAN stated FREEMAN claimed to have been raised in Ohio and Utah, where he became a Mormon. FREEMAN claimed a pro-CASTRO group in Utah had caches of guns but did not identify their location. FREEMAN claimed he attended a college for one year in Ohio which was paid for by the Communists and while there taught fellow students to shoot in the woods behind the college.

DEAN stated FREEMAN gave him the names of contacts which he had recorded in a book and made available. DEAN stated he had led FREEMAN to believe he wanted to join his cause and FREEMAN stated they needed a safe cracker since they knew of a safe containing a large sum of money that could be cracked but did not identify it.

Contacts given DEAN by FREEMAN were as follows:

ANDRE T. MARTISON
331 East 6th St.

New York 3, New York (who could get papers for anyone to leave the country who wanted to get out)

T. C. CHENG,
Room 906

East Asia Bank Building
#10 Desvoeux Road

Central, Hong Kong (who comes to U.S. about three times a year and has an airplane coat manufacturing company near the airport at Miami, Florida. Supposedly a big man in the pro-CASTRO movement and also described by FREEMAN as being in narcotics trade.)

~~CUSTAVO MACHADO~~, an officer
in the National Congress of Venezuela,
Caracas, Venezuela.

~~LUIS VALENCIA~~, a member of EUAR
organization in Colombia.

~~DOMINGO RANGEL~~, of the Venezuelan
MIR.

VENEZ.

~~FRANCISCO JULIAO~~, an attorney
in Brazil who can obtain legal permits,
not further identified.

~~TOM KINGBURG~~, Isla De las Mujeres,
Quintana Rod, Mexico.

~~LOMBARD TOLEDANO~~
Mexico City, Mexico.

DEAN stated that FREEMAN furnished this list as contacts who would be sympathetic toward the pro-CASTRO movement throughout the Hemisphere and although DEAN has very little education he had printed these names very carefully in an address book which he made available. FREEMAN also told DEAN that a Phillips 66 Station near Pier 61 or 65 in Miami, Florida, was the contact point for the pro-CASTRO operations.

DEAN stated although he has spent most of his life in the prison system of North Carolina that he is deeply loyal to this country and is furnishing this information because of this loyalty. He stated he feels FREEMAN told him all of this since FREEMAN knew that DEAN was a "long termer" and felt DEAN should be bitter towards the United States and might be sympathetic toward the pro-CASTRO movement.

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Will recontact JOSEPH GOULDEN, reporter, "Philadelphia Inquirer," re identity of unnamed Dallas law enforcement officer who furnished information to GOULDEN.

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Synopsis: JOSEPH GOULDEN, reporter, "Philadelphia Inquirer," former reporter of "Dallas News," Dallas, Texas, interviewed and advised unnamed law enforcement officer gave him information that LEE HARVEY OSWALD approached by FBI to be informant and that Dallas Sheriff's Office gave him information regarding witnesses seeing OSWALD in building with rifle from which President Kennedy shot.

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Details:

Date 12/10/63

Mr. JOSEPH GOULDEN, news reporter, "Philadelphia Inquirer," Philadelphia, Pa., advised that prior to coming to work for the "Inquirer" in 1961 for three years he had been a reporter for the "Dallas News" in Dallas, Texas, covering the Sheriff's Office and Police Department in Dallas. He also advised he was the only reporter from the "Philadelphia Inquirer" who was in Dallas during or subsequent to the assassination of President Kennedy. He stated that he was in Dallas from about 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 3, 1963, until the evening of December 7, 1963.

He said that as a result of having worked for the newspaper in Dallas, he had many contacts in law enforcement and the news media in that city.

Mr. GOULDEN advised that in a news article in the December 8, 1963 "Philadelphia Inquirer," datelined December 7, Dallas, Texas, which he had written, he had pointed out that LEE HARVEY OSWALD at one time had been contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to become an informant. He said he had obtained this information from a law enforcement officer in Dallas whom he declined to identify.

Mr. GOULDEN advised that in the same article he had made reference to the fact that witnesses had seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the Texas School Book Depository Building 15 minutes before the shots were fired at the President. He stated he had received this information from the Dallas Sheriff's Office.

Mr. GOULDEN stated he would attempt to contact the law enforcement officer in Dallas whom he declined to identify, and obtain permission to give his name to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Late in the evening, Mr. GOULDEN telephonically advised that he had been unable to contact the officer in Dallas.

On 12/9/63 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 105-2956
 by SA JOHN R. WINBERG/jr Date dictated 12/10/63

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Administrative Data

For the information of the Bureau, Philadelphia Office has communicated with interested offices concerning the check passing activities of JOHN EDWARD RODDENBERRY.

For the further information of the Bureau, RODDENBERRY had in his possession a U.S. Passport, number D 634 870. There was no indication in this passport that he had ever visited any foreign country and he indicated to interviewing agent that his principal use of the passport was for identification purposes in helping him to pass bogus checks.

The Bureau's attention is directed to Bureau file 87-10271 which will contain additional information concerning JOHN EDWARD RODDENBERRY.

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Report of: EDWARD A. MURPHY

Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Date: 12/12/63

Field Office File #: 105-9958

Bureau File #: 105-82555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Synopsis: JOHN EDWARD RODDENBERRY ordered 50 IBM type blank checks drawn on account of Trade Commission, Commonwealth of Great Britain, World Trade Center, Houston, Texas, printed at Dover, Pa. After picking up checks on 12/10/63 arrested by Pennsylvania State Police, York, Pa., on charge of forgery. RODDENBERRY admits checks were false and intended to pass them in Dallas, Texas, area using false identification of Britain Consular employee. Also admits passing true name checks on banks in Dallas and San Antonio, Texas, at York, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia, all Pennsylvania, during period 12/7/63 to 12/10/63. Stated released from Federal Prison at Seagoville, Texas, 7/63 after serving 17 months of two-year sentence for impersonation. Presently on probation from local court, Philadelphia, Pa., on check charge. Probation expires 7/10/65. RODDENBERRY stated while in Dallas, Texas, 7/63 met LEE HARVEY OSWALD at Ramous Bar and later same evening OSWALD came to RODDENBERRY's apartment for drink. Stated OSWALD criticized U.S. form of government and stated other governments, unspecified, were better. OSWALD also suggested RODDENBERRY attend "discussion groups" in Dallas but RODDENBERRY declined. States he is and was opposed to OSWALD's principles and theories and never saw him again. Denies any information re associates and/or activities of OSWALD.

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Details: This phase of instant investigation was initiated on December 9, 1963, when information was received by SA EDWARD A. MURPHY that an individual identifying himself as Mr. RODDENBERRY ordered 50 blank IBM type checks printed at the printing shop of P.A. Harris, RD 5, Dover, Pa. A sample check left at the printers on an IBM type card indicated that it was drawn on the Trade Commission, Commonwealth of Great Britain, World Trade Center, Houston, Texas, on the Republic National Bank of Dallas, Dallas, Texas,

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The person ordering the checks stated they were necessary to replace similar checks which had been on the persons of two men who had died in an airplane accident.

On December 10, 1963, JOHN EDWARD RODDENBERRY was questioned after he had picked up the above checks at the printers in Dover, Pa. At this time he admitted the checks were forgeries and that he had intended to pass these in the Dallas, Texas, area using false identification of a British Consular employee. He also admitted that he has passed true name checks drawn on the Merchantile National Bank, Dallas, Texas, and the National Bank of Commerce, San Antonio, Texas, in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and York, all Pennsylvania, during the period December 7 to 10, 1963.

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RODDENBERRY further advised that he was presently on probation from a sentence in the Quarter Sessions Court of Philadelphia, Pa., and that the probation period extended to July 10, 1965. He also said that he had completed 17 months of a two-year sentence in a Federal Prison in Seagoville, Texas, in July 1963, after a conviction on charge of impersonating a foreign official.

On December 11, 1963, RODDENBERRY was charged by the Pennsylvania State Police at York, Pa., with forgery in connection with checks printed at Dover, Pa., and the Pennsylvania State Police have advised that further charges will be filed in connection with true-name checks passed in Harrisburg and York, Pa. At the present time RODDENBERRY is incarcerated at the York County Prison, York, Pa., awaiting disposition of local charges.

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JOHN EDWARD RODDENBERRY advised that he was born on September 18, 1934, in Florida, and that his present permanent address is 909 Clinton Street, Philadelphia. He advised that in July 1963 he was released from a Federal Prison at Seagoville, Texas, and following his release lived in Dallas, Texas, at 4440 Travis Street. Sometime in July 1963, he was at the Ramous Bar, McKinney and Lemon Streets in Dallas, Texas. While at this bar he was introduced to a young man by a Mexican woman known to RODDENBERRY as "HAM-HAM" whom he believes is the waitress-manager of this bar. The man was introduced to him as LEE.

Later, when the bar closed the same evening, RODDENBERRY returned to his apartment and he invited LEE to accompany him. At the apartment they drank one or two beers. RODDENBERRY stated that he recognized a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD as the individual whom he met at the bar and who was introduced to him as LEE. He stated that OSWALD's conversation at the bar and in the apartment was such that RODDENBERRY gained the impression that LEE was in favor of a form of government other than that of the United States although no other specific form of government was mentioned. RODDENBERRY said that he recalls that OSWALD made remarks to the effect that more attention should be paid by our government to furthering the interests of the "poor man" rather than catering to individuals of wealth and prominence.

RODDENBERRY said that LEE brought up the subject of "discussion groups" and suggested that RODDENBERRY attend such meetings although no specific groups, places of attendance, or other information regarding this was disclosed by OSWALD. RODDENBERRY said he was and is opposed to individuals or groups who express opinions such as those set forth by LEE. He said he neither sought nor did he ever further his acquaintance with OSWALD and never saw him again. RODDENBERRY stated he knows of no associates or friends of OSWALD except that it appeared to him that OSWALD was well known to the aforementioned waitress-manager "HAM-HAM" at the Ramous Bar. RODDENBERRY denied that he knows anything further concerning OSWALD, his associates, or activities.

Dallas, TEXAS

JOHN EDWARD RODDENBERRY stated that once or twice he was

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in the Carousel Bar which he believes is owned by JACK RUBINSTEIN but he does not know this individual, nor did he ever see OSWALD at this place.

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TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka		REPORT MADE BY EDWARD A. MURPHY	TYPED BY ccj
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References

Report of SA EDWARD A. MURPHY, Philadelphia, 12/12/63.
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Coverage of leads regarding Ramous Bar, etc., being left to the discretion of Dallas since that office is in possession of all facts regarding location of subject during 7/63, also in view of the fact that RODDENBERRY may have honestly mistaken or may in view of criminal background and activities, be attempting to secure notoriety or publicity regarding this matter.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

JOHN EDWARD RODDENBERRY presently incarcerated York County Prison, York, Pa., waiting disposition of local check charges. He states he has no objection to a polygraph examination regarding his statement contained in referenced report and herein concerning subject.

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Copy to:

Report of: EDWARD A. MURPHY
Date: December 13, 1963

Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Field Office File #: 105-9958

Bureau File #: 105-82555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Synopsis: JOHN EDWARD RODDENBERRY re-interviewed, 12/13/63. States he met individual named LEE whom he has identified as subject at Ramous Bar, Dallas, Tex., on 7/24/63. Recalls that this individual spoke in Spanish or Mexican dialect with a waitress at the bar, and when questioned as to employment stated he was "going into the construction work." RODDENBERRY stated that he is "almost 100% certain LEE is identical to subject."

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DETAILS:

Date December 13, 1963Texas

(1) ~~JOHN EDWARD RODDENBERRY, 909 Clinton Street, Philadelphia, Pa.,~~ stated he was aware of the identity of Interviewing Agent and was told that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made to Interviewing Agent which was in anyway false he could be prosecuted in Federal court. He was advised that he might consult an attorney prior to making a statement, and that any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law.

RODDENBERRY stated he was released from a Federal prison in Seagoville, Tex., on July 19, 1963, and shortly thereafter obtained an apartment at 4040 Travis Street, Dallas, Tex.

On the Wednesday evening following his release from prison, July 24, 1963, he was at the Ramous Ear, Mc Kinney and Lemon Streets, Dallas, Tex. He observed a young man come into the bar and gained a first impression that this individual might be a college student who had come into the bar from a coffee house across the street.

RODDENBERRY recalls that he was introduced to this individual by a Mexican waitress, "SAM-ZAM," and that she said this man's name was LEE. RODDENBERRY recalls that several times during the evening, the man known as LEE, spoke in a Spanish or Mexican dialect to the waitress and was corrected several times by her concerning his use of a proper phrase or idiom.

RODDENBERRY states that the waitress asked LEE "how he was doing," and LEE replied he thought he "would go into the construction work." Among the remarks made by LEE to RODDENBERRY was one to the effect that he, LEE, had a good education but could not obtain employment. He also said that the United States should be better equipped to take care of this type situation, and that other countries were doing a better job.

LEE never mentioned any specific foreign country nor

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did he mention any official of the U.S. government.

RODDENBERRY states that LEE was a young white male probably in his middle or late 20s, 5'10" or 5'11" in height, dark hair, wearing khaki pants, and that his skin was peeling as though sunburned.

RODDENBERRY stated that upon leaving the bar and going to his apartment at 4040 Travis Street where he was accompanied by LEE, the latter continued to speak concerning the "unfair situation" in the U.S. regarding employment and was very argumentative.

RODDENBERRY stated that he is almost "100% certain that LEE is identical to HARVEY LEE OSWALD."

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REPORTING OFFICE ST. LOUIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 12-23-63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/20-21/63
TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN H. CREECH	TYPED P
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REFERENCE:

- Little Rock teletype to St. Louis and Dallas, 12-19-63 (IO).
- Washington Field teletype to Bureau, Dallas and Los Angeles, 8:56 pm, 12-19-63.
- St. Louis teletype to Bureau, Dallas, Jacksonville, and Los Angeles, 6:45 pm, 12-20-63.
- Dallas airtel to Bureau, New Orleans, St. Louis, and San Antonio, 12-17-63.
- St. Louis airtel to Bureau, Chicago, and Dallas, 12-20-63.
- San Antonio teletype to St. Louis and Chicago, 12-21-63 (IO).
- St. Louis teletype to Phoenix, Chicago, and San Antonio, 8:16 pm, 12-21-63 (IO).

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Date:

SA JOHN H. CREECH
December 23, 1963

Office: ST. LOUIS

File Number:

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Bureau File: 105-82555

Title:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Synopsis:

Mrs. CHARLES HEUGEL, aunt of JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY, and other relatives in SL area unable to furnish information as to MURPHY's present location. Military record for DAVID CHRISTIE MURRAY, JR., USMC, SN 1632080, reflects his address in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1959, at time of release from active duty, and lists parents same address; wife's address shown in Santa Anna, Calif., 1959. St. Louis Music Company, contacted with reference to rifle sling possibly coming from a guitar, advised that no sling of this type is distributed by company and felt that this was not a guitar sling. Owner of SL gun store suggests sling possibly made from cheap binocular straps and top or bottom of binocular case, such as distributed by United Binocular Company, CG. Ill. MATTHEW SULLIVAN (who reportedly traveled to Mexico City by bus in company of OSWALD) reportedly located Phoenix, Arizona.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following inquiries were conducted by SA JOHN H. CREECH in an effort to locate for interview JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY.

On December 20, 1963, Mrs. ~~CORINNE~~ NELSON, 2310 1/2 Sullivan, St. Louis, Missouri, was contacted and said that her mother, Mrs. CHARLES HEUGEL, could be contacted at

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telephone number MA 1-8379 in St. Louis. Mrs. NELSON said that the name JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY meant nothing to her and that she had never heard of him.

On December 20, 1963, Mrs. CHARLES HEUGEL, 1450 Chambers, St. Louis, Missouri, was interviewed and said that she has heard nothing from the family of her nephew, JAMES-FREDERICK MURPHY, for ten years. She stated that she has no idea where MURPHY could be. She indicated that she remembers only that MAUDE MURPHY, JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY's mother, was at one time in the Mississippi State Mental Hospital, at Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. CHARLES HEUGEL, 1450 Chambers, St. Louis, Missouri, was jointly interviewed with his wife and said he could recall nothing about the whereabouts of the MURPHY family. *St. Louis, Mo*

On December 20, 1963, Mrs. HERBERT MYERS, 2300 St. Louis Avenue, was interviewed at her place of employment, Montgomery Ward Company, 1927 Olive, St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. MYERS said that she is the daughter of NOVA GRIFFITH, of Marked Tree, Arkansas, and that she knew Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES HEUGEL from when they also lived at Marked Tree, Arkansas. Mrs. MYERS stated that she had never heard of JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY.

The following investigation was conducted for the purpose of locating DAVID MURRAY, an individual who reportedly knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the U. S. Marine Corps at Santa Anna, California.

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Personnel of the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, made available the military record for DAVID CHRISTIE MURRAY, JR., Serial Number 1632080, indicating he served in the U. S. Marine Corps October 29, 1956 to October 28, 1959. The records show he was honorably released on expiration of his enlistment and served in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, inactive status, from October 29, 1959, to January 14, 1961, receiving an honorable discharge. Fla.
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Records of the Military Personnel Records Center indicated prior service of MURRAY in the U. S. Naval Reserve, inactive status, from January 15, 1953, to October 28, 1956; MURRAY received an honorable discharge to enlist in the U. S. Marine Corps.

The military records reflected MURRAY's address at the time of release from active duty (1959) as 134 East First Street, Jacksonville, Duval, Florida. His parents were shown as DAVID and LILLIAN MURRAY of the same address. The record reflected his wife as NANCY HARDEN MURRAY, 397 South Orange Street, Orange, California (in 1958), and as 134 South Minnie Street, Santa Anna, California (in 1959).

The record pertaining to MURRAY contained no information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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by IC LEONARD LEWIS :paw Date dictated 12-23-63

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN H. CREECH regarding a sling on the rifle of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On December 20, 1963, Mr. W. S. ROBINSON, Office Manager and Buyer, St. Louis Music Company, 3711 West Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was contacted at his office concerning his knowledge of guitar straps or slings. Photographs of the sling from OSWALD's weapon were displayed to him, and after careful study, he stated that he did not think this was a guitar strap as the wide part on a guitar strap is normally the adjusting mechanism for strap length, moving up and down on the strap itself to provide adjustment. He pointed out the strap in the photographs could not move up and down to adjust. He indicated that all modern-day guitar straps are adjusted by the wide part being movable. He stated that he had never seen a guitar strap like the one in the photographs.

On December 20, 1963, Mr. HAROLD GOODMAN, co-owner of Goodmans for Guns, 1101 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was interviewed at his store and was shown the photographs of the sling which came from OSWALD's weapon. He examined the photographs of the sling and stated that it appeared to be a type of target shooters sling with the wide leather piece fitting behind the shooter's left arm to stabilize the weapon during fire. Mr. GOODMAN stated that the sling would appear to be a cheap Japanese or European surplus item. He stated that his firm does not handle an item of this type.

On closer scrutiny, HAROLD GOODMAN stated that it would appear that the sling might be made from the leather straps from a binocular case, with the wide leather piece possibly coming off the bottom or top of the binocular case. He stated that the apparent snaps on the wide piece could be the snaps used for fastening the straps on a binocular case. He indicated that possibly the many small holes in the strap would be for the buckle adjustment. Mr. GOODMAN stated that he was "almost one hundred percent sure that the sling in the picture came from a binocular case."

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Mr. GOODMAN stated that he frequently gets advertisements from the United Binocular Company, 9043 South Western Avenue, Chicago 20, Illinois, which he said is possibly the country's biggest dealer in surplus or cheap binoculars and cases.

The following inquiry was conducted by SA ALBERT J. RUSHING, JR. for the purpose of locating MATTHEW SCHILLER, who reportedly traveled to Mexico City by bus on September 26, 1963, in the company of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mrs. MARY TROJER, 3233 Texas, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone PR 1-5851, was contacted by telephone on the evening of December 21, 1963. Mrs. TROJER stated that she is the sister of MATTHEW SCHILLER, whom she described as a retired butcher who suffers from asthma and heart trouble. He travels widely, usually by bus, seeking relief from his asthma. SCHILLER is a bachelor and his relatives hear from him only about three times a year, being unable to contact him at other times. Mrs. TROJER stated that on December 19, 1963, she received a letter from SCHILLER which was postmarked December 17, 1963, at Phoenix, Arizona. Texa
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SCHILLER indicated in this letter that he was then at the Utah Hotel, 438 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, and he expected to be there for five days. He did not indicate his further itinerary. Mrs. TROJER stated that she did not expect that any relatives would hear from him again until possibly about Easter.

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REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 12/24/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/19, 20/63
TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA HENDERSON HILLIN, JR.	TYPED BY WP
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS-R	

REFERENCES

Dallas teletype to Jacksonville, Knoxville, Memphis, Miami, and New Orleans 12/19/63. (10)
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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION (INFORMATION)

An information copy of this report is being furnished the New Orleans Division in view of their current investigation in this matter.

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On December 20, 1963, Postmaster HARVEY FITZGERALD, Humboldt, Tennessee, advised he did not personally know JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY and said records of his office failed to show that JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY has received mail through the Humboldt Post Office or has left

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any forwarding address during the past several years. Mr. FITZGERALD recalled that some years ago, probably during 1956 or 1957, an individual by the last name of MURPHY, the father of several boys, moved to Humboldt, Tennessee, from some eastern city and engaged in installing machinery at the J. Hungerford Smith Company, a manufacturer of syrups and confections. This MURPHY family moved from Humboldt, Tennessee, some years ago, apparently without leaving a forwarding address.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA HENDERSON HILLIN, JR.
Date: December 24, 1963

Office: Memphis

File Number: ME 105-891

Bureau File No.: 105-82555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

MURPHY is DERICK MURPHY not located through contacts at Salvation Army, YMCA, Credit Bureau and Police Department, Nashville, Tennessee. Col. CHARLES YOUNG, Hill Studios, Nashville, stated MURPHY's whereabouts unknown; last worked for YOUNG as door to door salesman approximately three years ago. YOUNG expressed belief MURPHY is mentally retarded and described him as a drifter whose speech and behavior often erratic. Investigation at Humboldt, Tennessee, failed to develop any information concerning JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY. However, PHILLIP D. MURPHY, SR., and wife, LILLIAN MURPHY, who moved from Humboldt, Tennessee, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, about 1958, are the parents of several boys, some of whom are between 20 and 26 years of age. PHILLIP D. MURPHY, SR., and LILLIAN MURPHY as of November 18, 1963, resided at 4403 Manayunk Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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DETAILS: AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE:

The following investigation was conducted by SA HENDERSON HILLIN, JR., on December 19, 1963:

Miss HARRIETTE FISHER, Salvation Army Center, 500 1/2 Main Street, advised her records fail to indicate that JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY is a current lodger at the Salvation Army Center. Her records failed to indicate that anyone fitting his description or under his name had

recently stayed at the Center. She will advise should he appear seeking lodging.

Mr. HORACE CHESHIRE, night watchman and clerk, Salvation Army Social Center, 141 North First Street, advised his records fail to indicate that JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY is a current lodger or worker at the Salvation Army Social Center. He continued the description of MURPHY does not fit any of the current lodgers or workers.

CARL MC INTURFF, Room Clerk, YMCA, Seventh and Union Streets, advised that JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY is not shown as a current lodger of the YMCA. He could not identify anyone at the YMCA currently with the description of MURPHY. He advised he does not recall anyone at the YMCA using this name in the past. He will advise should MURPHY appear seeking a room.

Colonel CHARLES H. YOUNG, 414 Bonnowood, Hermitage, Tennessee, advised he is well acquainted with JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY. MURPHY has worked for YOUNG on a number of occasions as a door to door portrait salesman for YOUNG's employer, Olan Mills Studios, home office 1101 Carter Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee. YOUNG is a sales manager of this operation, and MURPHY traveled extensively throughout the South during his employment. He was last employed about three years ago, which would have been the last time YOUNG saw MURPHY. About eight months ago, YOUNG received an inquiry concerning MURPHY from an unrecalled agency or institution somewhere in Louisiana requesting information about MURPHY. YOUNG responded with the information and indicated this may have been a welfare or unemployment agency, exact title or location unrecalled.

YOUNG is not a close associate of MURPHY's but has attempted to help him on a number of occasions by employing him because he felt sorry for him. He would work three to four months, quit, leave town, then return seeking work. According to what MURPHY told him, his mother shot and killed her husband. The mother currently is confined in a mental institution in Mississippi. MURPHY is believed to be mentally retarded and probably in need of psychiatric help himself. His behavior and speech were often erratic, and he was given to telling outlandish and fantastic stories about himself and events. He has never been known to become violent or have any violent tendencies.

MURPHY stayed at the YMCA while working in the Nashville area about three years ago. He had no other residence here or employment known to YOUNG. He was never known to have been employed by a hotel in Nashville. He usually stayed in a local "Y" or small hotel in the various towns they visited during his employment.

YOUNG described MURPHY as an itinerant drifter with no close family ties. He was reared as a devout Catholic. YOUNG advised it would be his opinion MURPHY is somewhere in Louisiana, but he had no definite city or address in mind. He will advise should any information regarding MURPHY's current whereabouts be received. He indicated he knew of no associates MURPHY might have in the Nashville area but had heard him say he had a brother in Humboldt, Tennessee.

On December 20, 1963, REBECCA FORD, Credit Bureau of Nashville, Tennessee, and NONA SESLER, Central Records Division, Nashville Metropolitan Police Department, advised they could locate no record identifiable with JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY in the files of their respective agencies.

On December 20, 1963, R. G. LUFFMAN, Clerk, Sam Davis Hotel, Seventh and Commerce Streets, advised JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY is not currently employed, nor could he locate a prior employment record for MURPHY.

It will be noted there is no hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, known as the Jefferson Davis Hotel. The Sam Davis Hotel is a well-known old Nashville hotel.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WARREN R. HEARN on December 20, 1963:

AT HUMBOLDT, TENNESSEE:

The current telephone directory for Humboldt, Tennessee, does not list anyone by the last name of MURPHY.

Mr. C. B. SHANKLE, Principal, Humboldt High School, searched all available school records but was unable to locate any record to indicate that JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY enrolled or withdrew from this high school during the past twenty years. Mr. SHANKLE was unable to locate information concerning any individual by the last name of MURPHY corresponding with JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY's alleged birth date of June 16, 1936, or information concerning any MURPHY by the first and middle names of JAMES FREDERICK.

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SHANKLE said, according to available records, the only two individuals by the last name of MURPHY who ever enrolled at the Humboldt High School were: JOHN MURPHY, whose date of birth is listed as June 22, 1935, place of birth not listed. He entered the Humboldt High School on September 1, 1941, and withdrew on January 1, 1942. His guardian was listed as JOHN L. MURPHY, whose address is not indicated; One LAVERNE MURPHY, born November 15, 1927, at Shannon, Tennessee, (probably intended for Sharon, Tennessee) enrolled at this high school but date of enrollment is not indicated. Her father's name is listed as BOBO MURPHY. Her mother's name is listed as EVA GILMORE-BABBS, address not indicated. Mr. SHANKLE checked available elementary school records without locating any information concerning JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY.

Mr. JOE BILLY BASS, JR., Clerk, U. S. Post Office, Humboldt, Tennessee, advised that during about 1958, while he was employed by the Home Beneficial Insurance Company with headquarters offices at Richmond, Virginia, LILLIAN MURPHY, wife of PHILLIP D. MURPHY, SR., when they lived at 2715 Mitchell Street, Humboldt, purchased policies for two or three of her children. He could not recall the names of the children insured or if all children of the MURPHY family were insured. He said, however, that certain records pertaining to the two or three MURPHY children insured would be in possession of ORBRA H. SANDERS, who is now employed as salesman by the Home Beneficial Insurance Company.

ORBRA HARRELL SANDERS, 1209 Sunset Street, advised from records that on February 10, 1958, LILLIAN MURPHY purchased \$1,000.00 policies for three of her children, namely, PHILLIP D. MURPHY, JR., who was 20 years of age as of February 10, 1958; EDWARD MURPHY, who was 16 years of age as of February 10, 1958; and CLAIR V. MURPHY, who was 18 years of age as of February 10, 1958.

Mr. SANDERS advised that according to correspondence received, LILLIAN and PHILLIP D. MURPHY, SR., were residing at 4403 Manayunk Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He did not personally know any member of the MURPHY family and had no idea if LILLIAN and PHILLIP D. MURPHY, SR., have children in addition to the three that are insured by the Home Beneficial Insurance Company.

DAN SCOTT, Mayor, advised that according to records of his office, as well as records of other branches of the City Government, including public utility records, no family by the last name of MURPHY has lived at Humboldt, Tennessee, for the past three years. Records prior to 1960 are no longer available.

Mr. SCOTT, a long time resident of Humboldt, recalled that for one or two years prior to about 1958, an individual by the last name of MURPHY, the father of several boys, engaged in installing machinery at the J. Hungerford Smith Company. Some of MURPHY's boys, who then appeared to be as old as 20 or 21 years of age, were suspected of committing burglaries and, in fact, were questioned as suspects on at least one occasion by former Chief of Police PORTER LUCKEY, who no longer lives at Humboldt. It is his understanding that this particular MURPHY family returned to some eastern city during about 1958.

JOE M. RIDINGS, Chief of Police, advised that records of his office do not contain any arrest record for JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY or for any individual by the last name of MURPHY. RIDINGS stated that records pertaining to arrests for minor offenses prior to 1960 are not complete and that some arrest records were destroyed or inadvertently misplaced by former Chief of Police PORTER LUCKEY prior to the time he, RIDINGS, became Chief of Police during 1960. RIDINGS checked with all officers of his department without developing any

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information concerning JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY. To his knowledge, no family by the last name of MURPHY has lived at or in the vicinity of Humboldt, Tennessee, for the past several years.

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ROBERT O. PYBAS, Sheriff, Gibson County, Trenton, Tennessee, advised that records of his office do not contain any arrest record or any information of a criminal nature concerning JAMES FREDERICK MURPHY.