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4. American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

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Mr. GREG ~~OLDS~~, 1316 Timberlake Circle, Richardson, Texas, employee, Richardson Echo, advised he is the president of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Affiliate in Dallas, Texas. He stated that he had never seen or heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD until President KENNEDY was assassinated. OLDS stated that after it had been reported in the newspapers that OSWALD was a member of the ACLU, he tried to verify this fact and finally determined from the New York Office that an application for membership had been submitted by OSWALD to New York. This application had been received in New York he believes on November 4, 1963. OLDS stated that he has no idea where the application form had come from unless OSWALD had picked up this form at a meeting of the ACLU on October 25, 1963. He has heard from some source, name not recalled, that OSWALD did attend a meeting of the ACLU on the night of October 25, 1963, which meeting was held on the campus of Southern Methodist University (SMU). It is believed by Mr. OLDS that OSWALD was brought to this meeting by MICHAEL PAINE. He has intended to talk to PAINE about OSWALD but has not had an opportunity. He advised that he, OLDS, was present at the meeting on October 25, 1963, and does not recall seeing OSWALD and certainly does not recall him entering into any discussions. He has heard, but once again he cannot recall the source, that OSWALD did have something to say at this meeting. He, however, does not know what OSWALD was supposed to have said.

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OLDS stated he has not made any investigation regarding OSWALD but he has been following the background of OSWALD through the press with the intention of learning everything about him that he can. He stated he could not furnish any information at all regarding OSWALD since he did not meet him and stated he does not know JACK RUBY and knows of no association between RUBY and OSWALD.

He does not know of any other ACLU meetings which OSWALD might have attended and stated the only person other than PAINE he knows that might have talked to OSWALD at the meeting was a Reverend BYRD HELDIGAS, 4012 St. Andrews Drive, Dallas. He does not believe, however, that HELDIGAS can furnish any information regarding OSWALD and believes that HELDIGAS just either spoke to him or was introduced to him.

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Reverend ~~BYRD~~ HELLIGAS, 4012 St. Andrews Drive, Dallas, Texas, advised that he attended the meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) at Southern Methodist University (SMU) on the night of October 25, 1963. He stated that after President KENNEDY was assassinated, he saw OSWALD on television and recognized him as a person who had been at the meeting on the night of October 25, 1963. HELLIGAS advised he was in charge of the projector and coffee on the night of October 25, 1963, and OSWALD came up and said something to him about the projector. He does not recall what OSWALD said but it was some comment about how the projector worked. He did not have any other discussion with OSWALD and OSWALD did not make any further comment and said nothing regarding politics. HELLIGAS stated that he had never seen OSWALD before and could not furnish any further information regarding him at all.

He stated he could not furnish the names of anyone who attended the meeting who might have had any discussion with OSWALD. He has heard generally from sources whom he does not recall that OSWALD did have some comments to make during the meeting. The comments made by OSWALD are not known to Mr. HELLIGAS and Mr. HELLIGAS stated he certainly did not hear him say anything.

Mr. HELLIGAS stated he did not know JACK RUBY and does not know of any association between RUBY and OSWALD.

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VIII. INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO SUBJECT'S
TRAVEL TO MEXICO

December 17, 1963

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DALLAS, TEXAS
Mr. ARNALDO ~~X~~CAVAZOS, 628 Hambrick stated he and two other individuals crossed the border from Texas into Mexico at Laredo, Texas, on September 26, 1963, en route Monterrey, Mexico, on a business trip. He said the crossing took only about ten minutes and apparently not many persons were crossing at that point at the time because the highway from Laredo to Monterrey had many detours. He identified the other two persons as ALECTOR R. ~~X~~CAVAZOS, his brother, who resides 10206 Medlock, Dallas, and THOMAS ~~X~~ROGERS, employed with Fasco Motors, Richardson, Texas. He said the three of them were travelling in one auto and picked up no passengers en route. He said he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and could not recall seeing anyone who resembled OSWALD at that time.

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Date December 24, 19631MEXICORiver Oaks, TEXAS

Mrs. ^{MRS.} JODENE HANDS, nee Brans, wife of RAYMOND F. HANDS, 5512 James Drive, advised she accompanied her sister-in-law, ERNESTINE WHITE HANDS, Plantation Road, Fort Worth, TEXAS and another relative, HARVEY CAMPBELL, of Dallas, Texas, on a trip to Monterrey, Mexico, in September, 1963. They crossed the border into Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on September 26, 1963, through Mexican customs. They changed their money at the Customs Office and did not see any Americans as they crossed the border. The purpose of the trip was for a vacatbn.

Raymond F. Mrs. ^{5512 James Dr. River Oaks, Texas} HANDS stated that in a bar in Monterrey, she saw one or two Americans, but none identical to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She stated she does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD, or JACK RUBY.

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On December 13, 1963, Confidential Informant, Dallas T-3, advised that Father RICHARD LAWRENCE PHILION was located at Texquisistlan, State of Oaxaca, Mexico. According to informant, Father PHILION stated he obtained his Mexican Tourist Card at the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 17, 1963, shortly before the Consulate closed on that day. Informant advised that Father PHILION could not identify a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD as having been in the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans during the time Father PHILION was there.

According to informant, Father PHILION indicated he traveled to Mexico City by air and had no occasion to observe OSWALD when OSWALD crossed the border on September 26, 1963.

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On December 16, 1963, (Confidential Informant,
Dallas T-3) advised that on that date CARLOS ALMAGUER
*ECHARTEA and his wife had on that date at Monterrey,
Mexico, stated they entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on
September 26, 1963, in their personally owned automobile
and did not observe LEE HARVEY OSWALD and knew nothing
of his activities while in Mexico.

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On December 24, 1963, (Confidential Informant, Dallas T-3), furnished the following information concerning efforts to locate JOHN H. BOWEN, a passenger with OSWALD on a southbound bus from Nuevo Laredo, on September 26, 1963.

Informant advised that investigation discloses BOWEN departed Mexico City October 1, 1963, on Flecha Roja bus, bound for Nuevo Laredo. Mexican immigration records reflect BOWEN departed Mexico, at Nuevo Laredo, October 2, 1963, but no information concerning his home address was available.

Informant advised that ^{OHIO} Flecha Roja bus records reflect BOWEN and one WILLIAM S. SHIVELY purchased consecutive tickets for Flecha Roja bus trip from Mexico City to Nuevo Laredo, although, they did not occupy adjacent seats. Mexican immigration records reflect SHIVELY was issued a tourist card at Nuevo Laredo, September 22, 1963, and entered Mexico at that location on the same date. SHIVELY departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 2, 1963, with BOWEN and him being checked out by the same Mexican Immigration Service employee. ^{B. PARKER 1741}

The Mexican tourist card described SHIVELY as an American citizen, 22 years of age, and a student. He presented a birth certificate as proof of identity and his home address was given as Cincinnati, Ohio, no street address.

Date December 26, 19631

Mr. IVAN D. MARICLE advised he is the Associate Registrar of the Baptist Annuity Board, Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), Room 202, 511 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas. He said he had no record of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN in the files of that office and that he doubted BOWEN had ever been a Baptist minister or a regular appointed missionary from the information concerning BOWEN's background and history of employment.

He said that a record might be located in the files of the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, 3806 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, if BOWEN served for any length of time under one of their appointments. He said the records of the Baptist Annuity Board at Dallas only cover members of the retirement plan of the Southern Baptist Convention in this area, and would not necessarily cover all persons listed in the Richmond Office of the SBC.

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**IX. CONNECTIONS WITH FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA
COMMITTEE (FPCC)**

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Date December 6, 1963

JAMES LAWRENCE, identifying himself as employed as a ⁴⁷
~~Leasing Agent of the Cross Country Development Corporation, a~~ ₁₆
 subsidiary of Bloomfield Building Industries, 3355 Poplar
 Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, advised as follows:

^{LA} LAWRENCE spent about ten weeks at the New Orleans
 sub-office of Cross Country Development Corporation, located
 Room 101 of the International Trade Mart, 124 Camp Street,
 New Orleans, Louisiana, said period running from July to the
 middle of October of 1963. He was there to handle leasing
 arrangements for a new International Trade Mart being con-
 structed by Bloomfield Building Industries.

On a day probably in middle August, exact date not
 recalled, JAMES LAWRENCE left the Trade Mart building
 accompanied by Mrs. DOLORES NEELEY, an employee of Bloomfield
 Building Industries, and he recalls they were followed out ^{LA}
~~of the building by another acquaintance of his, namely NICK~~
^{LA} PALMISANO, then employed as a Room Clerk at the Royal Orleans
 Hotel, New Orleans. Upon reaching the sidewalk from the
 entrance to the building, LAWRENCE recalls several bareheaded
 young white males who were passing out some sort of printed
 leaflets. One of these leaflets was given to Mrs. NEELEY,
 and she started to show it to LAWRENCE, at which time both
 Mrs. NEELEY and LAWRENCE noted that someone was taking movies
 of this series of events.

Mrs. NEELEY recognized the photographer as being
 employed by one of the television stations in New Orleans.
 LAWRENCE does not recall this man's name, nor the name of
 the station, but did remember that Mrs. NEELEY asked her
 television acquaintance as to his purpose in taking the
 movies and recalls the reply which was to the effect that the
 photographer did not know, that he had merely been told by
 his station to hurry to this location to take photographs
 of action on the sidewalk.

LAWRENCE merely recalled that Mrs. NEELEY told
 him that the leaflet had something to do about Cuba.

JAMES LAWRENCE was exhibited a series of six
 photographs taken by Television Station WDSU on August 16, 1963,

On 12/6/63 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1166
Dallas 89-43
 by SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR., and
SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE:wp Date dictated 12/6/63

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depicting various persons shown on the sidewalk outside the International Trade Mart, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, when LEE HARVEY OSWALD passed out handbills.

LAWRENCE advised that with regard to OSWALD, who is shown definitely in photographs marked by SA LAWRENCE as IV, V, and VI, at the time he did not know OSWALD's identity or purpose, that he had not knowingly ever previously seen OSWALD, and has not knowingly seen him since that time. With regard to the other individuals depicted in photographs IV through VI, LAWRENCE stated that he does not recall knowing any of these individuals other than the person shown in these three photographs as a bareheaded male and wearing a checkered or plaid shirt and who is facing the camera in each pose, believed to be Mr. BRIDGES, Maintenance Superintendent of the International Trade Mart. LA

With regard to photographs marked by SA LAWRENCE as I through III, JAMES LAWRENCE identified himself as the person marked No. 4 in each of these three photographs, and further identified Mrs. DOLORES NEELY as the person marked as No. 1 in each of these three photographs, stating that he was unable to identify the persons marked as Nos. 2 and 3 in these photographs. He did point out that standing directly behind Mrs. NEELY and himself in photographs I through III is a white male having his head bowed and who is depicted as carrying a roll of some type material under his left arm, as being identical with NICK PALMISANO, Room Clerk, Royal Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, who had accompanied Mrs. NEELY and LAWRENCE out of the Trade Mart a few moments before the photograph was taken. He stated that he is certain in his own mind that PALMISANO had nothing to do with the distribution of the literature and would further feel certain that, if his identification of the Maintenance Superintendent of the Trade Mart, believed by him to be Mr. BRIDGES, is correct, that Mr. BRIDGES would have had nothing to do with the distribution of this literature, and in his opinion would have been merely looking on as an interested or curious spectator.

LAWRENCE stated that he was rather shocked and surprised to see the hereinbefore mentioned six photographs appear on television as a part of a movie taken by an unrecalled New Orleans television station in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the time that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had purportedly passed out pro-Castro Cuban literature. He elaborated that this movie

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was shown on one of the Memphis television stations on either November 23 or 24, 1963, following the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He pointed out that his wife and he saw this on television and immediately recognized not only himself but Mrs. NEELEY and the person pointed out by the announcer as being identical with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, recalling OSWALD as being identical with the person shown in photographs IV through VI.

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1Date December 23, 1963

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Mr. ~~JOHNNY~~ KING, City Editor, Dallas Morning News, advised that PAT ROCHELLE, wife of the Business Editor of the Dallas Morning News, and who is employed by GLEN ADDINGTON, Public Relations Director, Texas Credit Union, 4533 Ross Avenue, had advised that HENRY AXLINE, a friend of ROCHELLE's, had information regarding the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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Mrs. PAT ~~ROCHELLE~~, Secretary, Glen Addington
~~Public Relations~~, 4533 Rose Avenue, Dallas, Texas,
 advised that she had heard from Mrs. SAM ~~MEADOWS~~, who
 is also known as ANN ~~MEADOWS~~ who operates a tavern in
 Fort Worth with her husband, that HENRY ~~AXLINE~~, of Fort
 Worth, Texas, a former high school classmate of hers,
 had been in Mrs. ~~MEADOWS~~' tavern a few days after JACK
 RUBY had shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD. ~~AXLINE~~ was drinking
 at the time, and he stated that he knew why OSWALD had
 shot President KENNEDY; that a secret group known as
 Fair Play For Cuba in Dallas had each contributed \$75.00
 apiece to LEE OSWALD to shoot the President and that
 JACK RUBY was a part of this group, Mrs. ~~ROCHELLE~~ stated
 that she also learned from Mrs. ~~MEADOWS~~ that Mrs. HENRY
~~AXLINE~~ had been questioned about this by some authorities,
 exact organization unknown, and Mrs. ~~AXLINE~~ denied this,

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(Confidential Informant, Dallas T-7,) advised Special Agent CHARLES T. BROWN, JR., that LEE H. OSWALD rented Post Office Box 6225 located at the Terminal Annex Post Office Station, Dallas, Texas, on November 1, 1963. In his application for rental of this box OSWALD indicated the name of his firm as, "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," and another firm was indicated as, "American Civil Liberties Union." He indicated the type of business as "Non-profit." According to informant, Postal records indicated OSWALD rented this box for the period November 1 through December 31, 1963, and paid \$3.00 rental in cash for the box on November 1, 1963.

Informant advised that on December 5, 1963, he examined Post Office Box 6225 at which time he ascertained the only item contained in the box was the December 6, 1963, issue of "Time" Magazine. The magazine was addressed to LEE H. OSWALD, Box 6225, Dallas, Texas. The mailing strap on the magazine indicated OSWALD's subscription expires in December, 1963. Informant stated that since the afternoon of November 22, 1963, a close watch has been maintained on this box. On the afternoon of November 22, 1963, a 24-hour physical surveillance was placed on the box by Postal Authorities which lasted until midnight, November 24, 1963. According to informant no one appeared at the Post Office to ask for any mail in this box. Informant stated that a continued close watch has been maintained and will continue to be maintained for any persons attempting to obtain mail from this box.

Informant stated that it is his understanding that OSWALD had a key to Post Office Box 6225 in his

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pocket at the time of his arrest on November 22, 1963. Informant stated that he was at the Homicide Detail Room, Dallas Police Department, on November 22, 1963, and observed the key in the possession of an unidentified Homicide Detail Detective. The detective told informant that the key had been found on OSWALD at the time of OSWALD's arrest.

Informant stated that he questioned numerous Postal employees after November 22, 1963, regarding any mail, packages, magazines, or other material received through Box 6225 by OSWALD and none were able to recall any material of any kind being placed in the box with the exception of one employee whose name informant was unable to recall. This employee told informant he thought on one occasion he had placed some type of Russian newspaper in the box but the employee was unable to specifically recall placing the item in the box and he was not able to recall a date on which it had been done, if it had actually been done. Informant stated that upon examining the box on the afternoon of November 22, 1963, it was determined there was dust in the bottom of the box indicating no mail had been received through the box.

Informant concluded by saying that on November 24, 1963, OSWALD admitted renting P. O. Box 6225 and P. O. Box 2915 in Dallas, Texas. He also admitted to informant that he rented P. O. Box 30061 in New Orleans, Louisiana. OSWALD did not make any admissions to informant concerning his use of this box nor did he admit receiving a gun at any time through any of the aforementioned

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Post Office boxes. He denied receiving any mail addressed to A. HIDEELL through any of the Post Office boxes and denied that anyone else had ever received any mail through these boxes. He admitted to informant that on one or two occasions he may have given his Post Office Box key to Box 2915 to his wife for her to obtain the mail from the box and bring it to him.