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To: SAC San Francisco
Dallas (100-10431)

From: Director, FBI (105-82535)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.,
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Re Buairtel 3/20/64 and SFairtel 4/7/64, captioned "Threat Against the Life of President Lyndon B. Johnson by Anonymous Letter Postmarked at Reno, Nevada, 3/12/64".

For the information of Dallas, an anonymous letter postmarked 3/12/64, at Reno, Nevada, was received by the Director. This letter signed "A friend" indicated the writer would assassinate President Johnson when he appears at the Democratic Convention at Atlantic City during August, 1964. In addition the writer stated in part "if you believe it or not I stood within three feet of Lee Harvey Oswald when he fired the three shots that killed the Nigger lover Kennedy and wounded Connolly, you probably think this is from some crack pot but don't" the writer also mentioned the fact that Jack Ruby murdered Oswald and also stated "I just hope they kill that fat ass Ruby for what he did to poor Lee."

Investigation by the Bureau established a logical suspect in Michael V. Cramer who was in custody of the San Francisco Police Department. On 4/7/64, Secret Service Agent in Charge Thomas Hansen, San Francisco, advised that Cramer admitted authorship of above letter and that the U. S. Attorney in San Francisco has deferred prosecution to the U. S. Attorney in Reno, Nevada.

In view of statements relating to Oswald in anonymous letter San Francisco is instructed to interview Cramer specifically concerning his allegations of being with Oswald, and furnish results in suitable form to the Bureau and 25 copies to Dallas for incorporation in an investigative report under the above caption.

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San Francisco is also instructed to furnish Dallas with sufficient background data on this matter in insert form so that it can be incorporated by Dallas in a report.

Note:

investigative
This matter is within the jurisdiction of the U. S. Secret Service. Our offices were instructed that if any information developed relating to logical suspects in this matter it should be promptly furnished to Secret Service. Based on contact by San Francisco Office with the local police department, officers in routine censor of mail noted similar type letter being sent to the Director. Secret Service advised resulting in Cramer's admission. Inasmuch as Cramer has admitted writing the letter and stated he was with Oswald on 11/22/63, it is felt he must be interviewed. This information when obtained will be reported by Dallas for dissemination to the President's Commission.

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Reporting Office KANSAS CITY	Office of Origin DALLAS	Date 4/9/64	Investigative Period 3/3-18/64
TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka		Report made by MARION C. STREET	Typed By lib
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Synopsis:

REFERENCES: Minneapolis teletype to Bureau dated 3/2/64
 Kansas City airtel to Bureau dated 3/3/64
 -- Report of SA ERNOLD I. CARLSON dated 3/6/64 at Dallas

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report pertains to information received by the Minneapolis Office regarding an alleged meeting by Unknown Subjects at the Townhouse, Kansas City, Mo., on 3/18/64, by a textile firm.

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Report of: **SA MARION C. STREET**
Date: **4/64**

Office: **KANSAS CITY**

Field Office File No.: **105-1736**

Bureau File No.: **105-82555**

Title: **LEE HARVEY OSWALD**

Character: **INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA**

Synopsis: Investigation at Kansas City, Missouri, failed to identify a sales meeting in the name of a textile firm on 3/18/64. The Townhouse Motor Hotel is located in Kansas City, Ks., however, not on Kellogg and Broadway Streets, and there is no Kellogg Street in Kansas City, Missouri. The Townhouse Hotel, Kellogg and Broadway, Wichita, Kansas, did not have a meeting of a textile firm on 3/18/64.

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DETAILS: AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI AND KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA MARION C.

SIBERT:

On March 3, 1964, Mrs. ELSIE MAE KAPPEL, Secretary to the Manager, Townhouse Motor Hotel, Seventh and State Streets, Kansas City, Kansas, advised that they do not have a reservation and have not received an inquiry for a reservation for a meeting of any commercial organization for March 18; or for any textile firm for a date approximating March 18, 1964; or for any person with the name ROMANIUK or some such similar name.

On March 3, 1964, ELBERT DABLINGTON, Manager, Coates House Hotel, Tenth and Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that his is primarily a residential hotel and he does not have any advanced reservations or inquiries for reservations for the period surrounding March 18, 1964.

Both Mrs. KAPPEL and Mr. DARLINGTON advised that they would notify the Kansas City Office in the event they receive any inquiries of reservations as stated above.

The original information was received that a "sales meeting at the Townhouse at Kellogg (phonetic) and Broadway in Kansas City, Missouri" was to be held on March 18, 1964. A review of telephone and city directories and a map of the Coates Kansas City area failed to reflect a Kellogg Street in either Kansas City, Missouri, or Kansas City, Kansas. There is no Broadway Street in Kansas City, Kansas, nor is there an establishment called the Townhouse anywhere on Broadway in Kansas City, Missouri.

On March 18, 1964, both Mrs. KAPPEL, Townhouse Motor Hotel, and Mr. DARLINGTON, Coates House Hotel, advised that they had no additional information and could not identify a meeting as previously mentioned.

AT WICHITA, KANSAS:

The following investigation was conducted by
SA EUGENE W. BOIZ:

On March 13, 1964, PAUL FLOBY, Auditor, ^{Kansas} Townhouse Motel, Kellogg and Broadway, advised that this hotel had no conventions or trade meetings of any nature scheduled for March 18, 1964, or any time near that date. For the remainder of the year they had no textile groups meeting at this establishment. They advised they did not have a reservation for any person by the name of ROMANIUK, or some such similar spelling. _{no loc}

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ELMER B. FLETCHER:

On March 18, 1964, the convention and trade meeting schedule for the Wichita Chamber of Commerce was examined and there was no indication of any convention or trade group meeting at the Townhouse Motel on March 18, 1964.

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Reporting Office KNOXVILLE	Office of Origin DALLAS	Date 4/10/64	Investigative Period 12/3/63 - 4/6/64
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REFERENCE: Dallas teletype to Bureau and Knoxville 1:30 p.m.,
3/25/64.
Knoxville airtel to Bureau dated 3/26/64.

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Results of investigation conducted in December, 1963 regarding individual resembling OSWALD being at YMCA, Knoxville, included in this report in view of information in Dallas airtel to Bureau 3/19/64 captioned as above and also captioned "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS; MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING" and "JACK L. RUBY, aka; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka (deceased) - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS".

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Report of: JACK K. MURPHREE

Office: KNOXVILLE

Date: 4/10/64

File Number: 105-528

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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Synopsis: Resident of YMCA, Knoxville, states person resembling OSWALD stayed there in September or October, 1963. YMCA employees do not recall anyone resembling OSWALD. Name LEE H. OSWALD on Visitor's Registry, American Museum of Atomic Energy, Oak Ridge, Tenn. not written by LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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DETAILS: AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CARL N. BARRETT:

On December 3, 1964, JIM HENDRIX, YMCA, Knoxville, TENN advised that a person generally resembling the description of LEE HARVEY OSWALD rented a room on the second floor of the YMCA for a week or ten-day period in September or October, 1963. Mr. HENDRIX could not recall the name of this person but recalled the individual said he was from Dallas, Texas, and had received a dishonorable discharge from the United States Air Force. Mr. HENDRIX said this person was an outspoken opponent of President KENNEDY and possessed some literature critical of KENNEDY and other members of his administration. HENDRIX stated BILL MONCIER, former YMCA desk clerk, would remember this individual. KNOXVILLE, TENN

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN F. MCGIVNEY:

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On December 4, 1963, Mrs. VELMA JOHNSON, desk clerk, YMCA, advised that she was unable to locate a registration card for LEE HARVEY OSWALD or O. H. LEE for the months of September, October, and November, 1963. She advised the only registration card for this period bearing a home address in Texas was for one BILL YEAGER, 1210 Natter Street, Houston, Texas. Mrs. JOHNSON stated she could furnish no information regarding YEAGER and that she did not recall any recent YMCA resident who was outspoken against President KENNEDY or had literature critical of KENNEDY or his administration.

On December 4, 1963, RON MEYER, Manager, YMCA, advised he did not recall any recent resident who fit the general description of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or who was publicly critical of President KENNEDY or who had literature critical of KENNEDY or his administration.

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On December 5, 1963, Mr. WILLIAM MONCIER, Assistant Resident Manager, Stadium Hall, University of Tennessee, advised that he was resident manager of the Knoxville YMCA until November, 1963. MONCIER advised he did not recall anyone who resembled OSWALD's description having resided at the YMCA in the recent past. He also stated he could not recall any YMCA resident having distributed literature critical of President KENNEDY at any time. MONCIER stated he is personally acquainted with BILL YEAGER, former YMCA resident, and stated YEAGER in no way resembles OSWALD. MONCIER further advised that JIM HENDRIX, a resident of the Knoxville YMCA, is prone to "exaggeration".

AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE

Date April 7, 1964

Dr. HAROLD BYCK, Director, American Museum of Atomic Energy, made available a sheet from the Visitor's Registry of the museum. Opposite the date 7/26/63 appears the name and address LEE H. OSWALD USSR Dallas Road Dalls Texas.

Oak Ridge, TENN

On 3/25/64 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee File # KX 105-528

by Special Agent L. NELMS JOHNSON /pjw Date dictated 4/1/64

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By communication dated March 26, 1964, a sheet from the Visitor's Registry, American Museum of Atomic Energy, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, bearing the name LEE H. OSWALD was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

By communication dated April 2, 1964, the FBI Laboratory advised that the OSWALD name and address appearing on the Visitor's Registry of the American Museum of Atomic Energy, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, were not written by LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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Reporting Office OMAHA	Office of Origin DALLAS	Date 4/9/64	Investigative Period 3/14 - 4/6/64
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Report of SA ROBERT G. STEVENSON Office Omaha
Date 4/9/64
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Title LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Synopsis

PHILLIP TRITSCHLER STEFFEN, Sr., a 65-year-old lawyer from Davenport, Iowa, is currently retiring from his law practice. He has made several trips between Davenport, Iowa, and Jocotepec, Jalisco, Mexico, for health reasons during the past three to four years. STEFFEN returned to the U. S. from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on 10/3/63 but did not see or contact LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He possessed no information concerning OSWALD or his activities.

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Details:

PHILLIP TRITSCHLER STEFFEN, Sr., of Davenport, Iowa, departed from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on October 3, 1963, the same date as LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT G. STEVENSON:

Mr. PHILLIP T. STEFFEN, Jr., a Municipal Court Judge at Davenport, Iowa, on March 14, 1964, advised that his father, PHILLIP TRITSCHLER STEFFEN, Sr., a retiring attorney, was currently vacationing in the Jocotepec, Jalisco, Mexico, area in a travel status and was expected to return to Davenport, Iowa, about April 7, 1964.

Mr. PHILLIP TRITSCHLER STEFFEN, Sr., 601 Scott Street, Davenport, Iowa, on April 6, 1964, advised that he was born January 30, 1899, at Davenport, Iowa. He was graduated from the State University of Iowa Law School at Iowa City, Iowa, and has been a practicing lawyer in Davenport, Iowa, since 1921. Mr. STEFFEN advised he was the Justice of the Peace in Davenport, Iowa, for thirty-eight years and at the present time he is completing his arrangements for retirement.

Mr. STEFFEN said that for a number of years he has had a lung and respiratory condition which has been improved by the climatic conditions of Mexico; therefore, he has made several trips to Mexico during the past three or four years and at the present time he is renting a home near Jocotepec, Jalisco, Mexico.

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Mr. STEFFEN stated that in August, 1963, he and his wife took a train to the above-named place in Mexico. They crossed the United States-Mexico border at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. In October, the exact date not recalled, Mr. STEFFEN returned to Davenport, Iowa, by train to assist his son in the latter's election campaign for Municipal Court Judge. Mrs. STEFFEN remained in Mexico. Mr. STEFFEN recalled crossing the border from Mexico into the United States in October, 1963, at Nuevo Laredo. He did not recognize a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and he did not recall having seen or heard anything regarding OSWALD in Mexico or at Nuevo Laredo at the time of his return in October, 1963. Mr. STEFFEN said he possessed absolutely no information concerning OSWALD or his activities, and he was completely unaware of the fact that he and OSWALD departed from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on October 3, 1964.

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REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/6 - 22/64
TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Aka.		REPORT MADE BY JAMES J. O'CONNOR	TYPED BY GK
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - R - CUBA.	

REFERENCE: Report of SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR, 12/31/63, at Miami.

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Date: 4/3/64

Office: MIAMI, FLORIDA

Field Office File #: 105-8342

Bureau File #: 105-82555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA.

Synopsis:

JORGE ANTONIO MARTINEZ SOTO, born 2/15/28, in Cuba, identified as individual who was reported to have visited the Parrot Jungle, a tourist attraction at Miami, Fla., about 11/1/63, and to have made remarks there indicating possible acquaintance with OSWALD. MARTINEZ denies any personal acquaintance or knowledge of OSWALD. He maintained that his remarks may have been misunderstood due to his imperfect English.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation supplements that contained on Pages 1 to 15 in the report of Special Agent JAMES J. O'CONNOR dated December 31, 1963, at Miami, Florida, captioned, "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Aka.; IS - R - CUBA." In that report, investigation was set out reflecting that on or about November 1, 1963, an unidentified male made remarks to an employee at the Parrot Jungle, a tourist attraction at Miami, Florida, which remarks led the employee to believe the unknown male was acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. This unidentified male was said to have made reference to President KENNEDY, and "shooting between the eyes," and that he had a friend who was an American, a Marxist, and was a sharpshooter and could speak several languages, including Russian. The Parrot Jungle employee related that the unidentified male, in one instance, referred to his friend by the name "LEE," and remarked that the friend was either in Texas or Mexico.

On March 6, 1964, Mrs. LILLIAN SPINGLER, the Parrot Jungle employee who previously furnished the information concerning the afore-described unidentified male, contacted the Miami Office of the FBI to advise that the unidentified individual had returned to the Parrot Jungle on that date and was observed by her to drive a blue and white Chevrolet bearing 1964 Florida license 1-143874. Mrs. SPINGLER said that Mrs. MARY FYSON, who operates the ticket booth at the Parrot Jungle and speaks Spanish, ascertained that the unidentified male's name was MARTINEZ.

Records of the Dade County, Florida, Automobile Registration Office reflect that 1964 Florida License 1-143874, was issued to JORGE SOTO MARTINEZ, 464 N. E. 31st Street, Miami, Florida, for a 1954 Chevrolet four-door.

On March 16, 1964, Mrs. ANNA FISHER, 464 N. E. 31st Street, Miami, stated she recalled JORGE MARTINEZ as a tenant in one of her apartments, for a period of about a year, until approximately 1963. She said she did not know his current residence, but recalled that he worked at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach. She said she did not know any of his associates, and that he resided alone, although she understood he had been married.

On March 17, 1964, Miss KAYE BOURBEAU, Personnel Office, Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, advised that JORGE MARTINEZ was currently employed as a bell boy at the hotel, and had begun employment with the hotel on July 14, 1961. His record indicated that he had worked for the Cuban Customs Service in Cuba during the period October, 1949, to March, 1959. She stated that MARTINEZ's address was 711 S. W. 5th Street, Miami, Florida, and that his Social Security Number was 262-70-6632. His employment references were reflected as MICHAEL J. McLANEY, casino owner, known three years; JIM BYRES, Transportation Manager, place not indicated; EMILIO GARCIA, property owner, place not indicated; and, MIGUEL A. GARCIA, Manager of the Light Company in Cuba.

Inquiry conducted at 711 S. W. 5th Street, resulted in learning that JORGE MARTINEZ was not known at that address.

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On March 18, 1964, Miss KAYE BOURBEAU, Personnel Office, Fontainebleau Hotel, advised that the inquiry made of JORGE MARTINEZ resulted in obtaining his current address as 301 N. E. 62nd Street, Miami, Florida.

On March 17, 1964, record at the office of U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, Florida, Number A11 873 416, pertaining to JORGE ANTONIO MARTINEZ SOTO reflected that he was born on February 15, 1928, in Havana, Cuba. He had been granted a U. S. resident visa at the U. S. Embassy, Havana, on June 28, 1960, and arrived at Miami via Pan American Airways on July 21, 1960. His sponsor for immigration into the United States, who furnished an affidavit promising employment and keep of MARTINEZ, was indicated as MICHAEL J. McLANEY, 4855 Pine Tree Drive, Miami Beach, Florida.

JORGE ANTONIO MARTINEZ SOTO voluntarily appeared at the Miami Office of the FBI in answer to a telephone call placed to him at the Pontainebleau Hotel on March 22, 1964. MARTINEZ said he is known as GEORGE MARTINEZ, and he felt he had sufficient comprehension of English to permit conduct of the interview in the English language.

MARTINEZ said he has on occasions in the past taken visitors in his personal car to tourist attractions in the Miami area, including the Parrot Jungle. He recalled the occasion on or about November 1, 1963, when he took tourists to the Parrot Jungle, and while there engaged in conversation with the employees in the gift shop and displayed his ability to write with both hands simultaneously. During interview, he exhibited this ability by writing his name, JORGE MARTINEZ, with both hands simultaneously.

Mr. MARTINEZ stated that he had no personal acquaintanceship with, or knowledge of, LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said that if the Parrot Jungle employee thought he had expressed an association or acquaintanceship with OSWALD, this misunderstanding on the part of the employee must have resulted from his poor pronunciation of English, and lack of grammatical correctness. He stated that, in fact, he knew no one with the first name LEE, and was at a loss to understand how the employee might have obtained this misunderstanding. He said, likewise, he had no friend located either in Texas or Mexico, and that the incident of his having allegedly spoken in this sense was completely erroneous.

MARTINEZ stated that he does regard himself as excitable, and particularly so with regard to the control of Cuba by FIDEL CASTRO, and that he may have made some remarks related to CASTRO which were misinterpreted by the Parrot Jungle employee as directed toward President JOHN

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On 3/22/64 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 105-8342
by Special Agent JAMES J. O'CONNOR:GK Date dictated 3/25/64

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F. KEENEY. He said he vaguely recalled having spoken about CASTRO and the Cuban situation. He said, by way of explaining remarks attributed to him by the Parrot Jungle employee, that he may have said that he wished he were in Washington, or that he were the President of the United States so that he could exercise the power to blow up FIDEL CASTRO. MARTINEZ said he may also have expressed some displeasure at what he regards as the failure of the United States to rid Cuba of CASTRO, but it was not a criticism of the United States Government, which he considers to be the best in the world. MARTINEZ denied that he would have made any such statement as "shooting between the eyes of President KEENEY," and explained that if he made any such references, it would most certainly have been with respect to FIDEL CASTRO.

MARTINEZ stated that he is acquainted with no one whom he knows to be a U. S. citizen and Marxist, or such an individual who had served in the U. S. Armed Forces. He stated that he, himself, speaks Spanish and broken English, and no other language, and he does not have any friend or acquaintance who can speak the Russian language. MARTINEZ said that, likewise, he could think of no acquaintance whom he knew to be a marksman or sharpshooter, and he added that if he had made some remark of this nature to the Parrot Jungle employee, it was unquestionably in reference to the means by which he would like to see FIDEL CASTRO eliminated.

MARTINEZ said he did not recall what may have prompted him to talk along these general lines during his visit to the Parrot Jungle, but possibly some development

in the Cuban situation had recently occurred which could have upset him. He said that it was incredible that anyone should think that he would have any relationship with a pro-CASTRO person, because, in fact, he has only hate for CASTRO sympathizers. He related that he was employed in the Ministry of Finance in Cuba as of 1949, and continued in that department until the beginning of 1959, at which time he was the Customs Inspector in Charge of Havana Harbor and the Colombia Air Base near Havana. He said he was economically comfortable, in that he was earning \$900.00 a month as of 1959, and resided rent free in a \$40,000.00 home in Havana which belonged to his aunt, and which he would eventually inherit.

MARTINEZ continued that his former father-in-law, CARLOS PUJOL, was a government administrator during the regime of Cuban President CARLOS PRIO, and it was through PUJOL that MARTINEZ originally obtained employment in 1949 in the Ministry of Finance.

He said that his own father, ANTONIO MARTINEZ PEPEZ ABREU, had been a successful and well-to-do attorney in Cuba prior to the advent of FIDEL CASTRO to power, but had since lost his properties through confiscation by the CASTRO regime. He said he did not know the whereabouts of his father, although the latter might still be in Cuba. He said that his mother, CARMEN SOTO URQUIZA, had divorced his father years ago, and married EMILIO GARCIA PEREZ, who had lost a large amount of income property in Cuba to the Cuban Government. He said his mother and step-father continue to live in Cuba.

MARTINEZ said that his wife, CONCEPCION LUISA COPIES MADRAZO, had come to the United States with him in July, 1960, but they have since separated and are contemplating divorce.

MARTINEZ stated that his immigration into the United States was sponsored by MICHAEL McLANEY, who had operated the casino in the Nacional Hotel in Havana before the Government of FIDEL CASTRO closed down such operations. MARTINEZ said that when he lost his job in the Cuban Customs Service in the first part of 1959, when the CASTRO Government removed the pre-CASTRO personnel, he, MARTINEZ, worked for McLANEY at the casino in the general capacity of handling Spanish-speaking clients. He said that as of July, 1960, he reached the decision that he could no longer accept the restrictions of freedom being imposed by the CASTRO regime, and decided to move to the United States. He said that very shortly after arrival, he began employment at the Fontainebleau Hotel at Miami Beach as a "runner," handling cars, and with the exception of about three or four weeks during 1960 when he worked at a motel on the 79th Street Causeway, Miami Beach, he has been steadily employed at the Fontainebleau.

MARTINEZ stated that he is a graduate of the Belen College in Cuba, and had studied law for one year at the University of Havana. He said he had not joined the forces which engaged in the Cuban invasion of April, 1961, but subsequently volunteered for training in the Cuban unit of the United States Army, but was not accepted, possibly because he was overage. He stated he has never

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applied for nor received assistance or aid under the Cuban Refugee Program.

In conclusion, MARTINEZ stated he would volunteer to take a polygraph examination at any time if any question remained as to possible acquaintance with, or knowledge of, LEE HARVEY OSWALD or any other individual who may be engaged in any plan or activity inimical to the interests of the United States.

Physical description of MARTINEZ was noted as follows:

Age	36, born 2/15/28, Havana Province, Cuba
Height	5' 8"
Hair	Black, straight
Eyes	Hazel-green
Complexion	Olive

INDIANAPOLIS

TITLE OF CASE

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.

DATE

4/8/64

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD

3/25, 26/64

REPORT MADE BY

PATRICK J. FLETCHER

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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Reference

Legat Mexico airtel to Bureau, 2/27/64.
Bureau airtel 3/20/64.

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It is to be noted Legat, Mexico airtel to Bureau, dated 2/27/64, on Page 13 of LHM requested Indianapolis to interview ROBERTO BALDAZO. Interview of BALDAZO was reflected in Indianapolis report of SA PATRICK J. FLETCHER dated 12/11/63.

Records of INS at Hammond, Indiana, were reviewed by SA CHARLES W. GRUBB.

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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis: JOSE NERI advised visited Mexico to see old homeland. He returned to United States via Laredo by bus on or about 10/2/63. Photo of OSWALD exhibited to him and he was unable to recall seeing this person. JOSEPH MICHAEL MC DANIEL and wife in Mexico on vacation and departed 10/3/63 via airlines. Both have no information concerning OSWALD.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is being conducted to ascertain if the following individuals did in fact depart from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico on October 3, 1963, the same date as LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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JOSEPH MICHAEL MC DANIEL, 203 Federal Savings and Loan Building, New Albany, Indiana, advised he is a practicing attorney in New Albany and he resides at Old Hill Road, Floyds Knobs, Indiana.

Mr. MC DANIEL advised he and his wife flew to Mexico for a two-week vacation from September 21, 1963 to October 3, 1963. They spent most of their time in Mexico City and other places of interest. He advised he did not transact any business in Mexico and he did not meet anyone he knew during the entire trip.

Mr. MC DANIEL stated that after the assassination of the President and the stories in the newspapers reflecting that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was in Mexico during September and October, 1963, he realized OSWALD was in Mexico during the same period as he and his wife. He stated he had reviewed the photographs of OSWALD in the newspapers and he does not recall ever seeing this individual in Mexico during the period of time he and his wife were vacationing there.

On 3/26/64 at New Albany, Indiana File # IP 105-3399
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 by SA SEAMANS J. JONES /jcb Date dictated 3/26/64

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MARY LOUISE MC DANIEL, Old Hill Road, Floyds Knobs, Indiana, advised she is the wife of JOSEPH MICHAEL MC DANIEL, an attorney, who practices in New Albany, Indiana. She stated she and her husband flew to Mexico City for a two-week vacation from September 21, 1963 to October 3, 1963. She advised they departed Mexico by air.

Mrs. MC DANIEL advised she and her husband went to Mexico City for a vacation and her husband did not conduct any business to her knowledge while they were in Mexico City. She further recalled that they met no one they knew while they were in Mexico City.

Mrs. MC DANIEL stated she and her husband did not realize they had been to Mexico City during the same period as LEE HARVEY OSWALD until they read the stories of his activities after he assassinated the President of the United States.

Mrs. MC DANIEL stated she observed the photographs of OSWALD in the newspapers independent of her husband and she could not recall ever seeing this individual in Mexico City during the time she and her husband were vacationing there.

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JOHN A. CCDY, JR. Practicing Attorney and United States Commissioner, New Albany, Indiana, advised he has known JOSEPH M. MC DANIEL for a number of years and he is a practicing attorney in New Albany, Indiana. He advised MC DANIEL and his wife enjoy a good reputation in the community. He stated MC DANIEL is not involved to his knowledge, in any political organization that could be considered to be subversive in any way.

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PAUL TECART, Floyd County Circuit Court Judge, advised he knows Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH MICHAEL MC DANIEL, and has known them for a number of years. He stated both of these individuals enjoy an excellent reputation in the community. He advised MC DANIEL is an attorney in New Albany, Indiana. He stated his political association is with that of one of the two major political parties in the United States and that nothing has ever come to his attention that would reflect in a derogatory manner on his loyalty to the United States.

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JOSÉ NERI was interviewed at his residence at 3905 Elm Street, East Chicago, Indiana. Mr. NERI advised his hands are badly crippled as a result of a stroke.

Mr. NERI advised he had gone to Mexico to visit his old home and crossed the border on April 4, 1963. He stayed in Mexico until he believes October 2, 1963, when he left Ranchos de Boquillas GTO, Mexico. He took a bus from Iraperato, GTO, Mexico, at about 3:15 P.M. on that date and arrived in Monterey between 4:30 and 5 A.M. -- He then changed buses. He arrived at Laredo, Texas, at about 9:30 A.M.

Mr. NERI was shown a picture of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ^{Mexico} and he advised he had no information concerning OSWALD. He did not know him and he could not recall seeing this individual on the bus.

Mr. NERI stated the only information he had concerning OSWALD was that which he had read in the newspapers after OSWALD had assassinated the President of the United States.

On 3/26/64 at East Chicago, Indiana File # IP 105-3399;DL 100-1046
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NATURALIZATION OF JOSE NERI

On March 26, 1964, the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice at Hammond, Indiana, reflect JOSE NERI under Petition Number 18595, dated June 22, 1954, entered the United States at El Paso, Texas, on March 19, 1913. He was born January 26, 1889 at Waniraro, GTO, Mexico, and was naturalized on February 17, 1955 in Hammond, Indiana under Certificate Number 7262082.

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