

OSWALD

105-82555

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5-24-64

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: ARTICLE "KENNEDY KILLED BY RED, CAPTIVE PILOT WAS TOLD" APPEARING IN 5-22-64 ISSUE OF THE WASHINGTON "EVENING STAR" NEWSPAPER

Captioned article datelined 5-22-64, San Francisco, California, related that the Army released on 5-21-64 a transcript in which one of two newly released prisoners of the North Korean communists said his captors told him "with a big smile" of President Kennedy's assassination and said a "loyal Communist Party member" did the shooting. The article attributes the above statement to Captain Charlton W. Voltz, a helicopter pilot who was released by the North Korean communists 5-15-64 after being held prisoner for a year.

This matter was discussed by liaison 5-23-64 with Lieutenant Colonel John Downie, Office of Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army. Colonel Downie advised that Army Headquarters files here in Washington, D. C., contain no elaboration on Captain Voltz' statement. Colonel Downie said that his records show that Captain Voltz did, in fact, make the statement when he was released in Korea 5-15-64. At that time, according to Colonel Downie, Lieutenant General Thomas W. Dunn, the United Nations Commander in Korea, met Captain Voltz and Captain Ben W. Stutt, the other released prisoner, and during a conversation with the two captains General Dunn remarked to the captains that President Kennedy had been assassinated to which Captain Voltz said he had heard this from one of his captors who told him that a loyal Communist Party member did the shooting.

When Captain Voltz and Captain Stutt were returned to the U. S. at San Francisco, they were not permitted to be interviewed by newspaper reporters because of their very poor physical and mental condition. In lieu thereof the Army provided the reporters with a transcript of the conversation that had previously taken place between General Dunn and the two Army captains. Colonel Downie added that to this date the Army captains have not been debriefed by Army intelligence. He said their physical and mental condition is such as to preclude debriefing. Army doctors estimate that they will not be able to be

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Memorandum D. J. Brennan, Jr.
to W. C. Sullivan
RE: ARTICLE "KENNEDY KILLED BY RED,
CAPTIVE PILOT WAS TOLD" APPEARING
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debriefed for another two or three weeks. At the present time, according to Colonel Downie, the two Army captains are confined to Letterman General Hospital located at The Presidio, Sixth Army, San Francisco, California.

ACTION: ..

We are having our San Francisco Office contact the G-2, Sixth Army, to obtain a copy of the above transcript and to also obtain the results of the debriefing of the two Army captains with specific reference to statements regarding the assassination of President Kennedy.

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Kennedy Killed by Red, Captive Pilot Was Told

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22 (AP).—The Army released yesterday a transcript in which one of two newly released prisoners of the North Korean Communists said his captors told him "with a big smile" of President Kennedy's assassination and said a "loyal Communist party member" did the shooting.

The transcript was of a conversation between Lt. Gen. Thomas W. Dunn, United Nations commander in Korea, and Army Captains Ben W. Stutts and Charlton W. Voltz, helicopter pilots who were released last Friday after being held prisoner for a year. They were captured May 17, 1963, when their helicopter was shot down by North Korean ground fire. The U. N. command said they were on a routine patrol of the Korea demilitarized zone and accidentally strayed into Communist territory.

Capt. Voltz, 27, said he was told on Thanksgiving day about the assassination. He said the North Korean who told him was "very proud of the fact. It was with a big smile that he said President Kennedy had been shot by some loyal Communist party member in the United States."

Capt. Stutts, 31, said he learned of the November 22 assassination on December 7. "But that's the only thing they told me about it. They wouldn't give me any more information," said Capt. Stutts.

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Date: 5/6/64

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, 5/1/64, reflecting results of an interview with Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, which was conducted at her request.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a letter-head memorandum reflecting the results of the interview with Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD. One copy of such LHM is being furnished the Houston Office for its information, in view of the fact Houston has been requested by Bureau airtel, 4/27/64, to interview a Miss BERTA PHILLIPS and a Mrs. FILKO HYATT. The latter individual is mentioned by Mrs. OSWALD. The Bureau airtel to Houston carried the "Assassination" caption. However, it is now felt the results of the investigation at Houston should be included in a subsequent report under the OSWALD caption and, for sake of clarity, it is believed Houston should furnish Dallas twenty-five (25) copies of the inserts or FD-302's reflecting the investigation requested in the above-mentioned Bureau airtel which will be incorporated along with the results of the interview with Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD.

Memorandum to (Director)
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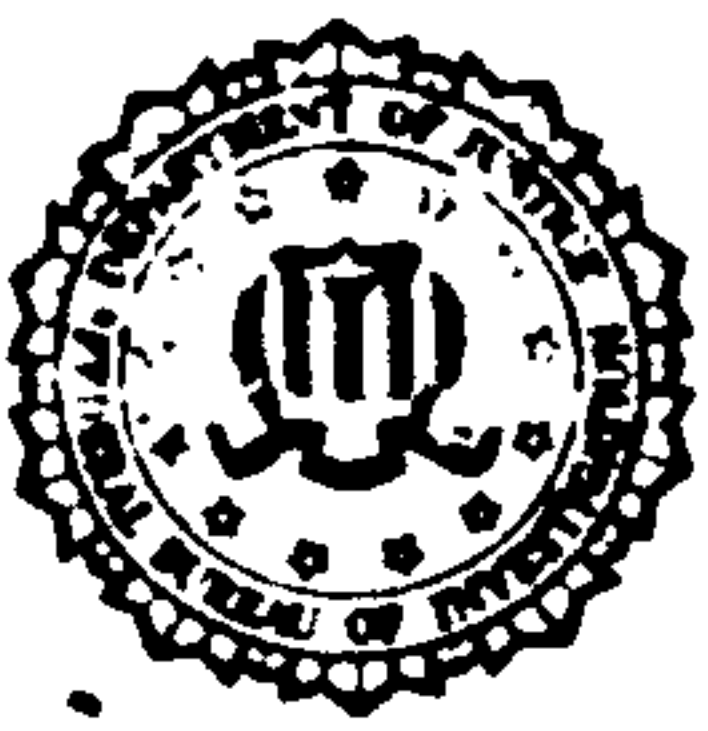
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The interview with Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD was conducted by SA'S EARLE HALEY and ROBLEY D. MADLAND.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Dallas, Texas

May 6, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, 2220 Thomas Place, Fort Worth, Texas, telephonically contacted the Fort Worth Resident Agency on Thursday, April 30, 1964, at approximately 11:00 AM. She desired to have three Agents come out to her home and see her regarding information that she had in her possession and also some information about a photograph. She said she was going to have photostats made of this photograph.

Mrs. OSWALD was telephonically contacted around 3:00 PM, on April 30, 1964, and advised that it would not be possible to have three Agents contact her on that afternoon. She said that was satisfactory as she had changed her mind and was going to see her attorney and that she wanted to turn this information over to the President's Commission.

Mrs. OSWALD called the Fort Worth Resident Agency on Friday morning, May 1, 1964, around 11:00 AM. She said she had driven over to Dallas and, after arriving there, had changed her mind and returned to Fort Worth, Texas. Upon arriving in Dallas, she had decided not to give this information to her attorney or the President's Commission. She wanted to turn this information over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and requested Agents to contact her at her home.

On May 1, 1964, Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, 2220 Thomas Place, Fort Worth, Texas, furnished the following information:

She owns a Sonomatic Tape Recorder which she purchased for \$39.95. She uses this machine in recording some conversations on her telephone and also in recording conversations with individuals in person. On the night of April 28, 1964, she telephonically

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Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

contacted GLORIA JEAN MERCER, 1000 University Drive in Fort Worth, Texas. Miss MERCER is a sister of Mrs. ROBERT OSWALD, who lives in Denton, Texas. Miss MERCER is employed as a teacher in the public schools in Fort Worth. She talked to Miss MERCER about the family, about misunderstandings in the OSWALD family, and also about her testifying before the President's Commission. Mrs. OSWALD made a tape recording of this conversation. The next day she was playing the entire tape back and she noticed that part of the conversation was garbled and she could not understand it. The tape ran for about two minutes and she said it sounded as if someone was talking in a foreign language. She believed it was Russian or French. She could hear a man's voice in the background on one or two occasions. Mrs. OSWALD played this portion of the tape for Agents and it sounded as if two or more conversations were recorded on this particular part of the tape. The last part of the conversation with MERCER was clear. Mrs. OSWALD believes someone living in the vicinity of her home or the home of Miss MERCER was shooting a beam into her home or the home of MERCER and in that way was interfering with telephone conversation. Mrs. OSWALD believed this unknown party was listening in on the conversation and she believes she picked up some of this foreign language when the unknown person left the key open on his machine and he did not know she would pick up his conversation. She was unable to explain how part of this conversation was garbled and the other part of it was clear.

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During the past several weeks, Mrs. OSWALD received cards and letters from a Mrs. FLORA FILKE HYATT, 402 Valencia Street, Apartment 1008, Houston, Texas. Mrs. HYATT advised Mrs. OSWALD she had valuable information regarding her son and it would be worth her while to come to Houston to talk to her in person. Mrs. OSWALD drove to Houston around April 18, 1964, and visited with Mrs. HYATT for about one-half day. Mrs. HYATT is seventy years of age. Mrs. HYATT said she did not believe LEE HARVEY OSWALD had shot President KENNEDY. She said there was a large

Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Texas

conspiracy involved in this shooting between top officials of Neiman-Marcus Store in Dallas and officials of Sakowitz Store in Houston, Texas. They were members of an organization known as "Black Ax" and this organization dates many years back into Germany. HYATT advised these officials communicate with each other and transmit information in their store ads in Dallas and Houston newspapers. Mrs. HYATT had some newspaper ads to explain this method of communication to Mrs. OSWALD. After looking at some of these ads and the wording in the ads, Mrs. OSWALD believed the story as told to her by Mrs. HYATT. U.S.

Mrs. OSWALD exhibited one ad from the "Houston Chronicle," dated March 29, 1964. This ad concerned table settings of silver and china. The title of the ad was "Tables Are Turned" and read, in part, "Twelve of Houston's prominent hosts have created table settings for your pleasure." Mrs. OSWALD interpreted this ad to mean twelve of Houston's prominent leaders and officials of Sakowitz Store were involved in this conspiracy.

Another ad exhibited by Mrs. OSWALD appeared in the "Houston Chronicle," on March 22, 1964. This ad had a drawing of a woman with a hat on her head and a bracelet on her wrist. Mrs. OSWALD said the bracelet stood for handcuffs and this ad was connected with the conspiracy by the use of these handcuffs. Another ad was cut from the "Dallas Morning News," dated April 30, 1964, by Neiman-Marcus Store in Dallas. This ad had a picture of a woman wearing a pearl necklace. The ad covered a number of pearl necklaces. The headline on the ad read "The Connecting Link." Mrs. OSWALD definitely believed this meant there was a connecting link between Dallas and Houston and this was a vital message in the conspiracy against her son. Mrs. OSWALD advised she was going to follow the ads between these two stores and believed they had a definite bearing on the conspiracy against her son.

Mrs. OSWALD was in Dallas, Texas, during the RUBY trial and stayed at the Jefferson Hotel. She became acquainted with a white female, 38 to 40 years of age, tall, dirty-blond hair, but does not recall her name. This woman introduced her to three

Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

French newspapermen and they had dinner one night at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Dallas. The French newspapermen were interested in a photograph of Mrs. OSWALD and she posed for a photograph for them. The woman said she was from San Antonio, Texas, and was in Dallas to go to work for the Neiman-Marcus Company. In looking through the Associated Press book, "The Torch Is Passed," she saw a woman on page 13 wearing dark glasses with a scarf around her head. She believes this photograph is identical with the woman she met at the Jefferson Hotel. She does not know her name, but believed she was involved in this conspiracy against her son, as she said she was going to work for Neiman-Marcus in Dallas. She also believed this woman was involved, as she was in this picture very close to the car occupied by President KENNEDY.

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5-20-64

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TELETYPE

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TO SACS NEW YORK
DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

CHARLES WILLIAM DEATON, AKA C. W. DEATON; ED A. JOHNSON,
ITSP-FBW.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE MAY EIGHTEEN LAST IN CAPTIONED MATTER.
BUREAU IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE COMMERCIAL DEALINGS AND
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MARINA OSWALD AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS
INCLUDING JAMES H. MARTIN IN THE MATTER ENTITLED QUOTE LEE HARVEY
OSWALD UNQUOTE. NEW YORK SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE WHETHER IT
DEEMS DESIRABLE THE INTERVIEWS OF CHARLES R. LASATER, HOWARD AND
BELL REALTORS, JACK D. FUNDERBURGH AND JAMES H. MARTIN IN
CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER. NEW YORK
SHOULD ALSO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH THE BUREAU AN ORIGINAL AND FOUR
COPIES OF A LETTERHEAD MEMO CAPTIONED QUOTE CHARLES WILLIAM
DEATON UNQUOTE WHICH CONTAINS IDENTIFYING DATA RE DEATON AND
INCLUDES DATA RE HIS ARREST ON MAY THIRTEEN LAST AND DETAILS RE
DATA FOUND IN HIS POSSESSION IN THE SEARCH INCIDENTAL TO THE
ARREST AS IT RELATES TO MARINA OSWALD. HANDLE IMMEDIATELY.

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1 - 105-82555 (Oswald)

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Teletype to SACS New York
Dallas

re: CHARLES WILLIAM DEATON, AKA C. W. DEATON
ED A. JOHNSON
ITSP-FBW

NOTE: Deaton is an outstanding confidence man who operates an advanced fee racket wherein he offers to make loans for a certain fee of the loan principal. He was arrested by NYO 5-13-64 on the basis of one of his fraudulent schemes and was indicted 5-15-64 and is being held on \$50,000 bond. In search incidental to arrest, copies of correspondence were found which indicate that a number of individuals (Lasater, Deaton, Howard & Bell Realtors, Jack D. Funderburgh and James H. Martin, former business manager of Marina Oswald) were involved in negotiations for motion picture and TV exploitations of Marina Oswald. We have not been following the contract negotiations or commercial ventures of Marina Oswald. Her former manager, Martin, is presently suing Marina for breach of contract and the case is pending in a local court in Dallas. Upon receipt of recommendations from NYO, further consideration will be given to interview of the individuals named herein if such interviews pertain to the criminal investigation of Charles William Deaton. Upon receipt of the LHM from NYO re Deaton, it will be disseminated to the President's Commission for its info, at which time the Commission will be told we are not conducting any investigation of such commercial or contract negotiations of Marina Oswald.

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URGENT

TO: SAC, DALLAS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

IDENTIFY COMMUNICATION PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION TO COMMISSION IN WHICH APPEARED ACCOUNT OF SA BARDWELL ODUM CONCERNING HIS CONTACT OF MARGUERITE OSWALD ON EVENING NOVEMBER TWO THREE LAST ON WHICH OCCASION HE DISPLAYED PHOTOGRAPH OF UNIDENTIFIED MALE WHICH PICTURE WAS FLOWN TO DALLAS FROM MEXICO CITY. IF ACCOUNT OF THIS INSTANCE HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO BUREAU IN FORM TO DISSEMINATE DO SO IMMEDIATELY. ALSO FURNISH COPY OF THE ACTUAL PICTURE DISPLAYED ON ABOVE OCCASION TO MARGUERITE OSWALD AND INDICATE IN COVER COMMUNICATION HOW PHOTOGRAPH IN QUESTION CAN NOW BE IDENTIFIED AS THE ONE DISPLAYED TO MRS. OSWALD. COMMISSION ADVISES THAT MARGUERITE OSWALD TESTIFIED THAT PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAYED TO HER BY COMMISSION WHICH WAS OBTAINED FROM BUREAU DIFFERED IN SOME RESPECTS FROM PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAYED TO HER BY SA ODUM. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT DIFFERENCE IN PHOTOGRAPH MAY LIE IN THE WAY THE BACKGROUND WAS

CUT THEREFROM. HENCE FURNISH COPY OF EXACT PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAYED

TO MRS. OSWALD
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NOTE: This request was from Mr. Liebler of Commission staff to Mr. Malley.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Miami (105-3342)
From: Director, FBI (105-32555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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ReTPrep of SA Lionel E. Belanger, 12/10/63.

Your attention is directed to page four, paragraph three, of referenced report wherein mention is made of a cartoon which allegedly appeared in an issue of "Revolucion," date of issue not specified. The President's Commission has requested that investigation be conducted to actually determine whether such a cartoon did appear in this paper. The Commission has requested that, if the cartoon did appear in the paper, a copy of it be forwarded to the Commission.

Miami should, through its sources, review issues of this paper for November, 1963. Determine if the cartoon did appear. If so, forward a copy of the issue in which the cartoon appeared to the Bureau immediately.

1 - Tampa (105-2142)

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NOTE:

Liebeler of the President's Commission talked with Supervisor Schutz on 5/25/64 and made the request for further investigation regarding the cartoon in question. The allegation about the cartoon was made by one Fernando Penabaz on a television taped interview made by WESH-TV, Orlando, Florida, who stated that about a week before the assassination a cartoon appeared in "Revolucion" depicting a coffin bearing the name of John F. Kennedy with Castro standing by laughing.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (105-2909) (P)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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WEEKLY AIRTEL

OSCAR FERRINO, St. Anthony Hotel; BUCK WEST, INS;
and A. R. VELA, Laredo National Bank, all Laredo, Texas,
recontacted and daily liaison maintained for any information
relative to current location of ALBERT OSBORNE, aka JOHN HOWARD
BOWEN.

Bureau will be advised immediately of any
positive information obtained.

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Via AIRTEL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
 (ATT: SECTION CHIEF W. DRANNIGAN)
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-38431)
 SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Enclosed for the information of the Bureau is a clipping from the 5/26/54, second edition, page 23, column 1, "NY World Telegram" captioned "HARRIET VAN HORNE - Doubts About Dallas", in which she makes some critical statements concerning this Bureau.

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For the further information of the Bureau, HARRIET VAN HORNE for many years wrote a daily column on television and radio for the "NY World Telegram" but during the recent past her column was placed in the general section of the newspaper and she writes on general topics.

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ENCLOSURE
 E.B. Wynn

Approved: *J.E.M.*

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61 Special Agent in Charge
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Doubts About Dallas

IT HAS always seemed to be that the conspiracy theory of history makes its strongest appeal to the weak-minded. I refuse to believe that some plumed and belted earl wrote Shakespeare's plays. I decline to accept that gypsy crone, who calls herself Anastasia, as the daughter of the Czar.

Such notions are, of course, revealed truth to people who know there are hordes of Communists in the State Department and armadas of flying saucers Out There. I sit in the skeptic's corner. That's why I am astonished to find myself somewhat troubled by the recent spate of writings, here and abroad, suggesting that Lee Harvey Oswald may not have been the assassin of President Kennedy.

These writings, let me say quickly, are not conclusive in any sense. But they do cast certain doubts on the official case against Oswald.

A dramatic piece of evidence—again, inconclusive—was the photograph reproduced in the weekend papers. Taken at the very instant the President lurched forward in his car, the photo showed a dimly familiar figure in the doorway of the Texas Schoolbook Depository. Enlarged several times, the figure bears a marked resemblance to Oswald. Was it he? If so, how could he have been, at the same moment, six flights above the street firing a rifle?

If we are to believe the FBI, the man in the doorway was another employee of the depository, a man who rejoices in the name Billy Lovelady.

From the day of the assassination, a considerable body of opinion in Europe has inclined toward the conspiracy theory. One of the most talked-about books in England is "Who killed Kennedy?" by an American expatriate, Thomas Buchanan.

Buchanan's main theses are not new. But they remind one again of how very touchy the FBI has been in its brief, almost noncommittal replies to the inevitable questions.

Because there were five bullets (Buchanan insists) and because one apparently entered Kennedy's throat from the front, he feels there must have been two assassins.

Buchanan's conclusion: Right-wing, oil-rich Dallas hired left-wing, dirt-poor Oswald to do the awful deed, then supplied a second killer in case Oswald weakened or missed the target.

A more scholarly case has been marshalled by a Canadian, a former Rhodes scholar now teaching sociology at Berkeley. Prof. Mordecai Brienberg says in *The Spectator* (a slim but influential British weekly), that District Attorney Wade changed his statements on half a dozen crucial points. He takes the official version of Oswald's movements after leaving the warehouse and demolishes it, step by step.

Brienberg also finds it odd that the doctors who worked so valiantly on Kennedy have now been forbidden to discuss the case, particularly since, he says, their report cannot be reconciled with police reports.

In his meticulous way, the professor finds it significant that Oswald had in his possession the private phone number of the FBI official in charge of "subversives" in Dallas. "This information is not obtainable from the Dallas phone directory," he writes. "Moreover, the agent had contacted Oswald several times before the assassination." Could Oswald, he seems to be asking, have worked as an informer for the FBI?

Whatever the merits of these writings, the question of who killed Kennedy will doubtless be argued by historians still unborn. As citizens, the aspects of the case we should find most troubling are the ineptitudes of the Dallas police, the carelessness of the Secret Service and the arrogant, above-the-fray attitude of the FBI. In a democracy there is no place for "secret police," however holy their reputation.



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5-27-64

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To: SAC, New York (87-34325)
From: Director, FBI (87-73718)

CHARLES WILLIAM DEATON, aka
Edward Arthur Johnson
ITSP-FBW

Reurairtel 5-21-64 enclosing five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned subject dated 5-21-64.

Your attention is directed to page one, paragraph 2 of your instant letterhead memorandum indicating Deaton is currently being held in \$20,000 bond. Your teletype of 5-18-64 indicated subject was being held in \$50,000 bond. Please clarify.

Your attention is also directed to page 2, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of your letterhead memorandum. The grammar in each of these 3 paragraphs is poor and it is most difficult to comprehend what is involved in each of the 3 agreements mentioned. These 3 paragraphs should be rewritten to make this data completely clear. In addition, in setting forth identities of Lasator, Bell, Howard and Funderburgh, set forth identifying data concerning these individuals, if available. This would include place of employment and residence address.

This matter should be given the immediate attention of your office and an amended page 2 of your letterhead memorandum submitted immediately to the Bureau. Form errors should be charged to responsible personnel who initially prepared the instant letterhead memorandum.

NOTE: SEE PAGE 2
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Airtel to SAC, New York (87-34325)
re: CHARLES WILLIAM DEATON, aka
ITSP-FBW
(87-73718)

NOTE: Subject is a confidence man who was arrested in New York 5-13-64. In search incidental to arrest, copies of correspondence were found which would indicate a number of individuals (Lasater, Deaton, Bell, Howard, Funderburgh and James H. Martin, former business manager of Marina Oswald) were involved in negotiations to exploit Marina Oswald. Upon receipt of the amended data from NYO, details concerning this matter will be disseminated to the President's Commission.

FBI

Date: 5/28/64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (105-2909)
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Re Bureau airtel to San Antonio and Legat, Mexico, dated 5/20/64, which set forth a lead to contact EULALIO RODRIGUEZ.

It is to be noted that referenced airtel pointed out that this individual (RODRIGUEZ) sat next to RUIZ MEZA on Transportes Del Norte buses from Mexico City to Laredo, October 2-3, 1963. RODRIGUEZ was described as tall, heavy, age about 54 and of Mexican extraction. He was traveling to Houston. Referenced Bureau airtel furnished address of EULALIO RODRIGUEZ PERALES at McAllen, Texas.

On 5/25/64, SA HAROLD H. CROSSETT interviewed EULALIO R. PERALES, McAllen, Texas, who denies having been on the bus and whose description definitely does not fit that furnished by RUIZ MEZA.

For the information of the Houston Division, Legat letterhead memorandum dated 4/7/64 reflects that Mr. EULALIO RODRIGUEZ was listed on the Passenger-Reservations list of Transportes Del Norte 8:30 a.m. bus, 10/2/63. His destination was reflected as Houston, Texas, and his ticket number was reflected as 13742. This letterhead memorandum further notes that RUIZ MEZA described the man seated next to him on above mentioned bus as being tall, heavy and about 54 years of age.

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This individual was of Mexican extraction and was traveling to Houston, Texas. RUIZ MEZA could not recall this person's name, but believed he might be a resident of Mexico. He also believed this individual may have had a U.S. Border Crossing card in his possession. This person sat on the bus next to RUIZ MEZA to San Antonio, Texas, where he departed the bus.

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If this has not already been done by Houston, will attempt to locate the EULALIO RODRIGUEZ mentioned above as being listed on the Passenger-Reservations List for the above mentioned bus.

FBI

Date: 5/21/64

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: --SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) (P)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.
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Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 5/12/64, enclosing a letterhead memorandum reflecting information furnished by the mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD.

Enclosed are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting additional information furnished by Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD, who had telephonically requested she be contacted.

Prior to contact with Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD on May 18, 1964, Bureau clearance for Agents to contact her was obtained from Mr. OTHO A. EZELL, Number One Man to Section Chief WILLIAM BRANIGAN, at approximately 2:00 P.M., May 18, 1964.

No local dissemination to U. S. Secret Service at Dallas is being made, UACB. It is pointed out, however, that the letterhead memorandum submitted with referenced airtel was disseminated locally and, in the event the Bureau feels the enclosed letterhead memorandum should be disseminated to U. S. Secret Service at Dallas, it is requested the Bureau so advise.

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The results of the investigation set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum will be included in the next report submitted in captioned matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Dallas, Texas
May 21, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On May 18, 1964, Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, 2220 Thomas Place, Fort Worth, Texas, telephonically advised that she would like to present new evidence in the case of her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

She stated she had received in today's mail a letter which she would like to turn over to the two Special Agents of the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who interviewed her recently at her residence. She inquired as to the names of these two Agents, and she was informed of the identities of the two Agents. She then requested these two Agents to come out to her residence and pick up this evidence, as she was afraid to give this information over the telephone as her telephone is being "bugged". She further stated that she had reported this to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, but they had done nothing about it, and there was nothing else she could do. She stated that she knew the Federal Bureau of Investigation was not "tapping" her telephone line. She was assured that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was not "tapping" her telephone line.

On May 18, 1964, Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD, 2220 Thomas Place, Fort Worth, Texas, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, furnished the following oral information:

Mrs. OSWALD stated that it is her belief that there is "someone in this town with a badge thwarting my moves." Mrs. OSWALD said she says this because she believes that Fort Worth Police Car Number 338 is near her all the time and, as a matter of fact, for the past two months, she has observed

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this particular car on the west side of Fort Worth, on the east side of Fort Worth, and points in between, and believes that the car surely must be following her.

Mrs. OSWALD said, further, that it is her belief someone is listening in on her telephone. She said she has called this to the attention of officials of the telephone company and they have assured her there is no one listening on her telephone; however, Mrs. OSWALD said she intends to again call this to the attention of high officials at the telephone company and request they send a personal representative out to look at her telephone lines.

Mrs. OSWALD said, further, that it is her belief her mail is being opened before she receives it. Mrs. OSWALD said she now has a Post Office Box, which is 9578, and is located at the Arlington Heights Substation at Fort Worth. She said she receives all her mail at this Post Office now and does not have a home delivery, even though letters come to her addressed to her street address on Thomas Place.

Mrs. OSWALD exhibited a letter and envelope, which envelope was postmarked May 16, 1964, at Fort Worth, Texas, and the letter within was signed by an ALTA WHITLOCK, 309 Grace Street, Fort Worth, Texas. The letter, in substance, was that WHITLOCK told Mrs. OSWALD, "It's too bad about you having to drive a ten-year-old car and now have a new car." The letter continued by saying that she and her eighty-five-year-old mother had sent two \$5.00 checks to Mrs. OSWALD during the first period of her troubles, that the checks were cashed, and Mrs. OSWALD had not even thanked them for the checks.

Mrs. OSWALD further stated the letter had been opened when she received it from her Post Office Box and the end opened had been stapled closed. She said she immediately called this to the attention of Mr. REDDING, Superintendent of Mails, at the Arlington Heights Post Office Substation, and Mr. REDDING had given her a typewritten memorandum to the effect that the letter had been cut open and stapled. Mrs. OSWALD said it is

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possible this letter could have been opened for some reason by WHITLOCK prior to WHITLOCK's mailing the letter and that she, Mrs. OSWALD, was attempting to telephonically contact WHITLOCK in order to ascertain this, but, to-date, had been unable to contact this person. Mrs. OSWALD said that, if WHITLOCK did not open this letter herself prior to mailing, that this is another example of her being "thwarted".

Mrs. OSWALD said, further, she believes her son is innocent of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and she is continuing her investigation into the matter. She said the President's Commission in Washington, D. C., apparently "can't do anything" because there is a "Red" working on the Commission. Mrs. OSWALD exhibited a newspaper story datelined Washington, D. C., May 11, 1964, by United Press, to the effect that Senator KARL MUNDT, South Dakota, said in the article that a "Red front man had been hired as a hundred-dollar-a-day consultant for the Warren Commission," and described this man as NORMAN REDLICH. The article continued by saying that MUNDT told the Senate he understood that "possibly a second representative" from a communist-front organization is employed by the Commission. Mrs. OSWALD stated she intends to write Senator MUNDT and obtain the name of the second individual with whom he is concerned who is working on the President's Commission in Washington, D. C. Mrs. OSWALD said this is one reason she is continuing her private investigation into the matter, as she does not feel "justice" will be done.

Mrs. OSWALD said NORMAN REDLICH is Mr. RANKIN's right-hand man on the Commission. Mrs. OSWALD said she knows this from having testified before this Commission.

Mrs. OSWALD stated she had made charges against two Secret Service Agents to the President's Commission at the time she testified and that these two men are MIKE HOWARD and CHARLES KUNKEL. She said she first met both of them at the Inn of the Six Flags, at which time KUNKEL appeared to be "very upset". She said this was shortly after the assassination, at which time she, her daughter-in-law, MARINA OSWALD, and MARINA's two

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children were taken to the Inn of the Six Flags. Mrs. OSWALD said she asked MIKE HOWARD, "What is wrong with him?", pointing to KUNKEL, and said HOWARD told her KUNKEL was upset because he had guarded JACQUELINE KENNEDY for two years.

Mrs. OSWALD said she is actually "afraid" of HOWARD and KUNKEL and does not want anything to do with either person. Mrs. OSWALD said about two weeks ago KUNKEL called her on the telephone, wanting to make an appointment concerning a letter Secret Service had, and she refused to allow him to come to her home.

Mrs. OSWALD said, further, she believes that PETER GREGORY, a person who was interpreting for the Secret Service at the Inn of the Six Flags, MIKE HOWARD and CHARLES KUNKEL were the ones who influenced MARINA OSWALD not to live with her or to have anything to do with her. Mrs. OSWALD said at that time ROBERT OSWALD, her son, told her that MARINA did not want to have anything to do with her and the reason MARINA would not talk to her was because of "just the way you're acting now, Mother." Mrs. OSWALD said she was acting no more than a mother would under the circumstances. Mrs. OSWALD said that ROBERT will not have anything to do with her at the present time and does not contact her. She said MARINA OSWALD does not contact her.

Mrs. OSWALD said, further, it is her opinion MIKE HOWARD and CHARLES KUNKEL influenced MARINA to sign a contract with a man named MARTIN and an attorney named THORNE, and it is her belief these two would be cheating her two grandchildren out of money.

Mrs. OSWALD said, further, that when MARINA OSWALD went to Washington, D. C., to appear before the President's Commission that she left the small child in Dallas, and Mrs. OSWALD said she believes MIKE HOWARD made MARINA do this on a threat that the child would be harmed if MARINA did not do what HOWARD told her to do. Mrs. OSWALD said she knows MARINA well enough that she does not believe MARINA would have ever left her

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child in Dallas and gone to Washington, D. C., alone, unless she had left the child due to a threat from MIKE HOWARD.

Mrs. OSWALD said that all the information concerning KUNKEL and HOWARD had been given by her to the President's Commission at the time she testified before them. Mrs. OSWALD said, "I fully expect to be recalled by the Commission in the future to give more evidence."

Mrs. OSWALD stated she trusts no one any longer in this matter but the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and she does not desire to give any information to anyone. Mrs. OSWALD said, "We are on the same team," because the Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating and "so am I." Mrs. OSWALD said she was going to continue her investigation into the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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