

OSWALD

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Synopsis:

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN M. KEMMY dated 4/30/64 at San Antonio, Texas.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: JOHN M. KEMMY
Date: June 1, 1964
Office: SAN ANTONIO
File Number: 105-2909
Bureau file: 105-82555
Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Synopsis:

ARNOLDO TIJERINA, Mexican Immigration, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, explained that OSWALD's tourist permit did not expire 10/2/63; he stated there is no record indicating any action had been taken against OSWALD during time he passed through Mexican Immigration on 10/3/63. Mexican Immigration Inspectors on duty midnight - 8:00 a.m., 10/3/63, at Kilometer 26 contacted and were negative re OSWALD. HARRY SMITH, Greyhound Bus Lines, Laredo, Texas, furnished records in his possession re TDN tickets numbered 39532 and 9511 reflecting the first was a round-trip ticket to Mexico sold on 9/10/63 and the second was a one-way ticket to Mexico City sold on 12/7/63. ALVARO IBARRA, driver, TDN, explained his procedures in handling the trip envelope of Bus No. 373 dated 10/2/63. Chief of Mexican Customs Inspectors, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, viewed photo of "Bee 4" bag marked Commission Exhibit C 254 and stated yellow markings on side of bag were made by a Mexican Customs Inspector at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and denotes this particular bag passed through Customs on 9/26/63. Manager, Red Arrow Bus Lines, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, advised Red Arrow does not make a passenger list; he stated ticket numbers of tickets sold at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, are recorded but no names are placed on the form in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. EULALIO RODRIGUEZ PERALES, Alamo, Texas, interviewed and was negative re OSWALD. Investigation to locate persons

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who rode Greyhound Bus morning of 10/3/63 for portions of trip between San Antonio, Texas, and Dallas, Texas, who might have knowledge of OSWALD, negative. Book belonging to San Antonio College found in San Antonio, Texas, street and it contained written quotation regarding President KENNEDY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD; subsequently removed from book and destroyed. Book was paperback edition when originally purchased by college and not put on college library shelf until it was bound by Universal Bookbinding Company, San Antonio, Texas. Binding company returned it to college during January, 1964. Quotation re President KENNEDY written on page which was put in book by binding company.

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DETAILS:

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I. TRAVEL

Date May 6, 1964

ARNOLDO TIJERINA, Assistant Chief of Mexican Immigration, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, advised that concerning the tourist permit of LEE HARVEY OSWALD issued in New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 17, 1963, and used to enter Mexico on September 26, 1963, that it definitely did not expire at midnight, October 2, 1963.

TIJERINA stated that the tourist, in this case OSWALD, had 90 days from the time the tourist permit was issued to use it, which would have been 90 days from September 17, 1963. OSWALD then had 15 days from the time he entered Mexico on September 26, 1963, in which to visit in Mexico, and his tourist permit would not have expired until October 11, 1963.

TIJERINA advised that Mexican Immigration Inspector ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA is sixty-seven years of age, five feet eight inches tall, weighs 200 two hundred and twenty pounds, and always wears a uniform.

TIJERINA further advised that had OSWALD's tourist permit been challenged as having expired, he would have been referred to the Mexican Immigration Headquarters in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and, had the card actually been expired, either himself, TIJERINA, or the Chief of Mexican Immigration, GILBERTO CAZARES GARZA, would have discussed the matter with OSWALD. If the card had been expired for more than two or three days, OSWALD would have been fined. TIJERINA stated that there is no record indicating that any action had been taken against OSWALD during the time he passed through Mexican Immigration on October 3, 1963.

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by SAs ROBERT L. CHAPMAN & LEOPOLDO E. ARMIJO/dnb Date dictated 4/30/64

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Date May 28, 1964

ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA was re-interviewed on May 23, 1964, and he was furnished information concerning revelations of witnesses who have spoken of difficulty that a young American had on board the bus at Kilometer 26 on the morning of October 3, 1963.

CHAPA advised that he still did not recall LEE HARVEY OSWALD's passing through Mexican Immigration at Nuevo Laredo the early morning of October 3, 1963, and could not recall any such incident as described by witnesses who were on board the Transportes del Norte Bus Number 373 the morning of October 3, 1963.

The following is a description of CHAPA as obtained from observation and interview:

Name:	ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA
Age:	67 years
Height:	5 ft. 8 in.
Weight:	220 pounds
Hair:	Grey
Build:	Heavy
Nationality:	Mexican
Eyes:	Brown
Dress:	Khaki, military-type uniform

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by SAs ROBERT L. CHAPMAN & LEOPOLDO E. ARMIJO/dnb Date dictated 5/27/64

Date May 28, 19641

LUIS DE LA PENA, Mexican Immigration Inspector,
was interviewed at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DE LA PENA advised that he was on duty from 12:00 midnight to 8:00 a.m. on October 3, 1963, at Kilometer 26, a Mexican Immigration and Customs check point located twenty-five miles south of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on the Monterrey Highway. He stated he was on duty with ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA and LIBRADO GARCIA.

DE LA PENA was shown the photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and was advised of the alleged incident concerning difficulties a young American had who was on board Transportes del Norte (TDN) Bus Number 373 the morning of October 3, 1963. DE LA PENA stated that he did not recall this incident and that he had never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD pass through Mexican Immigration, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

The following is a description of DE LA PENA based on observation and interview:

Name:	LUIS DE LA PENA
Age:	39
Height:	6 ft.
Weight:	190 lb.
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Dress:	Khaki, military-type uniform

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Date May 28, 1964*B. APPROX. 1940*

LIBRADO GARCIA, Immigration Inspector, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, was interviewed at the [REDACTED] and he advised that he was on duty with ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA working the midnight to 8:00 a.m. shift on October 3, 1963.

GARCIA was exhibited a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and was advised of the incident concerning difficulty a young American had on board Transportes del Norte (TDN) Bus Number 373 on the morning of October 3, 1963. GARCIA stated that he did not recall this incident and stated he did not recall ever having seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD pass through Mexican Immigration in Nuevo Laredo. GARCIA stated that he, CHAPA, and LUIS DE LA PENA were the Immigration Inspectors on duty at Kilometer 26 located approximately twenty-five miles south of Nuevo Laredo on the highway to Monterrey, Mexico. GARCIA stated that CHAPA was the Inspector in charge of the three-man shift.

The following is a description of GARCIA as obtained from observation and interview:

Name:	LIBRADO GARCIA
Age:	24 years
Height:	6 ft.
Weight:	180 pounds
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Dress:	Very neatly dressed; khaki, military-type uniform

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The following interviews with HARRY SMITH, Greyhound Bus Company, Laredo, Texas, were conducted in an effort to locate one PAULA ~~TRUSIONI~~ who reportedly traveled on Transportes del Norte buses from Mexico City, Mexico, to Laredo, Texas, on October 2-3, 1963.

Date May 20, 1964

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HARRY SMITH, Manager, Greyhound Bus Company, Laredo, Texas, re-examined records at the Greyhound Bus Company, Laredo, and advised that Transportes del Norte (TDN) Bus Company Ticket Number 39532 was sold at Laredo, Texas, on September 10, 1963, and was a round-trip ticket to Mexico; however, SMITH was not certain if this ticket was to Mexico City or some other destination in Mexico. SMITH stated that Ticket Number 39532 was one of seven tickets numbered from 39526 through 39532, inclusive, sold on September 10, 1963, by Greyhound Bus Company at Laredo, Texas, all of which were round-trip tickets. Three of these tickets were sold for a total amount of \$18.00, and four of these tickets were sold for a total amount of \$59.40.

SMITH rechecked Greyhound Bus Company records which consist only of Form S-37 T, "Daily Record of Station Sales by Agents at: Laredo, Texas," and located the record for sale of TDN Ticket Number 9511. SMITH pointed out that this record reflects that TDN Ticket Number 9511 was sold at Laredo, Texas, on December 7, 1963, and is a one-way ticket to Mexico City.

SMITH stated that TDN Ticket Number 9511 should be located in TDN Headquarters in Monterrey, Mexico.

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by SA ROBERT L. CHAPMAN/dnb Date dictated 5/15/64

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Date May 27, 1964

HARRY SMITH, Manager, Greyhound Bus Lines, Laredo, Texas, furnished the only records in his possession concerning Transportes del Norte (TDN) tickets numbered 39532 and 9511. These records are Form Number S-37 T, "Daily Record of Station Sales by Agents at: Laredo, Texas." Form Number S-37 T dated September 10, 1963, reflects that Ticket Numbers 39526 up to 39533 were sold on September 10, 1963, and, according to SMITH, were all round-trip tickets to Mexico, but he did not know whether or not these tickets were round-trip tickets to Mexico City. SMITH explained that under the system utilized by Greyhound in recording sales on Form S-37 T that Ticket Number 39526 would have been the first round-trip ticket sold on September 10, 1963, and that Ticket Number 39532 would have been the last round-trip ticket sold on September 10, 1963, making a total of seven tickets sold on that date.

The total amount of the seven tickets sold was \$77.40. SMITH pointed out that his records reflect that of these seven tickets, three of the round-trip tickets were sold for a total of \$18.00, and four were sold for a total of \$59.40.

SMITH stated that no additional information is recorded on Form S-37 T concerning these tickets and that he knows they are round-trip tickets since they are recorded in Column 15, which is RT-1, indicating round trip. SMITH stated that his records do not reflect the destination of the purchaser of the ticket.

SMITH furnished Form S-37 T dated December 7, 1963, reflecting that TDN Ticket Numbers 9501 up to 9525, a total of 24 tickets, were sold on December 7, 1963, for a total amount of \$240.00. SMITH explained that two of the above tickets were for \$20.00, 15 sold for \$150.00, and 7 sold for \$70.00. This makes a total of 24 tickets sold for a total amount of \$240.00. These

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24 tickets were the total of one-way tickets to Mexico City sold by Greyhound Bus Company, Laredo, for TDN on December 7, 1963.

SMITH was questioned concerning the Form S-37 T dated December 7, 1963, reflecting TDN ticket number 9511 to be a one-way ticket to Mexico City sold on December 7, 1963. SMITH advised that there was a possibility that another ticket bearing the same number, 9511, could have been sold by TDN in Mexico City but a sale of such a ticket would be very remote and "one in a million."

SMITH further advised that Greyhound Bus Company, Laredo, Texas, sells TDN tickets and, at the end of each month, the money from the sale of TDN tickets by Greyhound Bus Company is turned over to TDN and a commission is charged by Greyhound on the sale of the TDN tickets.

It is noted that HARRY SMITH stated on April 20, 1964, that Ticket Number 39532 was a Greyhound ticket number. On May 22, 1964, SMITH advised that he was mistaken in this regard; that Ticket Number 39532 is definitely a TDN ticket number.

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ALVARO IBARRA, bus driver, Transportes del Norte, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, viewed the original trip envelope of bus 373 dated October 2, 1963, which has been designated Exhibit Number D-202.

IBARRA stated he filled out Exhibit D-202 beginning with "12 Monterrey 12" down to the stamp at the bottom of the Exhibit dated October 14, 1963, and that he signed Exhibit D-202 on the back side with his name, ALVARO IBARRA.

IBARRA stated that the information appearing on Exhibit D-202 above "12 Monterrey 12" was placed there by JOSE FRANCISCO PRADO, Monterrey, Mexico, and that the "JOSE FCO PRADO" appearing at the top of the Exhibit on the left side is the signature of PRADO.

IBARRA explained that the "12 Monterrey 12" on Exhibit D-202 means that he had 12 passengers from Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Six of the same 12 passengers were continuing on to Laredo, Texas, and one person, either one of the remaining six, or an entirely different person, had a ticket from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, to Laredo, Texas, making a total of seven passengers who actually crossed on Bus 373 to Laredo, Texas, according to IBARRA's interpretation of his writing on Exhibit D-202.

IBARRA stated that he is paid by Transportes del Norte at Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, for each round trip and that he accumulates a number of trip envelopes before he turns them in for payment, and sometimes holds these trip envelopes for as long as fifteen days before he turns them in for payment.

Concerning Exhibit D-202, IBARRA stated that he turned the trip envelope in for payment at Monterrey on October 14, 1963. The stamp at the bottom of Exhibit D-202, "Transportes del Norte PARADO (paid) October 14, 1963, Monterrey, N. L.," shows that he, IBARRA, was paid on that date for the October 2-3, 1963, trip from Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to Laredo, Texas.

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IBARRA stated that the only explanation he could offer for the discrepancy between number of cancelled tickets in the trip envelope and the 13 individuals accounted for on the face of the envelope is that tickets from some other trip were intermingled with tickets of Bus 373 on October 2-3, 1963.

IBARRA explained that if the date stamps on the backs of the tickets that were in Exhibit D-202 correspond with the date stamps on the front of the trip envelope, then he, IBARRA, made an error in recording the number of tickets inside the trip envelope. If the stamps on the backs of the tickets do not correspond with the stamps on the front of the trip envelope, the office in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, intermingled tickets from another trip with the ones in Exhibit D-202.

IBARRA pointed out the two stamps on the front of Exhibit D-202 are as follows: "Autobuses Transportes del Norte, October 2 2, Monterrey, N.L.," and "Transportes del Norte, October 3, 1963, N. Laredo C Tamps." and stated that one or the other of these stamps should appear on the back of each ticket that was in Exhibit D-202.

Date May 6, 1964

EDUARDO CERVERA, Bus Driver, Flecha Roja (Red Arrow) Bus Line, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, the same driver that drove the connecting bus from Continental Trailways, Laredo, Texas, to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on September 26, 1963, viewed the photograph of the "Bee 4" bag marked Commission Exhibit C 254, and advised that the yellow markings on the side of the bag were made by Mexican Customs at the time the bag was examined on September 26, 1963, and that this yellow marking of "9/26" only shows that the bag was checked through Mexican Customs at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on September 26, 1963.

CERVERA stated that it was not possible to check baggage at Red Arrow or at the Mexican Customs since they do not have lockers or storage space. CERVERA stated that even in Monterrey, Mexico, Red Arrow has no lockers or storage space for luggage.

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Date May 6, 1964

EMILIO CASTILLO, Mexican Customs Inspector, viewed the photograph of the "Bee 4" bag, Commission Exhibit C 254 and advised that the yellow markings made on the side of the "Bee 4" bag were made by a Customs Inspector at the time the bag was checked into Mexico.

CASTILLO stated that the Customs Inspector who checked the bag would have written "9/26" to show that the bag was passed through Mexican Customs on that date and was okayed for entry into Mexico.

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MIGUEL MORENO IBARRA, Chief of Mexican Customs Inspectors, International Bridge, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, viewed the photograph of the "Bee 4" bag marked Commission Exhibit C 254, and stated that the yellow markings on the side of the bag were made by a Mexican Customs Inspector at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and denotes that this particular bag passed through Customs on September 26, 1963.

IBARRA explained that the yellow crayon marking system was one of two methods of marking luggage used by the Mexican Customs Inspectors. The other method is to seal the bag with tape or with a Customs sticker.

When the Mexican Customs official is busy with a lot of people passing through Customs, he will usually use the yellow crayon marking system. If the Customs official has more time he will use a sticker or colored tape and will initial the tape or sticker.

IBARRA explained that on September 26, 1963, there were six persons on duty in addition to the chief, and any of these persons could have checked the bag and made the yellow markings thereon.

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Date May 18, 1964

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ROBERTO RAMOS, Manager, Flecha Roja (Red Arrow) Bus Lines, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, was reinterviewed to determine if Red Arrow makes a passenger list of Red Arrow passengers traveling to the interior of Mexico.

RAMOS advised that Red Arrow at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, does not make a passenger list and that the only place where any names of passengers of Red Arrow boarding at Nuevo Laredo would appear would be on the "Guia de Equipajes" (baggage guide).

RAMOS stated that ticket numbers of tickets sold at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, are recorded on a form called "Venta de Boletos" (sale of tickets) but no names are placed on this form in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

RAMOS further stated that Red Arrow Bus Lines sells tickets at three different locations, the Red Arrow office in Nuevo Laredo, at Mexican Customs, and at Continental Trailways Bus System, Laredo, Texas. RAMOS stated that tickets sold at the Red Arrow Office are listed by ticket number only on the "Venta de Boletos" form prepared for each bus departing from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. A yellow copy of this form is kept in the Red Arrow Office for thirty days and the original, or white copy, is taken by the bus driver from the Red Arrow Terminal to the Mexican Customs at the time the driver takes his bus to Mexican Customs to pick up the passengers waiting at Mexican Customs. The passengers waiting either buy their tickets from the Red Arrow representative who accompanies the bus driver to Mexican Customs, or they have already purchased their tickets from the Continental Trailways Bus System. The ticket numbers of these passengers are then added to the original of the "Venta de Boletos" but again no names are recorded.

RAMOS advised that under this system the yellow copy of the "Venta de Boletos", which is kept for thirty

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days at the Red Arrow Office in Nuevo Laredo, would only contain the ticket numbers of the tickets sold at the Red Arrow Office and would not contain the ticket numbers of the tickets sold at Mexican Customs or Continental Trailways Office. The original, or white copy, however, would contain the ticket numbers of all persons traveling on that particular bus.

RAMOS advised that the yellow copy of the "Venta de Boletos" for Bus Number 516 on September 26, 1963, that is kept for thirty days in the Red Arrow Office, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, has been destroyed, and the only record Red Arrow, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, has concerning Bus Number 516, for September 26, 1963, is the "Guia de Equipajes" (baggage guide list).

RAMOS stated that all Red Arrow buses are owned by private individuals and that Bus Number 516 is owned by MANUEL SAUCEDO, Mexico City, who can be contacted at the Red Arrow Bus Terminal in Mexico City during the afternoons, or through his, SAUCEDO's, employer, the Corona Beer Company. RAMOS stated that SAUCEDO may possibly have the original of the "Venta de Boletos" for Bus Number 516 departing Nuevo Laredo on September 26, 1963, which would show the ticket numbers of tickets sold for that bus, but which would not show the names of persons purchasing the tickets.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT L. CHAPMAN:

AT LAREDO, TEXAS

On April 10, 1964 ~~LOTUS MORA~~ and LOLLY C. LITTLE, Continental Bus Lines, Laredo, Texas, advised that they had no record of reservations made for travel from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico City and would keep no record of any such reservations.

Date May 23, 1964

EULALIO RODRIGUEZ PERALES was located at his place of employment, Jones Office Supply, 106 South Broadway, Mc Allen, Texas, where he is a typewriter repairman.

RODRIGUEZ stated that until about the first of April, 1964, he resided at 23 de Abril 1814 Norte, Colonia Nuevo Madero, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, which is the residence of his father NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ. He was last in Mexico City in December, 1961.

He was admitted to the United States at Hidalgo, Texas, for permanent residence on April 3, 1964, and now resides at 1127 Duranta, Alamo, Texas, with his wife MARIA TRINIDAD SAENZ de RODRIGUEZ and their four small children.

In October, 1963, he was self employed at Monterrey, Mexico, as a typewriter repairman and also sold books, on a commission basis, for W.M. JACKSON, Incorporated of Mexico. This firm has an office in Mexico City but he does not have the street address of the company. W.M. Jackson, Incorporated formerly had an office in Monterrey but it is now closed.

Prior to admission to the United States for permanent residence, RODRIGUEZ had a border crossing card and had made at least twelve trips to the United States over a period of several years, the last being in August, 1963, when he came to McAllen, Texas, by automobile from Monterrey, Mexico, via Roma, Texas.

RODRIGUEZ stated he has never let anyone else use his border crossing card or other document and has no idea who the EULALIO RODRIGUEZ who was reported to have boarded the Transportes del Norte bus at Mexico City on October 2, 1963, might be.

He stated he has never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD although he has seen numerous newspaper and magazine pictures of OSWALD.

The following description of EULALIO RODRIGUEZ PERALES was obtained from observation and interview:

On 5/25/64 at McAllen, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA HAROLD H. CROSSETT / cjh Date dictated 5/25/64

Eulalio X Rodriguez X Parlas

Race	White	1127 Duranta, Alamo, Tex.
Sex	Male	
Date of Birth	May 12, 1934	
Place of Birth	Linares, Nuevo Leon, Mexico	
Height	5' 10"	
Weight	160	
Hair	Black, wavy	
Eyes	Light brown	
Complexion	Fair	
Scars & Marks	Small flesh mole on left cheek; wears small moustache	
<u>Social Security</u>		
Number	450 82 6600	
Occupation	Typewriter repairman	

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The following investigation at Austin, Georgetown, and San Marcos, Texas, was conducted by SA ROBERT W. CARNES in an attempt to establish LEE HARVEY OSWALD's presence on Greyhound Bus Number 1265 on October 3, 1963, noting this bus, if on schedule, arrived and departed San Marcos at 8:18 a.m., arrived Austin 9:15 a.m., with ten-minute stop, and arrived and departed Georgetown, Texas, at 9:50 a.m.

1Date May 6, 1964

B. J. PINCKARD, Manager, Greyhound Bus Lines, 118 East 10th Street, advised that Greyhound Bus Number 1265 from San Antonio, Texas, arrives at 9:15 a.m. daily in Austin, Texas, and three other buses arrive at the same time. As a result, a large number of bus passengers are usually in and around the bus station at that time.

He pointed out that there is no possible way, at this time, to identify any passengers arriving at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Austin, Texas, on Bus Number 1265 on October 3, 1963, from official Greyhound Bus Line records.

PINCKARD observed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and advised the photograph is not familiar to him, and he could not identify OSWALD as a passenger on a bus either arriving or departing from Austin, Texas, on October 3, 1963, or any other date.

PINCKARD advised there was no daily commuter via bus from the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Austin, Texas, to Georgetown, Texas, or other points north of Austin, Texas.

PINCKARD pointed out one lady departing from Greyhound Bus Number 1265, arriving Austin, Texas, at 9:15 a.m. on April 28, 1964, whom he recognized by sight as a daily commuter on this bus from San Marcos, Texas, to Austin, Texas. This woman was physically pointed out to Special Agent ROBERT W. CARNES by PINCKARD, and Special Agent CARNES determined this woman was MARY McSWAIN of San Marcos, Texas.

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by SA ROBERT W. CARNES/dnb Date dictated 4/30/64

1Date May 6, 1964

MARY McSWAIN, 138 West Hillcrest Drive, San Marcos, Texas, was interviewed at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Austin, Texas. She advised she commutes between San Marcos, Texas, and Austin, Texas, daily, exclusive of Sunday, via Greyhound Bus. She departs San Marcos, Texas, at 8:18 a.m. each morning, and on October 3, 1963, she was on the bus as usual.

She observed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and advised she cannot recall having ever seen this person, and specifically she could not recall him as a passenger on a Greyhound Bus with her.

She pointed out that normally when she boards the bus in San Marcos, Texas, she takes the first available seat; usually this is in the first row. She reads while on the bus and upon arrival in Austin, Texas, takes a taxi from the bus station to The University of Texas, where she is a student.

McSWAIN recalled that in October, 1963, one HARRIET JOHNSON, who resides on East San Antonio Street, San Marcos, Texas, was commuting daily, exclusive of Sunday, between San Marcos, Texas, and Austin, Texas, and probably was on the bus leaving San Marcos, Texas, at 8:18 a.m. on October 3, 1963. JOHNSON was reported to have attended a beauty school in Austin, Texas.

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1Date May 6, 1964

San Marcos, Texas
C. P. BROWNING, Ticket Clerk, Greyhound Bus Lines, 118 East 10th Street, was interviewed and corroborated the information furnished by B. J. PINCKARD, Manager of the Greyhound Bus Lines. Upon observing a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, BROWNING advised that he could not recall ever having seen this individual in person and could not place him as a passenger on Bus Number 1265 on October 3, 1963, or at any other time.

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by SA ROBERT W. CARNES/dnb Date dictated 4/30/64

1Date May 12, 1964SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

Mrs. NOLAN BENNETT "HARRIET" JOHNSON, 224 East San Antonio Street, advised that from mid-September until mid-November of 1963 she attended Central Texas Beauty School in Austin, Texas, and that each week day she commuted to Austin, departing San Marcos at 8:18 a.m. on the Greyhound Bus.

She said that she undoubtedly was a passenger on this bus on October 3, 1963, and, on viewing a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, advised that she could not place this individual as a passenger on this bus on October 3, 1963, or at any other time. She said that as a matter of fact she had never seen this individual in person.

In conclusion she advised that it was her habit when commuting on this bus to study from the time of departure in San Marcos until arrival in Austin, and normally she did not pay any attention to other passengers other than MARY McSWAIN who, at the time, was commuting on this bus to Austin from San Marcos.

On 5/7/64 at San Marcos, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA ROBERT W. CARNES/dnb Date dictated 5/8/64

1Date May 12, 1964

J. E. YOUNGER, owner-Manager, Greyhound Bus Station, advised that MARY McSWAIN and HARRIET JOHNSON were the only two people who were commuting to Austin daily on the Greyhound Bus arriving and departing San Marcos at 8:18 a.m. daily in early October, 1963.

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He further advised that there was no way that he could otherwise identify any passenger on this bus on October 3, 1963.

YOUNGER viewed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and said that he had never seen this individual in person at any time, so far as he recalls.

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by SA ROBERT W. CARNES/dnb Date dictated 5/8/64

1Date May 6, 1964

~~WILEY~~ WOOLSEY, Agent, Greyhound Bus Station, advised that there is no commuter from Austin, Texas, to Georgetown, Texas, on the Greyhound Bus arriving in Georgetown at 9:50 a.m., and there has not been a commuter since his managing this station in the last five years. He further advised that there is no daily commuter leaving Georgetown on this bus going to a point north.

WOOLSEY observed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and advised that he could not recall ever having seen this party in person at any time.

He further advised that he had no way of identifying any passengers on this bus on October 3, 1963.

On 4/30/64 at Georgetown, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA ROBERT W. CARNES/dnb Date dictated 4/30/64

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The following investigation conducted at Cameron, Belton, Temple, Waco, and Hillsboro, Texas, was done in an attempt to establish LEE HARVEY OSWALD's presence on Greyhound Bus Number 1265 on October 3, 1963.

It is to be noted that on April 7, 1964, L. H. ~~W~~YARBROUGH, Dispatcher, Greyhound Bus Terminal, San Antonio, Texas, advised that his records reflect that Greyhound Bus Number 1265 was used in making the Laredo-Chicago run which left Laredo, Texas, at 3:00 a.m. on October 3, 1963, and arrived in San Antonio at about 6:20 a.m., October 3, 1963. The records reflect that bus left San Antonio at 7:10 a.m., October 3, 1963, for Dallas, Texas.

Date May 18, 1964

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Mrs. FRANK DAVIS BLACK, Box 98, Route Number 2, Cameron, Texas, advised that she is the former CLARE ROSE EIDNER of New Braunfels, Texas. Mrs. BLACK advised that she was riding the Greyhound Bus quite frequently around the period October 3, 1963, while traveling between New Braunfels and Cameron, Texas, to visit her fiance, but at that time she was not riding the bus which left New Braunfels about 7:45 a.m. daily. She stated that she usually caught the bus around 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. BLACK advised that on November 12, 1963, she started working in Austin, Texas, and, after that time, did ride the Greyhound Bus which left New Braunfels, Texas, at approximately 7:45 a.m. each day. Mrs. BLACK was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, New Orleans Police Department Number 112723, which photograph was taken August 9, 1963, but stated that she did not recognize the photograph of OSWALD as being identical with anyone who ever rode the bus with her.

Mrs. BLACK stated that she saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD's photograph on television a number of times shortly after President KENNEDY was killed, and she believes that if she had seen him on any of the buses which she rode in October, 1963, she would have recalled the fact when she saw his photograph on television in November, 1963.

On 5/14/64 at Cameron, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA T. G. McWILLIAMS, JR. /dnb Date dictated 5/15/64

1Date May 5, 1964Belton, Texas

Mrs. EFFIE MAE EDWARDS, Manager, Greyhound Bus Terminal, informed that her station did not issue any exchange orders for travel on October 3, 1963. She advised there are no known travelers or daily commuters who ride the Greyhound Bus into the City of Belton or from Belton to Temple or vicinity. She explained that a local bus known as Southwestern Bus Company is used for the transportation of all local people who commute from Belton to Temple.

On 4/30/64 at Belton, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA O. LEE GOLDEN/dnb Date dictated 4/30/64

1Date May 5, 1964

W. B. TEMPLE, Manager, Greyhound Bus Terminal, Temple, Texas advised that no exchange orders were issued by that terminal on October 3, 1963. He related that Greyhound Bus Number 1265 arrived in Temple at approximately 10:45 a.m. on October 3, 1963, but only remained for a few minutes before departure for Waco and Dallas. He made inquiries among his personnel in an effort to identify any frequent traveler or daily commuter, but was unable to identify anyone who may have ridden the bus in question.

On 4/28/64 at Temple, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA O. LEE GOLDEN/dnb Date dictated 4/30/64

1Date May 5, 1964

JOHN W. ROBINSON, District Supervisor, Central Greyhound Lines, informed that if an exchange order had been issued by a terminal after a bus ticket had been sold to a passenger, the identity of the exchange order may be obtained from the General Accounting Office of the Greyhound Bus Company in San Francisco, California, if the ticket number is available. Mr. ROBINSON informed that he had no information to indicate that an exchange order had been issued to a passenger on Greyhound Bus Number 1265 while traveling from Laredo to Dallas, Texas, on October 3, 1963.

On 4/30/64 at Waco, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA O. LEE GOLDEN/dnb Date dictated 4/30/64

Date May 5, 1964

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JAMES G. WORTHAM, Manager, Greyhound Bus Station, informed that his records failed to identify an exchange order having been issued on October 3, 1963. He explained that he knew of only one commuter, or frequent traveler, who rides the Greyhound Bus to Waco, and that person is a woman by the name of LUCILLE from Bruceville, Texas, but she rides the early morning bus and arrives in Waco at approximately 8:15 a.m. The bus in question arrived in Waco at approximately 12:10 p.m. before proceeding to Waxahachie and Dallas. Mr. WORTHAM advised that the photograph of OSWALD was not familiar to him prior to the assassination.

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On 4/30/64 at Waco, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA O. LEE GOLDEN/dnb Date dictated 4/30/64

1Date May 12, 1964

Mrs. C. E. VAUGHN, Manager, Greyhound Bus Terminal, advised that a review of her records reflected she had made no refunds on tickets and had issued no exchange tickets or exchange orders on October 3, 1963. She stated that Bus Number 1265 remains in Hillsboro, Texas, only about five minutes, and usually travelers do not leave the bus and come into the station and that unless some special reason exists, she does not leave the station and go on the bus.

She viewed a photograph of OSWALD and informed that she had no recollection of seeing him on the above-numbered bus or any other bus at Hillsboro, Texas.

Mrs. VAUGHN advised that the only daily commuter known to her to ride a bus in and out of Hillsboro, Texas, on a daily basis is a lady whose name she does not know, but who is employed as a sales clerk at the Ben Franklin Store at Hillsboro, Texas, and who lives at Milford, Texas. She stated she did not know if this person rode Bus Number 1265 on October 3, 1963, but stated that she did recall that Thursday appeared to be a half work day for this lady and that she did ride that particular bus on some occasions.

On 5/4/64 at Hillsboro, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA WILLIAM H. BUCKLER/dnb Date dictated 5/8/64

Date May 12, 1964

Mrs. ALMA GORHAM, residence address Box 334, Milford, Texas, and who is employed as a clerk at Ben Franklin Store, address 116 East Elm Street, advised that she normally rides a bus to Hillsboro, Texas, arriving there at 9:02 a.m. and that she normally leaves on a bus departing from Hillsboro, Texas, at 5:52 p.m. She advised that Thursday is normally a day on which she takes her half day off and noted that October 3, 1963, was a Thursday. Mrs. GORHAM made a review of the employment records maintained by her employer, and she advised that these records indicated that she was off for a half day on October 3, 1963. She stated that she normally will depart for Milford, Texas, on the bus leaving Hillsboro, Texas, at 12:51 p.m. on her half day off. She stated, however, that she recalled that in October of 1963 she made several trips to Dallas with her sister to do some shopping on her half day off and that on at least one occasion she stayed in Hillsboro until about 5:00 p.m. on her half day off. She stated that for these reasons she could not be certain that she rode on the bus departing from Hillsboro, Texas, at about 12:51 p.m. on October 3, 1963.

Mrs. GORHAM viewed a photograph of OSWALD but advised that she had no recollection of seeing him on a bus at Hillsboro, Texas, on October 3, 1963, or any other time.

Mrs. GORHAM advised that she knew of no other persons who traveled in or out of Hillsboro, Texas, on a daily basis using the Greyhound Bus service.

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by SA WILLIAM H. BUCKLER/dnb Date dictated 5/8/64

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II. MISCELLANEOUS

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TEXAS

On April 7, 1964, CHARLES W. CARROLL, President of the Universal Book Binding Company, 815 Avenue B, San Antonio, telephonically advised the San Antonio FBI Office that one of his employees, STEVE SMYERS, had found a book entitled Soviet Communism on a curb on 9th Street in San Antonio. He stated that the book had the quotation, "In memory of JOHN F. KENNEDY, November 22, 1963, LEE HARVEY OSWALD," written in it in red ink. A swastika with a circle around it was located on the same page. On the date-due card in the book was written, "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," and on the back of the book was written the name, "LEE H. OSWALD."

CARROLL stated the book was located at the binding company, and he would make it available to the FBI if needed.

TEXAS

1Date May 5, 1964

STEVE SMYERS, Estimator, Universal Book Binding Company, advised that he found the book entitled Soviet Communism on or about April 7, 1964, on a curb on 9th Street, just west of Avenue B. He said he turned the book over to Mrs. ELLA ROSS, Company Secretary, who gave it to Mr. CARROLL. SMYERS said he could recall that the book had some quotations written in it regarding President KENNEDY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said it also had a swastika and something about Fair Play for Cuba written in it. He also advised that he has no idea who may have left the book, and he observed no one in the vicinity when he found it.

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On 4/28/64 at San Antonio, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA E. CLEON GLAZE/dnb Date dictated 5/4/64

1Date May 5, 1964

Mr. CHARLES W. CARROLL, President, Universal Book Binding Company, 815 Avenue B, San Antonio, advised that one of his employees, STEVE SMYERS, found a book entitled Soviet Communism, which his company, the Universal Book Binding Company, had bound for San Antonio College, on a curb on 9th Street in San Antonio. He said the book had a quotation regarding President KENNEDY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD written in it with red ink. He added that there was also a quotation about Fair Play for Cuba and a swastika drawn in the book.

Mr. CARROLL said the book was the property of San Antonio College, and he returned the book to them. He stated that he gave the book to WAYLAND P. MOODY, President of San Antonio College, who gave it to the College Librarian.

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by SA E. CLEON GLAZE/dnb Date dictated 5/4/64

1Date May 5, 1964

Mr. JAMES O. WALLACE, Librarian, San Antonio College, advised that he recalls the book entitled Soviet Communism being returned to him about two weeks ago by the Universal Book Binding Company. He said the page located in the book just before the title page had a quotation written in it in red ink, "In memory of JOHN F. KENNEDY, November 22, 1963, LEE HARVEY OSWALD." He said he also recalls a small swastika with a circle drawn around it on the same page. Mr. WALLACE continued that on the date-due slip in back of the book was the quotation, "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," and on the book pocket card, the name "LEE H. OSWALD." Mr. WALLACE reported that he assumed one of the students wrote the quotes in the book and that they had no meaning or importance so he removed the page, card, and due-date slip from the book and destroyed them. T. J. C.

Mr. WALLACE informed that the book was a new one in the library and had never been checked out, so he could give no date as to approximate date book was removed from the library. He said it was not charged out, and the person taking it removed it from the shelf and walked out with it. He advised that he has no idea who may have taken the book.

On 4/29/64 at San Antonio, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA E. CLEON GLAZE/dnb Date dictated 5/4/64

1.Date May 7, 1964

Mr. JAMES O. WALLACE, Librarian, San Antonio College, advised that the book entitled Soviet Communism was purchased by the college in the spring of 1962. This was a paper-back edition and was not put on the library shelf. At a later time, date unrecalled, this book was sent to the Universal Book Binding Company, San Antonio, Texas, for binding. The bindery number was 2524. Upon being returned from the book binding company, this book was placed on the shelf of the San Antonio College library.

WALLACE advised he does not know when this book was returned, but he was fairly certain the book was placed on the shelf prior to November, 1963.

On 5/4/64 at San Antonio, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA JOHN M. KEMMY/dnb Date dictated 5/6/64

1Date May 5, 1964

STEVE SMYERS, Estimator, Universal Book Binding Company, advised that work done for San Antonio College on Bindery Number 2524 was returned to San Antonio College during the latter part of January, 1964. He said he could not give the exact date the book, Soviet Communism, was returned as the books were not listed separately on the order. He explained that the College sends over several books together for binding, and each book is not listed separately on the order.

SMYERS stated that he recalls the quotation regarding the memory of JOHN F. KENNEDY was written on the page before the title page of the book. He stated that this page was put in the book by the binding company when the binding work was done. He added that one of the other quotations was on the back of the book which was put on the book by the binding company.

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by SA E. CLEON GLAZE/dnb Date dictated 5/4/64

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: June 2, 1964

FROM : MR. BELMONT

SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

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On the afternoon of June 2, 1964, Mr. Malley and I discussed the Director's testimony before the President's Commission with Mr. Rankin. You will recall we went over the transcript and clarified some typographical errors, etc., and thereafter left a copy with Mr. Rankin.

Mr. Rankin had only three points which he felt required further attention:

1. Page 6514. In connection with the Director's testimony on persons connected with front organizations, the Director stated that merely because a man belongs to a subversive organization does not mean he is black-listed and is a menace to his country for life. If he belongs to 20 of them, it shows he is either very gullible, or dumb or he is a menace. "That has been my attitude in regard to Government service where you find a Government employee who belonged to one or two, maybe in his early days. I think then there is a grave doubt as to whether he is a security risk."

Mr. Rankin felt this could be clarified to make the point the Director intended. He suggested possibly this be revised to read: "That has been my attitude in regard to Government service where you find a Government employee who belonged to one or two, maybe in his early days; I don't believe this makes him a security risk." Mr. Rankin made it clear, however, that he was not trying to put words in the Director's mouth; that this testimony would be made public and consequently it should state just what the Director means it to state.

To avoid questions from the public, I suggest the following wording would be preferable: "That has been my attitude in regard to Government service where you find a Government employee who belonged to one or two, maybe in his early days. I don't believe this necessarily makes him a security risk. Rather, this would be dependent on the degree of his activity in the front group and his purpose and intent in associating himself with it."

AHB:hmm
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2. Page 6544. Mr. Rankin noted that at the beginning of the testimony (Page 6493) the Chief Justice outlines the areas in which the Director will be asked to testify. One of them is the failure to include the name and information concerning Special Agent Hosty in the initial report of the Oswald address book. However, Mr. Rankin never got around to asking the Director about this during the testimony. Mr. Rankin thought we should include the Director's comment on page 6544, where the Director is discussing the fact that Hosty's name, office telephone number and license number were in Oswald's memorandum book.

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We suggest that the following be inserted as a paragraph after the second line on page 6545: "Incidentally, those items in Oswald's notebook requiring investigative attention were first set out in an investigative report of our Dallas Office dated December 23, 1963. This report was not prepared for this Commission but rather for investigative purposes and, therefore, the information concerning Hosty's name, telephone number and license number was not included in the report. This information was reported in another investigative report of our Dallas Office dated February 11, 1964, in order that there would be a complete reporting of all items in Oswald's memorandum book. Both of these investigative reports were furnished to this Commission."

3. Page 6568 to 6571. Mr. Rankin agreed with the changes we had made in the testimony concerning wording in our appropriation bill relative to a provision for the protection of the President. However, Mr. Rankin noted that on page 6570 we had eliminated one brief question by Representative Ford and the Director's answer as not being pertinent. He agreed with this. He did say he would go over this with Representative Ford to make sure Mr. Ford also agreed, although he had no doubt that Mr. Ford would be in agreement.

Mr. Rankin again stressed that the testimony of witnesses before the Commission will be made public and both the Director's and Belmont's testimony will be regarded as policy statements of the Bureau. He said that he had no questions as to the policy enunciated in the testimony and as a matter of fact he felt that the testimony would do the Bureau a great deal of good in the eyes of the public because it presented the Bureau's sensitivity to the rights of the individual and to the necessity of operating strictly within the law, which was an area of Bureau policy that

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had not previously been publicized. He reiterated that this testimony presented the Bureau in a light that would be new to many persons.

I told Mr. Rankin that the Bureau followed the policy that our actions spoke louder than our words.

Mr. Rankin said that he thought the Director was opposed to the FBI taking over the functions of Secret Service. I told him that this was correct, that the FBI had enough to do without taking over such responsibilities. Rankin said that some of the members of the Commission were of the opinion that Secret Service should be transferred over to the FBI and, as a matter of fact, he had noticed publicity to the effect that once the elections were over in November, the White House intends to transfer the functions of Secret Service to the FBI. I reiterated that I was sure that the Director would be opposed to such a move and I asked Rankin whether he had any solid basis beyond newspaper publicity that the White House intended such a move. He said he did not have but that he knew the respect with which the President regarded the Director and he thought it was probably the basis for the newspaper comments, although he had no facts on which to base his opinion.

ACTION:

If you agree, we will make the above changes in the testimony and furnish them to Mr. Rankin informally.

Yes

2. It is suggested that Mr. DeLoach be alert to insure that the views of the Bureau on any possible transfer of Secret Service functions to the FBI are known in proper quarters.

Q *OK* *V*