

Dallas, Texas
January 7, 1964

Miss Olive Alexander
6437 Vandera,
Dallas 25, Texas

Dear Miss Alexander:

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Your communication and [redacted] directed to Marina Oswald in care of this office has been received and delivered to the addressee.

Very truly yours,

JG
J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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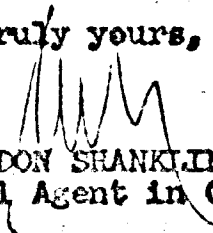
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January 7, 1964

Miss Harriet Gibbs Gardiner
1660 Pershing Road,
Jacksonville 5, Florida

Dear Miss Gardiner:

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Your communication and [redacted] check
directed to Marina Oswald in care of this office has
been received and delivered to the addressee.

Very truly yours,


J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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January 7, 1964

Mrs. Winnifred Witzki
474 Marquette Street,
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Madam:

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Your communication and check
directed to Marina Oswald in care of this office has
been received and delivered to the addressee.

Very truly yours,

J. Gordon Shanklin
J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Leston B. Nay
5755 Blackstone Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois 60637

Dear Mr. Nay:

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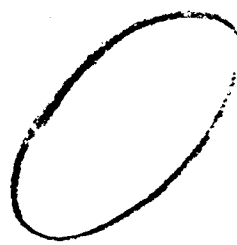
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Very truly yours,

J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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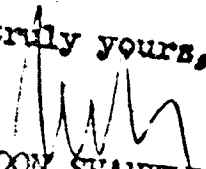
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January 7, 1964

Mrs. R. Frank Myers
4020 Warwick Boulevard,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Madam:

Your communication and the [redacted] directed to Marina Oswald in care of this office has been received and delivered to the addressee.

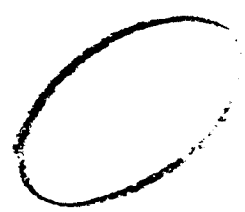
Very truly yours,


J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Mrs. Sandy Williams
Route 8,
Epperson Road,
Paducah, Kentucky

Dear Madam:

Your communication directed to Marina
Oswald in care of this office has been received
and delivered to the addressee.

Very truly yours,

J. Gordon Shanklin
J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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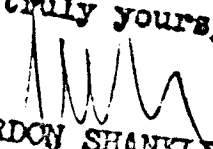
Dallas, Texas
January 7, 1964

~~Mrs. A. Hill
1401 McTavish Street,
Regina,
Sask., Canada~~

Dear Madam:

Your communication directed to Marina
Oswald in care of this office has been received
and delivered to the addressee.

Very truly yours,


J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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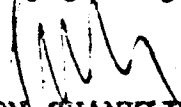
Dallas, Texas
January 7, 1964

Mrs. Gus Klein
716 Jackson Street,
Millstadt, Illinois

Dear Madam:

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Your check in the amount of [redacted] on
the First National Bank, Millstadt, Illinois, has
been received and delivered to the addressee.

Very truly yours,


J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Check for [redacted] 1/3/64, Mrs. Jan
E. Ellison, 21 Dartmouth Ave., Swarthmore
Pa., signed Marie F. Ellison

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Dear Sus:

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Would you be so kind as to see that the
enclosed check is added to the fund for
Marina Oswald and children. Thank you

Sincerely
Marie F. Ellison

1114 Commerce Street

Dallas, Texas 75202

January 8, 1964


Mrs. Jan E. Ellison
21 Bartmouth Avenue
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

Your letter which enclosed a check, payable to The Marina Oswald Fund, in the amount of [REDACTED] and signed Marie F. Ellison, which was addressed to this office, has been received.

b7c Arrangements will be made to have this check delivered to Mrs. Marina Oswald.

Very truly yours,


J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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48 Park Avenue
Dover, New Jersey
6 January 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dallas, Texas

Gentlemen:

Please see that the enclosed check reaches Mrs. Oswald, the wife, not the mother, of Lee Oswald, or anyone who may be administering funds sent to help her adjust to the circumstances in her future.

Thank you!

Enc: Check 

Yours truly,

Dave Levenson
Dave Levenson

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Dave Levenson
48 Park Avenue
Dover, New Jersey



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DALLAS, TEXAS

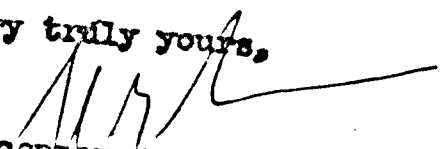
Dallas, Texas
January 8, 1964

Mr. Dave Levenson
48 Park Avenue,
Dover, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Levenson:

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Your communication of January 6, 1964
enclosing [redacted] check payable to Marina Oswald
has been received by this office and delivered
to the addressee.

Very truly yours,


J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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1114 Commerce Street
Dallas, Texas 75202

January 8, 1964


W. H. Mankin, Jr., D.D.S.
~~2541 Tar Hillis~~
Dayton 19, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Your check in the amount of [redacted] payable
to Mrs. Lee Oswald Fund, and signed W. H. Mankin, Jr.,
has been delivered to this office.

Arrangements will be made to have your check
delivered to Mrs. Marina Oswald.

Very truly yours,


J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Dallas, Texas, 75202

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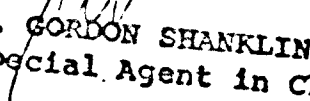
Miss Linda Allen
387 Birch Street
Flemington, Pennsylvania
17745

Dear Miss Allen:

67c
Your letter on behalf of The Teenage Class of the Flemington Methodist Church, which enclosed a U. S. Postal Money Order in the amount of [redacted] payable to Mrs. Marina Oswald, has been delivered to this office.

Arrangements will be made to have your letter and money order delivered to Mrs. Marina Oswald.

Very truly yours,


J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

1-Addressee

Dallas

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C O P Y

December 13, 1963

Rev. J. Thomson,

With the help of our Chicago Presbytery, your name was given to me.

Our Couples Club of the Southminster Pres. of Glen Ellyn, Ill. took up a donation of money instead of the usual grab bag gift for our Christmas party. It was suggested to send the money to Mrs. Lee Oswald. Our newspapers, etc. would not give me any information on how we could get the money to her. I would appreciate your help.

I was wondering if somehow you could see that she gets it. I know it might make a Christmas a little happier for her and the little ones. I don't know if you could see her in person or forward it by mail. Would you please do either for us? The Couples Club would really appreciate it. If it's not too much more to ask, could you drop us a line and let us know.

Thank you so very much,

Yours in Christ,

THE COUPLES CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Anderson
Presidents

Anderson
3s030 Sequoia
Glen Ellyn, Illinois

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W. L.

MOUNT C... VE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

14415 E. Imperial Highway
Whittier, California

Rev. James B. Douthitt
Pastor

Rev. Harold G. Porter, Jr.
Associate Pastor

Nov. 25, 1963

Rev. James Robert Thomson
1600 Patterson St.
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Thomson:

After the service Sunday evening, one of our Elders gave me the enclosed check for Mrs. Lee Oswald. Dr. Wilcox (Ph. D. in cancer research) is a very mature Christian, and has done outstanding work with our Senior Highs. She felt great compassion for Mrs. Oswald and her children, strangers in our country, facing the horrible stigma of her husband's act. (Whether he's guilty or not, she will never live it down.)

She asked that I telephone a minister in Dallas and ask him to handle it, so that it would reach her. I don't happen to know anyone in Dallas, although my uncle, E. P. Smith, served in the National Missions in East Texas for many years.

I selected your name because from the name of the church I guessed that yours is a down-town church, and you might be more likely to have contacts which would enable you to get in touch with her. I realize that this is an unusual request, and may involve some difficulty, but I feel that it is certainly in the spirit of the Master, and is a tiny gesture of the reconciliation which is so essential in the present stress. We will appreciate your help.

This morning in our memorial service I reminded our people of the guilt all of us must share in creating a society which produces such hatred and violence, and challenged them to take up Christ's ministry of reconciliation, after being first reconciled to God through Christ.

We are adding a small amount to Dr. Wilcox's gift, and hope you can get it to Mrs. Oswald, to let her know that there are some who do feel compassion for her.

Yours in Christ,

JAMES B. DOUTHITT

P.S.

We realize that she may be a part of a Communist plot, and we abhor Communism as much as anyone. Our concern is to show Christian Compassion to one who is an innocent victim of circumstances, and who will find all too little compassion. We leave it entirely to your judgment.

We are also acting on the assumption that Mrs. Pettit will be taken care of as reported on radio, etc.

J. B. D.

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THE



James Robert Thomson, Minister

CITY TEMPLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9009 NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY • DALLAS 31, TEXAS • EMerson 3-5457

January 7, 1964

The Senior Agent ✓
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1114 Commerce Street
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Sir:

I enclose copies of two letters which I have received accompanying contributions directed to Mrs. Lee Oswald. I have retained these in my possession to this date in case further such communications should be directed to me as Minister of what was formerly the downtown congregation of our denomination. However, I do not wish to delay unduly in giving effect to the desires of these friends and I hope that through your good offices these gifts may reach Mrs. Oswald in due course.

Yours truly,

James Robert Thomson
James Robert Thomson

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1114 Commerce Street

Dallas, Texas


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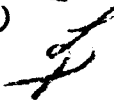
~~Mr. James Robert Thomson~~
The City Temple
United Presbyterian Church
9009 North Central Expressway
Dallas 31, Texas

Dear Mr. Thomson:

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Your letter of January 7, 1964, enclosing copies of two letters addressed to you from Mr. James B. Douthitt and the Couples Club (Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Anderson, Presidents), the check in the amount of [redacted] of Mr. James B. Douthitt, the check for [redacted] in the name of N. Elane Wilcox, and the sealed letter addressed to Mrs. Lee Oswald and Children bearing the return address of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Anderson, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, have been received and arrangements will be made to deliver the checks and the letter to Mrs. Marina Oswald.

Very truly yours,


J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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1114 Commerce Street

Dallas, Texas

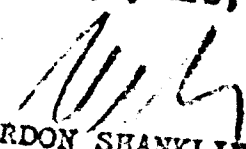
January 10, 1964

Mr. R. H. Thompson, Sr.
2454 Market Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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Your letter addressed to this office enclosing a check in the amount of [redacted] made out to "Trustee for Mrs. Lee Oswald," on the Harris National Bank and Trust Company, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has been received and arrangements will be made to deliver this check to Mrs. Oswald.

Very truly yours,


J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

3 Addressee
1 Dallas (105-1435 A)
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1114 Commerce Street
Dallas, Texas 75202

January 13, 1964

First Presbyterian Church
204 Squaw Brook Road
North Haledon, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

Your envelope, which enclosed two addressed letters to Mrs. J. D. Tippit and Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald, in care of this office, have been received and arrangements will be made to deliver these letters to the addressees.

Very truly yours,

Note: Letter to Mrs.

*J. D. Tippit mailed to
her c/o Dallas P.D.*

2-Addressee

1-Dallas

WRH:mja

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*no letter had
stamp on it*

[Signature]
J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

[Circular stamp with initials]

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FBI

Date: 1/14/64

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, DALLAS (105-10461)
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (105-7674) (P)
 RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
 IS - R
 (OO: DALLAS)

Enclosed for Dallas is a letter, dated 1/7/64, from the Dallas Office addressed to "Occupant, 13508 Superior Road, East Cleveland 12, Ohio," which advises that the addressee's letter addressed to Mrs. MARINA OSWALD, c/o FBI, Dallas Office, will be delivered by the Dallas Office.

Miss ANN SWANSON, 13508 Superior Road, East Cleveland, Ohio, on 1/14/64, furnished the enclosed letter to the Cleveland Office. She advised that the letter was delivered to her apartment but obviously was meant for one of the other two tenants of this address. She identified the other tenants as Mrs. LILLIAN B. PHILLIPS, an unemployed widow in her late 70's or early 80's, and a Miss MILDRED A. KORMUTH, a factory worker employed by the General Electric Company, Cleveland.

She has no idea who addressed the letter to the subject's wife in care of the FBI, Dallas, however, mentioned that MILDRED KORMUTH has had a nervous breakdown and appears emotionally disturbed, whereas LILLIAN PHILLIPS leads a secluded life with very little social contact. Based solely on her personal knowledge of the two women, she believes that MILDRED KORMUTH is the writer of the letter.

The indices of the Cleveland Office contain no references identifiable with SWANSON, PHILLIPS, or KORMUTH.

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Approved: E E D
 Special Agent in Charge

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No further efforts are being made to determine the identity of the individual who wrote OSWALD's wife.

The Cleveland Office is maintaining this case in a pending status to handle other phases of investigation in this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (105-1435A)

FROM : SA WALLACE R. HEITMAN

SUBJECT: DONATIONS TO MARINA OSWALD

DATE: 1/17/64

On 1/15/64, SAS ANATOLE A. BOGUSLAV and WALLACE R. HEITMAN furnished the following items to MARINA OSWALD, for which a receipt was obtained:

- 1) [redacted] check, dated 1/6/63, signed R. MELTON THOMPSON, SR., The Harrisburg National Bank & Trust Company.
- 2) [redacted] check, dated 11/25/63, signed JAMES B. SOUTHITT, 14437 E. Imperial Hwy., Whittier, Calif.
- 3) [redacted] check dated 11/23/63, signed M. ELANE WILCOX, 15539 Fairbot, La Merada, Calif., Bank of America, La Hobra, Calif.
- 4) Letter and [redacted] check, dated 1/2/64, Equitable Trust Company, Baltimore, Md., PERCY S. WHIPP.
- 5) [redacted] check, dated 1/3/64, MARIE F. ELLISON, Provident Tradesmens Bank & Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. JAN E. ELLISON, 21 Dartmouth Ave., Swarthmore, Pa.
- 6) U. S. Postal Money Order, [redacted] # 4,556,374,442, from Linda Allen, 387 Birch St., Flemington, Pa.
- 7) [redacted] check, dated 12/13/63, Winters National Bank & Trust Co., Dayton, Ohio, W. H. MANKIN, JR., 2541 Tar Hills, Dayton 19, Ohio.

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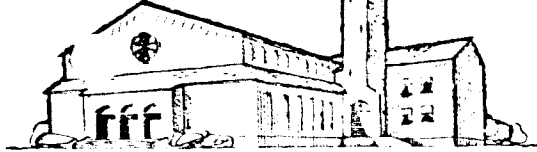
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~~██████████ check, dated 12/27/63, DAVE LEVENSON,
48 Park Ave., Dover, N.J., Boonton, National Bank,
Boonton, N.J.~~

9) Letter and check ██████████ 12/24/63, New Jersey
Bank & Trust Company, Register Check, signed CHRISTINE
CASINE, Deacon, 1st United Presbyterian Church, North
Holedon, N. J.

10) ██████████ check, 12/12/63, Oak Park Trust &
Savings Bank, BARBARA ANDERSON, Oak Park, Illinois,
25030 Sequoia Drive, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

11) Letter & mass card, MILDRED KORMUTH,
13508 Superior Rd., E. Cleveland 12, Ohio, and ██████████
contribution to mass at Our Lady of Gethsenani Abbey,
Trappist, Ky.



St. Baker Park Community Presbyterian Church

HUNTER BOULEVARD AND HANFORD STREET, SEATTLE 44, WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE PA 5-5666

JANUARY 9, 1964

MRS. LEE HARVEY OSWOLD

DEAR MRS. OSWOLD:

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION OF MOUNT BAKER PARK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEND YOU THIS SMALL GIFT AS A TOKEN OF OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND CONCERN FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN.

AS YOU ENTER THIS NEW YEAR WITH SAD MEMORIES AND AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE, MAY IT ALSO BE FILLED WITH SOME HOPE BECAUSE OF THE LOVE WHICH STILL EXISTS AND WHICH HAS BEEN SHOWN TO YOU BY MANY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THIS NATION.

WE PRAY THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN WILL HAVE COURAGE, STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION TO MAKE NEW LIVES FOR YOURSELVES WITH THE HELP OF OTHER AMERICANS WHO BELIEVE IN LETTING THE PAST BE FORGOTTEN.

OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR A HOPEFUL 1964 GO WITH YOU INTO THE FUTURE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Harry D. Johns

HARRY D. JOHNS

Pastor

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*Check on Kamin
 Ave. Branch, Seattle. 12th North
 Blvd, Seattle WA signed
 Robert T. Dawson
 Mt Baker Park Community
 Presbyterian Church
 1/13/64*



1114 Commerce Street
Dallas, Texas 75221

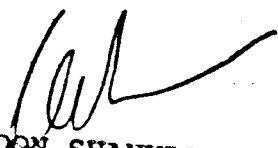
January 20, 1964

Mr. Harry D. Johns
Mt. Baker Park Community
Presbyterian Church
Hunter Boulevard and
Hanford Street
Seattle 44, Washington

Dear Mr. Johns:

Your letter, which enclosed the check for [REDACTED]
has been received, and the check will be delivered to
Mrs. Marina Oswald.

Very truly yours,


J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

This check delivered to MARINA OSWALD,
1/17/64. The check was in the amount
of [REDACTED] and was signed by ROBERT T.
DAWSON, 9453 58th South, Seattle 18,
Washington, and on the First National
Bank, Seattle, Washington.

1-Addressee

1-Dallas

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-391)

DATE: 1/21/64

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (105-1435A)

SUBJECT: MARINA NIKOLAEVNA OSWALD, aka
Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald
IS-R

Re your letter, dated 1/16/64, entitled "JACK
LEON RUBY, aka; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka; - VICTIM, CR,
OO: DALLAS."

The religious material forwarded by your office,
which reflects a sender's address of Mrs. D. NEWT JONES
(American Bible Society, 1662 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 17,
California), has been received; and this material will be
delivered to Mrs. OSWALD, at Dallas. No letter of
acknowledgement is being written, as the address of Mrs. D.
NEWT JONES is not shown.

2-Albuquerque

1-Dallas

WRH:mja

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-391)

DATE: 1/16/64

SUBJECT: JACK LEON RUBY, aka;
 LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
 (Deceased) - VICTIM
 CIVIL RIGHTS
 OO: DALLAS
 BUFILE: 44-24016

The enclosed religious material was received at the Las Cruces, New Mexico Resident Agency, for Mrs. LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Inquiry indicates that Mrs. D. NEWTON JONES, who apparently had the material sent to Mrs. OSWALD, is a very religious woman apparently motivated only by a desire to furnish religious comfort to Mrs. OSWALD.

In the event the address of Mrs. OSWALD is known to the Dallas Office, it is requested that the attached material be forwarded to her.

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Letter to ag. about 100 cases
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Mrs. D. Newton Jones
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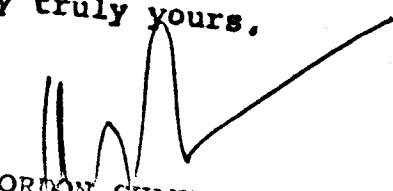
~~Mr. Max McLay
Box 25
Huntington Park, California~~

Dear Mr. McLay:

Your box containing the gifts for Mrs. Oswald and your letters of January 11 and January 16, addressed to me at this office, have been received.

The box of gifts will be delivered to Mrs. Oswald.

Very truly yours,



J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

1-Addressee

1-Dallas

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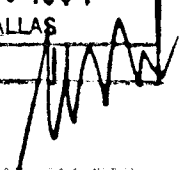
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Dear Mr. Shanklin:

I thank you for your letter of January 9th acknowledging the receipt of the gifts which had been sent to Mrs. Oswald.

It is good to read, from day to day, how Mrs. Oswald's life is assuming a greater degree of normality. Even with the daily routine of caring for her children, she must at times feel the need to "go out and come as she pleases". I well remember the time I was kept in to help with inventory work. After two weeks of it, I said, "Mr. Bishop, a few more days of this and I will go stir". The more I read about this young woman, the more I admire her. I think she has an uncommon stock of good sense

(Handwritten scribble)

or a most valuable adviser, perhaps both.

The truth is, Mr. Shanklin, here is a man 69 years old, with the financial ability to, the desire to, the temperament to make him worthy of being included among Mrs. Oswald's most immediate friends. in fact, the desire is to be more than that, financial ability, need have no bearing on friendship.

Two letters have been sent to Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson relative to the possibility of her, or her representative, acting as intermediary between Mrs. Oswald and myself regarding the subject of our being together by our, I mean both Mrs. Oswald and the children, in my home.

In addition to the things which have been sent to Mrs. Oswald in your care, there have been some books sent in care of Mrs. Johnson at the time it seemed Mrs. Oswald would soon be in Washington.

I revealed a great deal about my- self to Mrs. Johnson. I now wish to do so to you

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I, too, have been a loser much of my life. A life in which there was little security from the age of five years.

My mother died when I was five years old. Her brother - my uncle, of course, and his wife adopted me. There are nice memories of the love bestowed upon me in those early days.

When the mother died when I was five years old, this caused a Goydel-Hyde transformation in my father, so bitter was he over his loss. From that time forward, he worshipped at the feet of Mammon. His worst marriage magnified feelings of insecurity.

At that time an adopted child enjoyed status only slightly above that of illegitimacy. And how often people relished reminding me of the fact.

Then there were still early incidents which had their effects.

My aunt sent me for a spool of thread for which the storekeeper said the price was the dime which she had given

me. When I told her there wasn't any
change, she accused me of appro-
priating the nickel.

Then, in spite of the fact that
the one good thing which my father
had inculcated into me - respect for
older people - he thanked me when
it was reported I had sworn at
two neighbor ladies. The same
treatment due to the report that I
had been seen playing with children
who were in quarantine. Both false.

In those days I hardly knew
whether I was fish or fool. Daily
my cousins stirred into my ears
the refrain Maxwell & Charles Pottery
beautiful, Ball Mc Kay. I still don't
know the name of the Cranford allusion.

The girl who married me was
pushed into it by an avaricious
mother. So much so can be judged by
the fact that the morning after the
ceremony, she asked my cousins who
had remained overnight in the ship,
"Just how much is Max's father
worth." I think God this was not

revealed to me until after the de-
noce.

This has an illuminating side
light. When I informed her that such
action had been started she asked, "Why?"
I said that among the reasons was
the fact that for the past two years
her ^{own} bedroom relationship had afforded
me no more satisfaction than would
have that of a prostitute. She replied
"I can understand, my cooperation has
been based on nothing more than
refusal to do as would be demanded
for divorce." I quietly let her pro-
ceed on an uncorrected cross bill in
which she complained that I worked
to hard for the sake of my health.

So whatever justification in seek-
ing refuge in such security there
has been a vast amount of it. How-
ever, I know many of my mistakes
have been committed long after I should
have taken contrary action on my own.

But I have come out just all
in such a manner as to make me
sorrowful, at least temporarily

to someone in Mrs. Caswell's position,
that is, while she is getting ad-
justed to life here. I know if she wanted
a change, I would be glad to help,
even though it would be to see
those two little girls leave.

Now as far as finances are
concerned.

I would want to be responsible
for all food, the children's clothing,
their minor medical expenses, the
premium on two one thousand dollar
insurance policies for each of the
children and the cost of a Birthday
in England for Mrs. Caswell. In regard
to anything further, I cannot be as
liberal as I would like to at this
time. There is a surplus - when
all rentals are accounted - of about \$250
per month after mortgage payments
and budgeting for taxes. Two of those
mortgage payments will be "dead debts"
in a little more than two years.

Since writing to Mr. Johnson, I
have by means of a paragraph in my
will arranged for a bequest of \$500.00 for

for Mrs. Oswald. Her is to remain
even though she does not choose
to associate with me. It would be
increased by \$500 each year we need
together if she does come.

You may wonder why this
concern for her future finances
in view of what has already come
to her. I think that in my first
letter to your office I expressed my
hope that this at least the major
part of it would be put into a trust
fund for the girls.

Of course, Mrs. Oswald, who
as I understand is a pharmacist,
would undoubtedly get a job as soon
as she learned our language -
even from perhaps seeing that pre-
scriptions are written in Latin. Part of
even two little girls needed the
constant care of their mother, it
is then two.

Just last Fall before I came out
here I saw two who had been deprived
of it.

This couple had lived with me
over

Mr. Auroldi's life would be the deep
concern of a man who thinks he is well
qualified in that respect.

If you have any part in bringing
about what I desire, assuming that there
is a chance of it becoming reality, it
will be my endeavor that you never regret
having done so.

MAX McLAY
Box 25
Huntington Park, California

Very truly yours
Max McLay.

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AIR MAIL

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January 16, 1964

Mr. J. Gordon Shanklin
United States Dept. of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dallas Texas

Dear Mr. Shanklin:

The more I read of the
disproportion between the Tiffitt
fund and that for Mrs. Auwall,
the more I think that Mrs. Auwall,
providing that she gives the matter
any thought, is in need in addition
to the monetary contributions and
also of things in the nature of those
which I have sent and am sending.

Dr. J. P. G.

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with this letter.

I once saw a cartoon showing a couple near the Christmas tree. There is evidence that he has given her everything from milk on down. But she stands there with glowing eyes holding a bundle of long grass. The caption "I kinda thought you'd like it".

As it is my thought that Mrs. Aswell will be cheered by things of this nature, I have done some-thing along the other line also. Now my will contains a bequest of \$500.00 for her.

Being an officer of the law, you might be inclined to resort to the thought

of the first sentence of his letter. It
can be explained this way. If I,
a total stranger, regret the summary
manner in which Lee Harvey Oswald
- the older I grow, Mr. Shanklin, (Dm 69)
the more respect and consideration I
have for the human body, regardless
of its color, the mentality it encloses
in the color of the skin covering it
there is realization that it is from the
same source as mine and as en-
titled to as full respect as mine -
was removed without his having
had his God given right to his day in
court, how much more keenly
must his wife feel that a grave
injustice was done.

There is a much longer, in fact ex-
cessively so, letter in preparation for you
in regard to my possible future re-
lationship with the few Oswalds.

The last week in December, I
wrote to Mrs. Johnson relative to the
possibility of her, or her representative,
acting as intermediary. Since then three
books have been sent to her (this was
at the time that it was announced
that Mrs. Oswald was to appear be-
fore the Warren Commission.

The three are "The Flag of Our Country",
"Key Signed for Us" and "Your Magnificent
Declaration." Of course, the latter two
at this time would be of small signifi-
cance to Mrs. Oswald except for

from knowing that someone was
interested in her as one who has
announced her desire to remain with
us.

If Mrs. Johnson is dainty or is
going to do anything about this matter,
I presume that she might ask your
department to make inquiries regard-
ing me.

However, if she hasn't and you
think that there is the possibility
any good deriving therefrom for
Mrs. Caswell and her family, in-
cluding Mrs. Caswell Sr., I wish
that you people would "look me up".

I think that in my 7th letter I indicated that my present residence is at 6624 Commerce Avenue, Los Angeles. Now, if you should, please do not let the outward appearance send you away in disgust. There is a reason and a good one for my being here.

Spring will find me at my home - of which I am more proud - at 4-6246 N. Geneva Road, Flint, Michigan.

Don't ask the lady at 6236, she although my own seven year tenant and the ^{only} beneficiary of a \$10000 beneficiary in my will, seems to have nothing but ill-will for me.

This seems to have its inspiration

in my way more than the fact that I
due to their lack of care, find it necessary
my each summer to spend some time
at their place. Due to pride, she resents
my presence because it is prima
facie evidence that they are not
owners.

Someone has said, "There is no
more antipathetic relationship than
that between landlord and tenant.
No one ever heard of the landlord's
son marrying the tenant's daughter
or vice versa." Be that as it may,
I simply am not Mrs. Swartz's
cup of tea.

Thank you, Mr. Shanklin for your
letter of January 6.

Very truly yours
Max McRay.

Box 25
Huntington Park
Calif.

Dear Mr. Shanklin:

When I got back to the house I
found page 8 on the table.

~~Max McRay.~~

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United States Department of Justice
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Dallas Texas

Mr. J. Gordon Shanklin
Special Officer in
Charge.



January 20, 1964

Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dallas Texas

Dear Mr. Shanklin,

I have just finished a letter (2)
to Mr. Oswald in which I told
him of my interest in her, her child-
ren and Mr. Oswald, Sr.; of the
inspiration of that interest; of how
I thought that she was a firm
basis for the belief in my de-
sire and ability to implement them.

One of the letters concluded, having
contacted three people, Mrs. Johnson,
Mr. Shanklin and the person most

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- he has been sent two and
view of large volume letters

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concerned it does not seem fitting
for me to appear as though trying to
force myself into your picture by
making further notes other than
those suggested in the letter written
yesterday.

These will be translated here.

Leaving aside the fact that Mrs.
Cicewald may still ^{be} in at least a
mild state of shock, it seems that her
being able to read it herself might
facilitate a small degree of support.

There is nothing in the letters
which those really interested in
Mrs. Cicewald's welfare could use.

I would like to see those who
are so low as to cause her further