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Mrs. AMOS stated ALBERT has brothers, ARTHUR OSBORNE, date of birth April 9, 1882, residing Horncastle, Hope Castle, England; WALTER OSBORNE, born March 28, 1868, residing Old Peoples Home, Scather Road, Scather, England, and sisters, ROSETTA GELL, born May 19, 1886, residing 87 Stheliers Road, Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire, England; Mrs. FLORRY BOND, born July 9, 1864, residing 32 Ownit Street, Abbeywood, London, SE2, England. Other sister and brothers are RHODA, WILL, JIM, FRANK, and ABBOTT, deceased.

Mrs. AMOS related that sisters ROSETTA GELL, FLORY BOND, and EMILY FEATHERSTONE have been in closer contact with ALBERT and might be able to furnish more recent information regarding his activities.

On February 17, 1964, Special Agent ERVIN B. BRUNINGA, Birmingham, Alabama, viewed photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE taken October, 1963, and reported that in his opinion, that person is identical with JOHN HOWARD BOWEN whom he, BRUNINGA, interviewed at Florence, Alabama, February 8, 1964.

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Miss PAMELA LILLIAN MUMFORD furnished the following information:

She continues to be employed as a legal stenographer at Dillavou and Cox, Attorneys, 611 Wilshire Boulevard, Room 700, Los Angeles. She resides at the Jaqueline Apartments, 153 North New Hampshire Avenue, Apartment No. 212.

Miss PATRICIA WINSTON, who was her former roommate and with whom she was traveling around the world, departed Los Angeles on January 21, 1964, and is presently residing with her parents in Flat 4, #8 Wood Street, Manly, Sidney, Australia.

Three photographs of ALBERT OSBORNE, also known as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, were displayed to Miss MUMFORD. The first photograph was taken in October, 1963, in connection with his passport application and shows his head and shoulders. He is wearing a white shirt. The second and third photographs were taken on February 8, 1964, and he is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and striped tie, and is holding a pipe in his right hand. These are stand-up, full face and profile photos.

Upon viewing these photographs, Miss MUMFORD advised that she was positive that this individual was identical to the man whom she had seen and who sat next to LEE HARVEY OSWALD on the bus which had come from Nuevo Laredo, and which she and Miss WINSTON had boarded at Monterey, Mexico, on September 26, 1963, and which arrived in Mexico City on September 27, 1963. During the time that Miss MUMFORD was on the bus, OSWALD sat next to this man, whom she had previously described as "the Englishman".

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ALBERT OSBORNE, whose permanent address is 920 Salinas, Box 308, Laredo, Texas, was interviewed at his temporary place of residence at the Central YMCA, Nashville, Tennessee, where he is registered under the name JOHN H. BOWEN.

At the outset of the interview, OSBORNE denied his true identity and claimed that his name was JOHN H. BOWEN; however, he later admitted that his correct name is ALBERT OSBORNE and he furnished the following background information concerning himself:

OSBORNE indicated that he was born November 12, 1888, at Grimsby, England, to JAMES OSBORNE and EMILY COLE OSBORNE, both of whom are deceased. He identified his brothers as WALTER OSBORNE, Grimsby, England; ARTHUR OSBORNE, Grimsby, England; WILLIAM OSBORNE, deceased, and FRANK OSBORNE, deceased. He identified his sisters as EMILY FEATHERSTONE, Grimsby, England; FLORE BOND, London, England; ROSETTA GELL, Lincolnshire, England, and ADA AMOS, Gary, Indiana. He stated that he was educated at St. James Academy at Grimsby, England, until the eighth grade. OSBORNE stated that he joined the British Army in 1908, serving in India, Arabia, and Bermuda. He purchased his discharge from the British Army in 1914 while in Bermuda and thereafter came directly to the United States and proceeded to Washington, D. C., where he obtained employment in several grocery stores under his correct name, ALBERT OSBORNE. While in Washington, D. C., he took a correspondence course in Religion from the University of Chicago. Thereafter, he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he attended the Philadelphia Bible College for approximately one year while living and working as a janitor at the YMCA in Philadelphia. In 1916, he proceeded to Canada, where he joined the Canadian Army as OSBORNE and remained in the Canadian Army until the cessation of hostilities in World War I. Thereafter, he returned to Washington, D. C., where he met a Syrian, whose name he does not recall, and went into the rug cleaning business with this individual.

OSBORNE indicated that the rug cleaning business was of an itinerant nature and he and the Syrian traveled throughout the United States in this venture. During this period and at the suggestion of the Syrian, he adopted the name JOHN H. BOWEN, in order to obtain a more Americanized name and for the purpose of eventually obtaining American citizenship and an American

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passport in order that he might accompany the Syrian to the latter's native country. He indicated, however, that he did not thereafter take any steps to obtain American citizenship or to obtain an American passport. He stated that he took no steps to have his name changed legally but merely adopted the name BOWEN. After leaving the rug cleaning business, he worked for several years as an itinerant gardener primarily in the States of Virginia and North Carolina. In 1929, he went to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he became affiliated with the YMCA in that city in boys' work and indicated that he organized the organization which subsequently became known as the Boys Club of America.

OSBORNE indicated that he remained in Knoxville, Tennessee, until about 1943 when he became an itinerant Baptist preacher throughout the south, having been ordained as a Baptist Minister in the Bethany Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1916 after he attended the Philadelphia Baptist College.

OSBORNE stated that he first visited Mexico in 1939 as a tourist and became interested in missionary work and has been in and out of Mexico numerous times since then.

He indicated that for the past twenty years he has maintained occasional residence and a permanent mailing address at 920 Salinas, Box 308, Laredo, Texas. In this connection, OSBORNE denied that he had ever received correspondence from relatives addressed as "Albert Osborne, care of John H. Bowen, Box 308, Laredo." He said he was well known at Laredo, Texas, as JOHN H. BOWEN and was a member of the First Baptist Church in that city.

OSBORNE stated that he got in trouble in Mexico in about 1956 when the Mexican authorities were conducting sort of a census in order to identify Americans residing in Mexico. He stated that when he was questioned by Mexican authorities he was required to produce identification documents and the only documents he had were his birth certificate and Canadian Army enlistment papers in the name of ALBERT OSBORNE, which he produced, stating, "This mixed my name up with people in Oaxaco," and indicated that he was known in Mexico by the names OSBORNE and BOWEN.

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He indicated that he had used the name JOHN H. BOWEN in the United States since about 1916 except when he applied for and received a Canadian passport at New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 10, 1963, in the name OSBORNE, using the above-mentioned OSBORNE identification documents. He indicated that after obtaining the passport he visited his sisters and brothers in England and a Baptist Church in Madrid on a 21-day trip ending in New York, December 5, 1963. He traveled to Europe and returned to the United States as a passenger on the Icelandic Airlines.

OSBORNE was questioned concerning his missionary work in Mexico. He indicated that he had visited various evangelical churches in Mexico City and other places in Mexico providing books and financial assistance to these churches. He was questioned concerning his source of funds to provide the financial assistance and books and he stated that these funds came from various independent Baptist Churches and members of Baptist Churches with whom he was in contact. He was questioned concerning the identity of others who knew of his work in Mexico and he mentioned he was well known to PERCY COX, who is well known in Baptist missionary circles in Mexico City, and whose name is listed in the Directory of Americans Residing in Mexico City. He also indicated LEONARD INGRAM, who operates a publishing house of religious materials in Mexico City, could provide information concerning his work as a missionary in Mexico. He indicated he was well known to the Bible Society known as the Mexican Bible Society in Mexico City.

Regarding churches from whom he has received financial support, he indicated that the First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia; Isabell Baptist Church, Leighton, Alabama, and several other churches in that area as well as some churches in Florida, the identity of which he was unable to provide, assisted him financially. He indicated that EARL KIRBY, who is postmaster at Leighton, Alabama, was a person who had rendered considerable financial assistance to him. OSBORNE emphasized that he did not solicit these funds but that these churches and individuals knew of his work and voluntarily sent contributions from time to time.

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OSBORNE was specifically questioned concerning specific activities since June, 1962. In this connection, he indicated that in June, 1962, he was at Laredo, Texas. He stated that since that time he has been traveling around considerably. When questioned for specific places he had been in his activities, he indicated he had spent some time in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and other Louisiana towns and cities looking for old, rare books which he collected and was able to sell for a profit. He indicated that he stayed in rooming houses and cheap hotels, none of which he was able to identify. He was questioned concerning his contacts during that period but was unable to provide specifics.

OSBORNE was questioned specifically concerning his trip to Mexico City on September 26, 27, 1963. OSBORNE indicated that he was a passenger on the Red Arrow Bus Lines from Laredo, Texas to Mexico City, on September 25, 26, 1963. When reminded that he had previously furnished bus ticket stubs of the Red Arrow Bus Lines indicating that he journeyed to Mexico City from Laredo on September 26, 1963, OSBORNE indicated that it was possible that the date of the beginning of his journey was September 26, 1963, but that it was his first recollection that he left on September 25, 1962. He maintained that on the trip to Mexico City there were no other English-speaking people who were fellow passengers and specifically denied that LEE HARVEY OSWALD, whose picture he had viewed on several occasions, was a fellow passenger. He stated he was seated on the bus with a young Mexican or Spanish-appearing person who apparently spoke no English. He stated that this person boarded the bus on the Mexican side of Laredo. He said this person was wearing khaki pants, colored shirt and no hat, and he indicated this person tended to be bald-headed and had a sallow complexion. He got off the bus at the first coffee break at Sabino Hidalgo. His seat mate re-entered the bus after the coffee break, but proceeded to the rear of the bus where he slept. OSBORNE indicated that the only conversation he had with any person on the bus was with two elderly Mexican women who were holding a young baby.

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He stated that the nature of his conversation with these elderly women was to apologize to them for any inconvenience he may have caused them in pushing his seat back since they were seated behind him. He stated he did not know where the boy who was his seat mate at first left the bus, indicating he may have left the bus at Monterey, Mexico. He denied seeing and talking to an English couple and denied seeing and talking to two Australian girls who boarded the bus at Monterey. It is his present recollection that he arrived at Mexico City September 26, 1963, at 9:30 P.M. and took a bus to Puebla where he stayed at the Teresa Hotel.

He indicated that he remained there two or three days and then picked up some religious books at the Evangelical Book Store and proceeded to Texmelucan and went to a residence maintained by missionaries who are native preachers who come and go from that residence. He indicated that he returned to Laredo on October 1, 1963 by Vera Cruz and thereafter went to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he obtained his Canadian passport on October 10, 1963. He remained in New Orleans about three days and returned to Laredo, where he remained a few days and then went to New York City via bus leaving New York City for London as mentioned above. He indicated he was in New York City approximately two days staying at the William Sloan on 34th Street under the name OSBORNE.

OSBORNE admitted he had been untruthful in three previous interviews concerning his own identity and had furnished false information concerning JOHN H. BOWEN, whom he had previously indicated was an acquaintance for whom he, OSBORNE, has been frequently mistaken. He indicated that his reason for his untruthfulness was that he had been caught up in his own web of furnishing false information years ago to the Mexican authorities which established his dual identity as OSBORNE and BOWEN.

It is noted that OSBORNE had in his possession at the time of the interview Canadian Passport No. 5-605377 in the name of Reverend ALBERT OSBORNE, occupation - Clergyman. His place of birth was listed as Grimsby, Lincoln, England, November 12, 1888. This passport is valid until October 10, 1968. It was issued at New Orleans, Louisiana, by G. F. BLACKSTOCK, Consul of Canada.

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Contained with the Canadian passport was an International Certificate of Vaccination in the name of ALBERT OSBORNE, 1441 Drummond Street, Montreal, Canada, which was issued at the U. S. Quarantine Station, Laredo, Texas. A notation contained in this document indicated he was vaccinated on September 24, 1963, at the above mentioned Quarantine Station. It was also noted that OSBORNE had in his possession Social Security Card No. 449-36-9745 in the name JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. It was also noted he had in his possession a Texas Company Gasoline Credit Card, T11372, in the name JOHN H. BOWEN. Typed on this card is the above Social Security Number. The expiration date or the date of issuance on this gas credit card was obliterated.

OSBORNE was questioned concerning his means of livelihood in the past several years. He indicated that he was an expert gardener and when funds became low he obtained jobs at various places as an itinerant gardener. When questioned for names of persons or concerns for whom employed, he was able to furnish only the name of Tyler Nursery Company, Tyler, Texas, as a place where he worked during the summer of 1963. However, he indicated that he had worked at various homes in other Texas cities including Austin, but maintained that he could not recall names of such employers nor was he able to furnish identities of other cities where he had worked as a gardener.

OSBORNE was advised that his photograph had been positively identified by other English speaking people on the Red Arrow Bus from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico City on September 26, 27, 1963. OSBORNE again denied that he was on a bus with any other English speaking people and that he himself spoke no English to anyone on the bus.

He stated that since he had finally revealed his true identity that he would have no purpose in being further untruthful, and that if he were a passenger on the bus with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and other English speaking people, he would freely admit same now, but he continued to maintain that he had never seen OSWALD or been a fellow passenger with him on the bus or the above-mentioned English couple and Australian girls.

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TRAVEL OF ALBERT OSBORNE-  
JOHN HOWARD BOWEN

Date December 24, 1963

OSCAR FERRINO, owner of the St. Anthony Hotel, Laredo, Texas, advised that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN has been staying at the St. Anthony Hotel in Laredo for many many years as he travels to and from Mexico. FERRINO stated that BOWEN is a Baptist Missionary who teaches the Baptist Religion in Puebla, Mexico, and at present is operating a school for approximately 25 to 30 boys. FERRINO advised that he has no records for BOWEN at the hotel for the past two or three months inasmuch as a typewriter belonging to BOWEN was stolen at the hotel and that he gave BOWEN free rent at the rate of \$8.00 per week for Room 108 which is the room BOWEN always occupies until typewriter is paid for and, therefore, did not enter his appearance at the hotel in the registry book. FERRINO stated that BOWEN is approximately 80 years old, but appears to be around 60 or 70 years, is heavy set, bald headed, and is approximately 5'9" tall.

FERRINO stated that he forwards BOWEN his mail each Friday to the address of "JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Emilio Carranza 4-A Texmelucan, Puebla, Mexico".

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by SA ROBERT L. CHAPMAN/dte/les 48 Date dictated 12/24/63

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On January 15, 1964, OSCAR FERRINO, St. Anthony Hotel, Laredo, Texas, advised Special Agent ROBERT L. CHAPMAN that approximately two weeks prior to that date, JOHN HOWARD BOWEN had passed through Laredo from Mexico. He stated that BOWEN told him that BOWEN had been interviewed in Mexico by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and he was then en route to Austin, Texas, for interview by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Austin. He said BOWEN did not leave any forwarding address, but stated he was en route to Kansas City to straighten out his Social Security and said he, BOWEN, would write to FERRINO and tell him where to forward his, BOWEN's, mail. BOWEN did not state what the FBI had interviewed him about in Mexico.

On February 14, 1964, Miss NANCY DAVIS, Secretary to K. W. NEWMAN, Manager, William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, advised Special Agent WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE from records that one ALBERT OSBORN, listing his home (no number) at Drummond Street, Montreal, Canada, William Len Hotel, Folio No. 90193, checked into this hotel on January 17, 1964, stayed in Room 205, at the rate of \$4.68 and checked out January 18, 1964, leaving no forwarding address, made no telephone calls, and occupied the room by himself.

On February 14, 1964, Mrs. SUE HOWARD, Room Clerk, who checked OSBORNE into the hotel, and Mrs. MARTHA BRENNAN, cashier, who checked him out, and Bellman RAYNER DANNER, who took his bags to Room No. 205, all advised Special Agent WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE, after viewing photographs of ALBERT OSBORNE, that they did not recall him and had no idea as to his purpose in being at Memphis, Tennessee.

Date February 17, 1964

On February 16, 1964, WILLIAM S. SHIVELY, JR., 6650 North Clippinger Drive, Cincinnati 43, Ohio, advised he was unacquainted with any ALBERT OSBORNE or any JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

He said he is a third-year student at the University of Cincinnati and had hitchhiked from Cincinnati to Laredo, Texas, during September, 1963, and bought a railroad ticket from there to Mexico City, Mexico, on September 22, 1963. He said he lived at the Royal Prince Hotel while in Mexico City and had also visited Veracruz, Mexico, for several days, staying at the Emporio Hotel. On October 2, 1963, he left Mexico City for Laredo, Texas, via a bus line, name unrecalled, since he failed to make train connections. At Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Mexican authorities checked out the passengers on the bus by taking their tourist cards that were issued upon entering Mexico. He said his tourist card was taken also.

Upon being shown the photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE, he said he merely recalled seeing someone who looked like that person either at the bus station in Mexico City or on his bus ride from Mexico City to Laredo, Texas, on October 2, 1963. SHIVELY said he had no conversation with OSBORNE who was not recalled as traveling with anyone else. Also, SHIVELY stated he was unacquainted with the other passengers on the bus, which had about thirty passengers. He stated he could not remember where OSBORNE departed the bus and did not know his destination or whereabouts. Also, he said he was unable to recall what luggage, if any, OSBORNE had, or the type of clothing he wore.

SHIVELY advised he was unable to recall ALBERT OSBORNE's height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair other than greying, or any peculiarities. He said that had he had any conversation with OSBORNE, SHIVELY would have been able to furnish more information.

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SHIVELY volunteered that he had read newspaper accounts that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been in Mexico at about the same time as SHIVELY visited that country. SHIVELY stated that he had not seen OSWALD in Mexico, was unacquainted with OSWALD, and had no information about OSWALD.

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Dallas T-7, a confidential source abroad, advised on February 7, 1964, that under that date the Spanish police reported their records fail to reflect entry into Spain of ALBERT OSBORNE or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, elderly white male. Further, no record of OSBORNE was located in the Embassy records, Paris, France.

Dallas T-6, supra, reported under date of February 4, 1964, that efforts by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Headquarters, Ottawa, Canada, had developed no additional information regarding ALBERT OSBORNE than that previously reported but efforts were continuing.

Little Rock T-1 reported on February 3, 1964, that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN left a forwarding address at the Hot Springs, Arkansas, U. S. Post Office, on January 29, 1964, of General Delivery, Russellville, Alabama.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HORACE H. WILLIAMS:

Mrs. WILEY UPTAIN, Route 2, Leighton, Alabama, advised February 13, 1964, JOHN HOWARD BOWEN lived at her home during most of approximately two weeks he visited North Alabama, in late January and early February, 1964. She advised she did not know details of BOWEN's itinerary en route back to his home in Mexico, however, she said she transported BOWEN to Russellville, Alabama, on February 10, 1964 where he said he planned to board a Greyhound Bus at 11:32 a.m., February 10, 1964, en route to Mexico, the exact place she did not know, stating she understood BOWEN conducted much of his business at Laredo, Texas. She said BOWEN indicated he intended to contact friends at Birmingham, Alabama, and at New Orleans, Louisiana, en route. He never identified these friends by name or address. She stated she expected BOWEN to reach Mexico on or before February 17, 1964.

Birmingham T-1 reported on February 13, 1964, that the Post Office, Russellville, Alabama, received a postcard postmarked Birmingham, Alabama, February 10, 1964, advising the Russellville Post Office to forward mail for BOWEN to JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, General Delivery, Corpus Christi, Texas.

INTERVIEWS WITH ACQUAINTANCES  
AND CONTACTS OF ALBERT OSBORNE -  
JOHN HOWARD BOWEN

Date January 29, 19641

Mrs. VIRGIL (WILMA) DYKES, 1038 South Whitcomb, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that she is a contributor to the Baptist mission in Mexico. She stated that approximately two years ago, someone submitted her name to this particular mission run by JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and she has been contributing to this mission ever since that time. She stated her last contribution was mailed in the middle of January, 1964, to BOWEN at Niza 22, Mexico.

Mrs. DYKES personally never met BOWEN, but has received a number of thank you notes from BOWEN and Christmas cards with some informative comments concerning the mission and himself. She stated the last thank you card contained information that he had hurt his back and was going to Hot Springs, Arkansas in January, 1964, and that for any reason, could be located through General Delivery in that city.

Mrs. DYKES was exhibited two photographs of BOWEN, which she was unable to identify. She further advised she never heard of the name ALBERTO OSBORNE.

Mrs. DYKES made available a group photograph of BOWEN along with some of his parishioners, which was apparently taken in December, 1961, and it was sent to her by BOWEN as a Christmas card.

Mrs. DYKES advised she had no other information available pertaining to BOWEN other than it was her impression that he was running a bona fide Baptist mission in Mexico.

on 1/28/64 at Indianapolis, Indiana File # DL 100-10461  
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PATRICK J. FLETCHER:kam:vm Date dictated 1/27/64

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Mrs. EUGENE (LOLA) LOVING, 2617 Seventeenth Street, Forest Grove, Oregon, said on January 31, 1964, that her husband is no longer living but that prior to his death, both he and she had been active missionaries for the Pentecostal Church of God, serving for a number of years in Indonesia.

In the early 1950's, they returned from Indonesia, and in about 1956 they and their daughter, SHARON, went to Mexico City, where they opened a Bible School for the Pentecostal Church of God. Not long after beginning their work, they met another missionary by the name of ALBERT OSBORNE. This man, whom she believed to be a Baptist, had a mission at Texmelucan, not far from Mexico City. His mission consisted of his own large home where he gathered in young men who appeared to have no homes or ties, trained them and then sent them out on their own as missionaries.

It was not long before the LOVINGS found that OSBORNE was using two names. His second was JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. In fact, OSBORNE readily admitted the use of both names and voluntarily explained that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, at one time, had been an associate of his in the mission at Texmelucan but had died. Monetary contributions for the mission, which is dependent upon such donations, kept coming in to Texmelucan in BOWEN's name, and rather than lose this money, OSBORNE had gone to banking officials and explained the situation. Specifically mentioned by OSBORNE were American Express authorities in Mexico City, who had agreed to honor the contributions and make the payments to OSBORNE, using BOWEN's name. Consequently, over the years since that time, OSBORNE had assumed the dual identity.

Mrs. LOVING continued that she and her husband and daughter were in Mexico City until about 1958 and that during that time and over the years since, OSBORNE has used both names indiscriminately. She pointed out that he continues to correspond with her and that she never knows, from letter to letter, which name he will be using. She usually writes to him, however, in the name of ALBERT OSBORNE.

Mrs. LOVING went on to say that she had received a letter only a week ago from OSBORNE. The return address, which she had torn from the letter, was ALBERT OSBORN, Emilio Carranza 4-A, Texmelucan, Pue. Mexico, which, she said, was the address of his mission. She expressed the belief that OSBORNE would be at that address at the present time, having only recently returned from Europe. She recalled that in recent weeks, possibly in the past month or two, she had received a letter from OSBORNE in Spain.

Mrs. LOVING readily and without hesitation identified two photographs of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and one of ALBERT OSBORNE as being those of the same person, ALBERT OSBORNE, the man she had known in Mexico. She frequently referred to OSBORNE as a "fine old man" and indicated that she regarded him highly. At one period in his life he supposedly served for twenty years as a missionary in India. Mrs. LOVING believed him to be an American citizen but said she knew of no connections of OSBORNE in the United States except some friends in Texas, whom he visits from time to time. She identified one of his friends as the Reverend WALTER L. HLUCHAN, Post Office Box 1343, Eagle Pass, Texas, who operates a mission near Eagle Pass. Mrs. LOVING said that it had been Reverend HLUCHAN who had introduced OSBORNE to her and her husband and that Reverend HLUCHAN knew OSBORNE well and possessed detailed information concerning him.

Mrs. EUGENE (LOLA) LOVING, 2617 7th Street, Forest Grove, Oregon, advised on February 11, 1964, that she had destroyed the last letter which she had received from ALBERT OSBORNE. This was the letter which bore the return address of ALBERT OSBORNE, Emilio Carranza 4-A, Texmelucan, Pue. Mexico. Mrs. LOVING went on to say that she felt that the letter was written from Texmelucan although this may have been only because she was aware that that was his normal address. She recalled definitely that the letter had come from Mexico because it bore Mexican postage stamps which she had removed and saved for a friend.

Mrs. LOVING further advised that every month she sends a financial contribution to OSBORNE, always sending the contribution to him at Texmelucan. The contributions are usually by check, the checks being cashed at American Express in Mexico City.

Mrs. LOVING added that she was currently preparing a contribution of clothing which was to be sent to OSBORNE. She pointed out, however, that regulations prevent shipment of such clothing into Mexico and consequently such clothing contributions are picked up by OSBORNE when he comes to the United States for visits. He normally informs her as to what point she should mail such clothing. These locations are usually in Texas, Mrs. LOVING said, since that is where he usually visits.

Mrs. LOVING recalled that in the last letter received from OSBORNE, the one which had been destroyed, he had told her that the

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clothing this time should be sent to him in either name, ALBERT OSBORNE or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Post Office Box 308, Laredo, Texas. Mrs. LOVING said that this was the address of a friend of OSBORNE's but that she had never known the name of this individual. She commented that she presumed, in view of his mailing instructions to her, that OSBORNE might be at this Laredo, Texas address either at present or soon if he is not currently in Texmelucan.

Date February 28, 1964

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Reverend WALTER LADDIE HLUCHAN, Pentecostal Church of Christ, 711 Madison, Eagle Pass, Texas, advised as follows:

In 1939 he was assigned by the Pentecostal Church of Christ to do missionary type work at Vera Cruz, Vera Cruz, Mexico. In the latter part of this year, 1939, he met a person who was introduced to him as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN at the residence of Reverend A. G. HORSTMAN, then a missionary for the Pentecostal Church of Christ at Vera Cruz. At this time the person he met as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, but whose true name he now knows to be ALBERT OSBORNE, was living at Nocheslan, Oaxaca, Mexico, which location is between Oaxaca City, Oaxaca, Mexico, and Puebla City, Puebla, Mexico. OSBORNE had suffered financial losses due to a flood in Oaxaca and at that time he (HLUCHAN) bought a Remington portable typewriter from him (OSBORNE) for 150 pesos (\$30.00 in United States money). OSBORNE was at this time selling Bibles and distributing religious literature but was apparently not connected with any specific church or religious denomination.

After this he did not see OSBORNE for approximately eight months but during the following twelve months, 1940-41, he visited OSBORNE several times at Nocheslan, Oaxaca, Mexico, when he (HLUCHAN) chanced to be in Nocheslan on duties connected with his missionary work.

In 1941 he (HLUCHAN) became extremely ill from fever and because of ill health left Mexico for about nine years. During this period he did not see OSBORNE and did not receive any information concerning him. In late 1949 or early 1950 he (HLUCHAN) returned to Mexico City to continue his missionary work. During the next eight or nine years, 1950-58, he saw OSBORNE on about four or five occasions, most of which were at the Mexico City, Mexico, home of Mrs. LOLA LOVINE, wife of a now deceased missionary who now resides at 2223 A Street, Forest Grove, Oregon, and that at some unrecalled date between 1950 and 1958 OSBORNE changed his residence from Nocheslan, Oaxaca, Mexico, to Texmelucan, Puebla, Mexico, which location is also known as San Martine, Puebla, Mexico.

In about 1958 OSBORNE was in some difficulty with the Mexican Immigration authorities at Mexico City concerning his residence in Mexico and his using the name JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

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 by Special Agent FRED T. LEE, JR./cbl:vm Date dictated 2/28/64  
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On one occasion during this period he (HLUCHAN) was at the residence of Mrs. LOLA LOVING in Mexico City and OSBORNE, who was also at the residence, was discussing his problems with the Mexican Immigration authorities. At this time OSBORNE explained in his (HLUCHAN's) presence that many years ago (HLUCHAN did not recall if OSBORNE indicated a specific number of years) he, OSBORNE, had come to Mexico with one JOHN HOWARD BOWEN to do missionary type work. A short time later he lost or misplaced his Mexican Tourist Card which permitted him to live legally in Mexico and it happened that BOWEN, with whom he had come to Mexico and with whom he was doing missionary work, was leaving Mexico and did not need his Mexican Tourist Card. OSBORNE explained that for this reason BOWEN gave him his Mexican Tourist Card to use for identification as a tourist legally in Mexico. OSBORNE explained that subsequent to this he (OSBORNE) was known to persons whom he met as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and among all his acquaintances he used only this name.

Reverend HLUCHAN stated that he positively does not know any reason other than the above as to why OSBORNE used the name JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. Reverend HLUCHAN stated although he met OSBORNE in 1939 he has probably seen him less than a dozen times, has never been closely associated with him and has not seen him since sometime in 1961. Reverend HLUCHAN stated he does not know of any ministerial training OSBORNE may have had, OSBORNE has indicated that prior to going to Mexico he had done missionary work in India for many years; he has never heard OSBORNE called anything but "Mr."; he has never known OSBORNE to have an associate or to organize a church in Mexico; he has never known the religious faith of OSBORNE; as to his knowledge OSBORNE has distributed literature of the Methodist, Baptist, and other churches and had at times indicated a connection with an unknown church in England. Reverend HLUCHAN stated OSBORNE has for many years given religious instruction to Mexican boys who resided at his residence and has distributed religious type literature in Mexico. Reverend HLUCHAN pointed out that during the time he has known OSBORNE since 1939, the only letter he recalls receiving from him was one he received in early February, 1964, indicating a return address of EMILIO CARRANZA 4A, Texmelucan, Puebla, Mexico, which letter was signed ALBERT OSBORN, and including information that OSBORNE had apparently returned to Texmelucan shortly before Christmas, 1963, after participating in evangelistic services in England, Spain, Northern France and Northern Africa.

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Reverend HLUCHAN pointed out that he was vague on some dates regarding his contacts with OSBORNE as he was unable to recall clearly the details of these contacts. Reverend HLUCHAN stated that he has never known OSBORNE to be connected with any occupation or activity other than missionary type work in Mexico and does not know anything unfavorable concerning him. Reverend Hluchan concluded by stating that he could not give any additional information or reason why OSBORNE had used the name JOHN HOWARD BOWEN when his true name was ALBERT OSBORNE.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DEAN W. GASTEIGER:

AT JONESVILLE, VIRGINIA

On February 17, 1964, GEORGE FULLER CRIDLIN, age 16, Jonesville, Virginia, son of JOE CRIDLIN, Judge, Circuit Court, Lee County, Virginia, and a student at Jonesville, Virginia, High School, advised that he had met a JOHN HOWARD BOWEN a couple of years ago, when he was in Appalachia, Virginia, for a church meeting. He said as a result of this, and influence of his mother, he became interested in the missionary work that BOWEN was reported to be doing in Mexico, and therefore, sent him some money to be used in the missionary work. He recalled that about January, 1964, he sent about \$14.00 to him in Mexico, but he could not recall the address. He mentioned his mother, Mrs. JOE CRIDLIN, would be able to furnish more information concerning BOWEN. He was shown the photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE and he said he could not be sure if this person is identical with BOWEN.

On February 18, 1964, Mrs. JOE CRIDLIN, Jonesville, Virginia, advised that she knew a JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, and a photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE was shown to her. She said that this photograph resembles the person she had met as BOWEN. She recalled she first heard about BOWEN through her sister, Mrs. LOUISE FULLER FRALEY, Appalachia, Virginia, when he first came to Appalachia, Virginia, about 20 years ago and spoke to a group in Appalachia, Virginia, about his missionary work. She did not see BOWEN until about two years ago when he returned to Appalachia, Virginia, and stayed with her sister, Mrs. FRALEY, for a night, and while in Appalachia, he spoke before a group at the Baptist Church. She said that about six years ago she decided to send some money to BOWEN to help out in the missionary work he had said he was doing in Mexico. She stated since then she has been receiving correspondence from BOWEN and presently has numerous letters that he has written. She said that the last letter she received from him was postmarked Chattanooga, Tennessee, January 22, 1964, which had a return address of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Niza 22, Mexico, D. F., and this letter mentioned that in December, 1963, he had a back injury and went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for treatment, but when he got there the pain went away and he returned to the Mexican border and he still did not have any pain. Also in this letter was a receipt for \$50.00, dated December 31, 1963, signed JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, on a

receipt form of the Mixteca Baptist Church, Number 151. Mrs. CRIDLIN explained she had sent BOWEN \$50.00 to be used in his missionary work. She said that when she would send clothes for use in the missionary work they would always be sent to Box 308, Laredo, Texas, at BOWEN's request.

She related that her son had sent a Cashier's Check for \$14.00 to him recently and it was sent to JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Niza 22, Mexico, D. F., but he has not received any indication that BOWEN received this money.

She received a letter dated January 6, 1964, from JOHN HOWARD BOWEN which mentioned that he was going to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for treatment for a sprained back. Also this letter contained a report of the gifts he had received from Americans and Mexicans to be used in the mission. She also received a letter in October, 1963, which indicated that BOWEN was going to Spain to talk regarding his mission. A letter postmarked November 28, 1963, Madrid, with return address of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Plaza de las Cortes 2, Madsia, Espana, indicated that he was returning the next week. Also, at one time, BOWEN had given his address as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Av. Juarez 8, Maxico, D. F.

#### AT APPALACHIA, VIRGINIA

On February 18, 1964, Mrs. LOUISE FULLER FRALEY, Appalachia, Virginia, said she first met JOHN HOWARD BOWEN about 20 years ago when he came to the First Baptist Church, Appalachia, Virginia, and spoke in the church. She related she had not seen him again until about one and one-half years ago, when she received a message from him that he was in Knoxville, Tennessee, and wanted to come to Appalachia, Virginia, to speak at the church. She arranged for him to speak on one occasion and he stayed that evening in her home. She said she knew very little about BOWEN except what he has written in his letters. She ascertained from these letters and conversations with him that BOWEN reportedly was 82 in January, 1963, his wife had been killed in 1963; and his children had died in India where he reportedly had been a missionary for the Baptist Church. He had, in September, 1962, mentioned that a Deacon in the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, had given him enough money to finance his mission for three years. He was also well acquainted with

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Mr. and Mrs. FRED ALLEN, 1400 North 4th, Knoxville, Tennessee. He mentioned he had been checked by the Internal Revenue but when they found he operated a mission they discontinued their investigation.

He is not sponsored by the Baptist Church in his mission work, but reportedly is doing the missionary work on his own. She said on occasions she has contributed money to BOWEN's mission.

She said she does not know anything about BOWEN except what he has written or told her. The photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE was exhibited to her and she advised that OSBORNE's photograph appears to be identical with the person she knows as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN who visited in her home about one and one-half years ago.

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The following Baptist ministers advised SA ROBERT LEE MORRISON on February 20, 1964, that ARTHUR OSBORNE and/or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN is unknown to them. They said that in the event they learn of this individual's being in the area they will immediately notify the FBI:

Reverend ORTIE E. BRADSHAW, Grandview Avenue, Jonesboro, Tennessee

Reverend HARVEY SEYMORE, Pine Street, Jonesboro

Reverend W. PAUL HALL, Superintendent of Missions, Holston Baptist Association, 2310 Nave Drive, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Date February 25, 1964

Reverend FRED B. ALLEN, Jr., 505 Oklahoma Avenue, advised he is pastor of the North Glenwood Baptist Church, Knoxville. He advised he and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. FRED B. ALLEN, Sr., 1400 North 4th Avenue, Knoxville, are long-time friends of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, whom he described as an 84 year old missionary. Reverend ALLEN stated that BOWEN has worked as a missionary in Mexico for the past 22 years.

Reverend ALLEN advised he has not seen BOWEN for quite some time, but advised he had recently received a post card from BOWEN postmarked 2/18/62 at San Antonio, Texas. He advised this was an airmail postcard of the type purchased at U. S. Post Offices. He said the only message on the card was BOWEN's new mailing address and that BOWEN hoped to hear from him soon. Reverend ALLEN stated the new address furnished by BOWEN was Niza 22, Mexico D. F.

Reverend ALLEN advised he had absolutely no idea as to BOWEN's present whereabouts, but advised he would immediately notify the Knoxville FBI Office if he or his parents heard anything further from BOWEN.

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Mrs. BESSIE WHITE, Vice President, Pisgah Home Movement, Pikeville, Tennessee, advised she has known of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN for about the past four years. She stated she received information through some source, unrecalled at the present time, that BOWEN was a supervisor of a mission in Mexico, and she has been making contributions to be used to support one of the Evangelists. She said that BOWEN is a representative of the Pentecostal or Full Gospel Church and that he reportedly has several Evangelists working under him at this mission that he operates. She said that the Evangelists are reportedly Mexicans and are working throughout Mexico.

She indicated that she contributes \$35.00 per month at the present time but originally only contributed \$25.00 per month. This money is supposed to be used to support one of the Evangelists and she receives a receipt each month from the person who received the money. The money is sent to BOWEN, who, in turn, makes the money available to the Evangelists. BOWEN also furnishes a receipt indicating that he receives the money that she contributes. She stated that she makes the contribution in the form of bank drafts, which are drawn on the First National Bank of Pikeville, Pikeville, Tennessee, and these drafts are made payable to BOWEN. She said that these cancelled bank drafts, as well as the receipts, are presently in her possession. She said that she has received information that other persons were contributing to this same cause, but she did not know the identity of any of these persons. She said that BOWEN has never solicited any contributions from her, however, he did notify her that the cost of supporting one of the Evangelists had increased from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per month. She has never seen BOWEN and her only contact has been through the United States mails by letter.

She said that she knew very little about BOWEN, but he has advised her in his letters that he is originally from Knoxville, Tennessee. She does not know anything about his background but understands that he has been in Mexico for about 18 years doing missionary work. In addition to the money sent each month, the Pisgah Home Mission occasionally sends used clothing and other articles to BOWEN to be distributed to the needy.

She said that the only name she ever knew this person by was JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and his last address was Niza 22, Mexico, D.F., as of about two weeks previously. She said that the name of the Evangelist that she was supporting was a ZENNEN MIGUEL CRUZ, Niza 22.

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Mexico. She has never seen this person but does receive receipts from him indicating that he received the money which was furnished by her.

She said that the name of ALBERT OSBORNE was not familiar to her. She said the Pisgah Home Movement is an independent, non-profit and non-denominational organization established to aid and assist any needy person, and to do the work of the Lord.

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MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATION  
RE OSBORNE - BOWEN

Date December 4, 1963

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MYRA SILVER, Secretary, Jones Printing Company, 422 Girod Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed at her place of employment and advised that her records reflect the following information:

She stated that on May 29, 1963, a person who she understood gave his name as OSBORNE appeared at the Jones Printing Company and placed an order for 1,000 copies of a handbill, a rough draft of which he submitted on a 8 x 10 looseleaf paper. She stated that the handbill read as follows:

"HANDS  
OFF  
CUBA!

"Join the Fair Play for  
Cuba Committee

"NEW ORLEANS CHARTER  
MEMBER BRANCH

"Free Literature, Lectures

"LOCATION:

"EVERYONE WELCOME!"

She advised that the order was placed on job ticket # D-7543 and promised the completed product on June 4, 1963. She advised that the business relationship was strictly cash, due to the fact that her company had never done business with OSBORNE before.

She advised that her records show that OSBORNE appeared on May 31, 1963, and placed a \$4.00 down payment on his order. She stated that the handbills were made up on June 1, and locked up on June 3, 1963. She advised that OSBORNE probably appeared on June 4, 1963, picked up his handbills and paid the balance of \$5.89 in cash. The total cost for the handbills was \$9.89.

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Mrs. SILVER was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, at which time she stated she could not recognize the person represented in the picture as the person who placed the order for the handbills.

MYRA SILVER furnished the following items to SA McCARTHY:

1) Original rough draft layout for the above mentioned handbills.

2) Jones Printing Company job ticket # D-7548.

3) Three copies of finished handbill beginning, "Hands Off Cuba," which handbills were being retained as file copies by the Jones Printing Company.

Date 3/4/641

MYRA SILVER, Secretary, Jones Printing Company, 422 Girod Street, observed photographs of ALBERT OSBORNE and JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, and advised that neither OSBORNE nor BOWEN was identical with the individual who contacted her on May 31, 1963 and placed an order for some handbills. She stated that the individual who placed the order was a young man and that she recalls that although he gave her the name of OSBORNE, she may have been mistaken and understood that the name he gave was OSBORNE whereas he gave her the name of OSWALD. She stated that she repeated the name OSBORNE and that he did not correct her so that she assumed that that was his name.

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DOUGLAS JONES, Jones Printing Company, 422 Girod Street, observed photographs of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and ALBERT OSBORNE, and advised that the individual, who ordered handbills during the latter part of May, 1963, was not identical with these photographs.

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ARTHUR B. NUSSLY, Printer, Jones Printing Company, 422 Girod Street, advised that he had no contact with the individual who placed the order for handbills in the latter part of May, 1963. He observed photographs of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, ALBERT OSBORNE, and LEE HARVEY OSWALD and advised that he could not identify either one of the photographs.

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On February 25, 1964, the FBI Identification Division reported that the fingerprints of the individual interviewed February 8, 1964, at Florence, Alabama, as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN had been identified with the prints of one JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, fingerprinted December 18, 1953, by the Houston, Texas Police Department under their Identification No. 64246.

On February 25, 1964, a review of the Houston Police Department records under Identification No. 64246 reflect individual giving name JOHN HOWARD BOWEN was arrested 5:05 a.m., December 11, 1953, at 412 Travis, Houston, Texas, which is the location of the Woods Hotel. BOWEN was held for "investigation in connection with mattress fire" and gave his date of birth as January 14, 1887, Chester, Pennsylvania, being described as a white male, 5'10", 220 pounds, heavy build, brown hair - thinning, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, being employed by and residing at the Woods Hotel.

Detective J. D. ROLLINS, Houston Police Department, advised on February 25, 1964, that no charge was actually filed against BOWEN and he was apparently released the same day as arrested. ROLLINS made available a copy of the Houston Police Department Identification Record and photograph taken of BOWEN on December 11, 1953.

NEGATIVE INVESTIGATION  
RE OSBORGE - BOWEN

Date December 17, 1963

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Mr. ARTURO GARZA CANTU, Deputy Consul, Mexican Consul General's Office, 127 Navarro Street, San Antonio, advised that a check of all applications for tourist cards for travel in Mexico on file in his office for the months of August and September, 1963, does not reflect that an application was received or Mexican tourist card issued during that period of time in the names of JOHN H. BOWEN or LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mr. CANTU stated his office has no way to determine the place of issuance of Mexican tourist card bearing number 4329926.

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on 12/13/63 at San Antonio, Texas File # SA 105-2909  
by Special Agent BRUNO F. DREYER/mjb:vm Date dictated 12/13/63

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Date December 17, 1963

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GILBERTO CAZARES GARZA, Chief of Mexican Immigration, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, advised that according to his records, JOHN H. BOWEN, 60 years of age, married, from Houston, Texas, obtained a tourist FM-5 card from his office numbered 4329926 on September 26, 1963.

BOWEN departed Mexico through Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on October 1, 1963.

Mr. CAZARES stated that his records did not reflect any address for BOWEN or any other information.

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on 12/13/63 at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico File # SA 105-2909  
by Special Agent LEOPOLDO E. ARMIJO/mjb:vm Date dictated 12/13/63

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

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

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by Special Agent ARTHUR E. CARTER:mvs:vm Date dictated 12/26/63

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On February 27, 1964, Reverend REUBEN J. CANAS, Pastor, First Mexican Southern Baptist Church, 801 W. 23rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised he has made numerous contacts with people of Mexican extraction and people associated with the Baptist Church without developing information concerning JOHN HOWARD BOWEN or ALFRED OSBORNE. Reverend CANAS recommended contact with the following two organizations in the order they are set forth since these organizations would have a record of any Baptist missionary working in,--or who has worked in, Mexico:

1. Baptist General Convention of Texas, Reverend DALLAS LEE, Co-ordinator, Language Mission Department, Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas.
2. Reverend ROBERTO BARRAS MAYNES, Executive Secretary of the Condencion Nacional Bautista, Mexico City D.F., Mexico.

Reverend CANAS advised that whereas there were numerous conventions within the Baptist Church in the United States, the missionary work in Mexico approximately the past twenty years has been consolidated into one organization.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 3/2/641

Rev. DALLAS LEE advised he is the co-ordinator, Language Department, Baptist General Convention, Baptist Building, 703 N. Ervay, telephone No. Riverside 1-1991, Dallas, Texas. He said he resides at 3125 Damascus Way in Dallas, Texas.

Rev. LEE said he checked the records of the Baptist General Convention Language Department and was unable to locate any information concerning ALBERT OSBORNE or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

He said he contacted the following individuals:

LOYD CORDER, Secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board, Language Department, Atlanta, Georgia;

R. G. VAN ROYEN, Retired Missionary, Southern Baptist Convention of Panama;

OSCAR ROMO, Latin-American Associate of South Baptist Convention in Dallas.

Rev. LEE advised that each of these persons assured him that they had never heard of a missionary in Mexico whose name was ALFFRE OSBORNE or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

He said he would keep this request of the Dallas Office in mind and if information concerning OSBORNE or BOWEN came to his attention he would immediately notify the Dallas Office.

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 by Special Agent ARTHUR E. CARTER:vm Date dictated 3/2/64

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On January 24, 1964, Mrs. MAZIE SCOGIN, Receptionist, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, Atlanta, Georgia, checked all departments of her organization and could find no record of Reverend JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

On February 4, 1964, Mrs. SCOGIN checked all departments of her organization for a record of Reverend ALBERT OSBORNE and could locate no record.

Exhaustive efforts at the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C., on December 23, 1963, failed to locate any information regarding JOHN HOWARD BOWEN based on descriptive data then available.

On January 24, 1964, IC THOMAS WHITE was advised that Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., records were negative concerning ALBERT OSBORNE.

On January 28, 1964, SA KENNETH J. HASER was advised the records of the Office of State, Security and Visa, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C., contain no record identifiable with ALBERT OSBORNE.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM F. MARTIN:

At New York City

On December 23, 1963, SIDNEY A. DAVIS, Assistant Chief, Records Administration and Information Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), 20 West Broadway, New York City, that a review of airline and steamship records located at INS failed to disclose any identifiable information regarding one JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and his alleged departure from New York on November 13, 1963. DAVIS stated, however, that INS files did reveal that on November 13, 1963, one GEORGE F. BOWEN, Passport Number B584700, 18 Plymouth Road, Westfield, New Jersey, departed New York via Pan American Airways (PAA) Flight 100 for London. On the same date, the files also disclosed that CHARLES H. BOWEN, Passport Number 11248841, 58 Oakley Avenue, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, departed New York via PAA Flight 114 for Paris.

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Mrs. BETTY P. LAMBERT, Assistant Office Manager, and Mrs. MAVIS LEHMAN, Clerk, American Express Company, 649 5th Avenue, New York City, advised SA J. WILLIAM LOVE on January 27, 1964, that records of Visitors Mail Service, American Express Company, reflected no information regarding the names JOHN HOWARD BOWEN or ALBERT OSBORNE. --

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/25/641

MARINA OSWALD was interviewed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DECIAN P. FORD, 14057 Brookcrest, Dallas, Texas. Mr. HENRY BAER, law partner of Mr. WILLIAM A. MCKENZIE, Attorney for MARINA, was present during this interview.

MARINA was asked if she or her husband, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, had known an individual by the name of ALBERT OSBORNE or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. She advised she did not know any persons by these names. She said she had never heard him mention the names. She was asked if OSWALD had mentioned making an acquaintance on his trip to Mexico in September-October, 1963. MARINA said she cannot recall that OSWALD said he made any such acquaintances. She said OSWALD took the trip to Mexico alone and returned alone.

MARINA was exhibited a photograph of one JOHN HOWARD BOWEN which depicts him standing on a grassy lawn before a castle-like edifice. She said she could not identify this person. She was exhibited a mug type photograph of one ALBERT OSBORNE taken October, 1963, and she advised she had never seen this person to her knowledge.

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by Special Agent WALLACE R. HEITMAN and ANATOLE A. BOGUSLAV:vm Date dictated 2/25/64

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On February 10, 1964, Mrs. RUTH PAINE, 2515 W. 5th Street, Irving, Texas, examined photographs of ALBERT OSBORNE, also known as John Howard Bowen, after which she advised she has never seen the person depicted in those photographs and has never heard either name to the best of her recollection.

It will be noted that Mrs. MARINA OSWALD was residing with Mrs. PAINE as of November 22, 1963, and had been an acquaintance of Mrs. PAINE for some months prior to that date.

During the investigation of captioned matter it was determined that at the time LEE HARVEY OSWALD was employed by Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, Dallas, Texas, October 12, 1962, to April 6, 1963, he had a fellow employee known as JACK LESLIE BOWEN.

In an effort to determine if JACK LESLIE BOWEN was identical to or connected with JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, alleged missionary in Mexico, who was a fellow passenger with OSWALD on a bus trip to Mexico City on September 26-27, 1963, the following investigation was conducted:

A photograph of JOHN CAESAR GROSSI, also known as JACK LESLIE BOWEN, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Identification Number 3,967,794, was obtained from Wheat Photo Studios, Bryan Street at Peak, Dallas, Texas, on June 21, 1956, by SA NAT A. PINKSTON, the photograph having been made in April, 1956.

On interview July 6, 1956, the following description of JOHN CAESAR GROSSI was obtained from observation and questioning:

Name	JOHN CAESAR GROSSI, also known as Jack Leslie Bowen
Age	30
Born	8/5/25, Paterson, New Jersey
Height	6'
Weight	168-170 (normally over 200)
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown, wavy, thick
Teeth	Good
Complexion	Tan (normally medium), clean shaven
Eyes	Blue, no glasses
Military Service	None

**Education**

1 year high school, Paterson,  
New Jersey, high school diploma  
obtained while serving time at  
El Reno, and equivalent 2 years  
college at other penitentiaries

**Peculiarities**

Accomplished artist, caricaturist

**Father**

JOHN GROSSI, whereabouts unknown

**Mother**

ROSE GROSSI, believed to reside  
at Paterson, New Jersey

**Sister**

JEAN GROSSI (married name unknown)

**Brother**

ALBERT GROSSI, believed to reside  
in Paterson, New Jersey

**Wife**

LUCILLE RYDER BOWEN (now pregnant).

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GARY EUGENE LAWLER advised he resides at 3235 Seevers, Dallas, Texas, and is employed by the Prior Products, Inc., at 4828 Recfall in Dallas. He said his residence telephone number is FR 4-5305 and his business telephone number is HA 8-7411. He observed a photograph of JOHN CAESAR GROSSI, FBI No. 3 967 794, and advised he is identical with a person whom he knew as JACK BOWEN who formerly lived in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas at an apartment on Stevens Forest Drive. He said he last saw BOWEN about three weeks prior to February 15, 1964, when BOWEN was residing at the Executive Inn and told him he was leaving the following day on a trip to Mexico and New York. BOWEN told him on that occasion he could be reached through MAX CHERRY, c/o Mrs. M. M. CHERRY, at 3542 Purdue, Dallas, telephone EM 3-1246. He said that BOWEN told him he and CHERRY planned to go into the import-export business at El Paso, Texas, and Chihuahua, Mexico. BOWEN told him about a deal he had with a Mr. McCOLLOM who was in the insurance business in Dallas which had fallen through so he was going into business with MAX CHERRY.

He said BOWEN married a Canadian whose name is PATRICIA GERVAN BOWEN about three or four years ago and she lives with her mother, MABLE GERVAN, at 50 Ragland North, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and BOWEN is occasionally in contact with his wife's sister, EDNA ELICIT, who resides at 39 Lorne Street South in Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. LAWLER said he was employed at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall until about November, 1963, and BOWEN was there for some time leaving about August. He said he recalled that LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the accused assassin of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, was employed at this same firm for a very short time while BOWEN was there.

He said BOWEN had never discussed anything about the import-export business until after August of 1963. LAWLER said he was barely acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and only saw him when he went into the department where OSWALD was employed at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall. He said he, LAWLER, was in the production office and BOWEN and OSWALD were in the camera department. He said that BOWEN set up a form of type called "Headliner" and produced miscellaneous art work, cartoons, etc.

LAWLER said he never discussed any political beliefs or anything except the production work with LEE HARVEY OSWALD while OSWALD was employed at the Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall plant in Dallas.

LAWLER said he did not know JACK RUBY, however, he had

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visited the Carousel and Vegas Clubs when they were operated by RUBY at Dallas. He said he had no personal knowledge of any association between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and RUBY and he felt certain that BOWEN had not discussed any import-export business with OSWALD because LEE OSWALD left his job with Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall long before JACK BOWEN first began to talk about the import-export business. --

He said he never heard JACK BOWEN mention Texas Import-Export Company and never heard of or knew a person whose name is ALEXANDER KLEINLERER.

He advised he knew of no other associates of JACK L. BOWEN and he would immediately notify the FBI if he determined BOWEN's current location and/or address.

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During the efforts to identify and locate ALBERT OSBORNE, it was determined that the individual known as OSBORNE had received at his residence in Texmelucan, Mexico, on January 21, 1964, a communication from "The Beam", 6248 Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas.

Date February 22, 1964

Mr. JIM JOHNS, Southern Baptist Radio & Television, 6248 Camp Bowie Boulevard, furnished the following information:

"The Beam" is a monthly religious magazine published by this organization. It is distributed mainly in the Southern and Southwestern part of the United States. Mr. JOHNS caused a search to be made of all mailing lists of this organization. This search failed to find any record of ALBERT OSBORNE. The following names were listed among their various mailing lists:

Mrs. JOHN E. BOWEN  
335 West Earle Street  
Greenville, South Carolina

Mrs. JOHN BOWEN  
75 Neron Place  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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On February 26, 1964, Mrs. JOHN BOWEN, 75 Neron Place, New Orleans, Louisiana, was unavailable for interview but her husband, JOHN WARD BOWEN, Director of Personnel, Texas Pacific-Missouri Pacific Railroad, advised that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN was unknown to him and is not related to him. JOHN WARD BOWEN stated he does not know ALBERT OSBORNE.

On February 26, 1964, Mrs. JOHN HOLCOMBE BOWEN, 335 W. Earle Street, Greenville, South Carolina, advised her husband, JOHN HOLCOMBE BOWEN, has been deceased for 32 years. She said she does not know any other JOHN H. BOWEN.