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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis:

No information available ONI, WDC, re subject possibly handing out Fair Play For Cuba Committee leaflets at New Orleans dock. Allegation set forth re Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD visiting Soviet Embassy. Inquiry at National Rifle Association set forth re book statement. Records Central Office, INS, negative re JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ MOLINA. Info set forth re letters of one EDWARD F. BRAY which allege among other things that Naval officials had advance knowledge of plot on President KENNEDY's life.

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**INQUIRY AT ONI RE SUBJECT POSSIBLY HANDING OUT
FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE LEAFLETS AT NEW
ORLEANS DOCK**

It will be recalled that a Mr. MARTIN SAMUEL ABELOW advised that in or about June of 1963, while on a vacation trip in New Orleans, Louisiana, he observed a young man distributing Fair Play for Cuba Committee leaflets to a crowd waiting to board a United States aircraft carrier, which was docked in New Orleans at that time. It will also be recalled that in a letter to Mr. V. T. LEE, then National Director of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, OSWALD said that "we also managed to picket the fleet when it came in and I was surprised at the number of officers which were interested in our leaflets."

Pursuing the possibility that LEE HARVEY OSWALD, either alone or with others, may have distributed Fair Play for Cuba Committee literature under the circumstances indicated above, inquiry was made at the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI).

On July 14, 1964, WILBUR SARTWELL, ONI, Potomac River Naval Command, telephonically advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), that the files of his office contain no information that would relate to the subject and the incident described above. He indicated any such record would be at Headquarters, ONI.

On July 15, 1964, Mr. DON GORHAM, Acting Chief, NCISC-3, United States Naval Counter Intelligence Support Center, ONI, made available to a representative of the FBI, the Headquarters, ONI files pertaining to the subject.

A review of these files, on July 15, 1964, failed to disclose any record of, or reference to, the circumstances described previously in this communication. This also includes a summary of information available in the file relating to the subject up to the period of the assassination.

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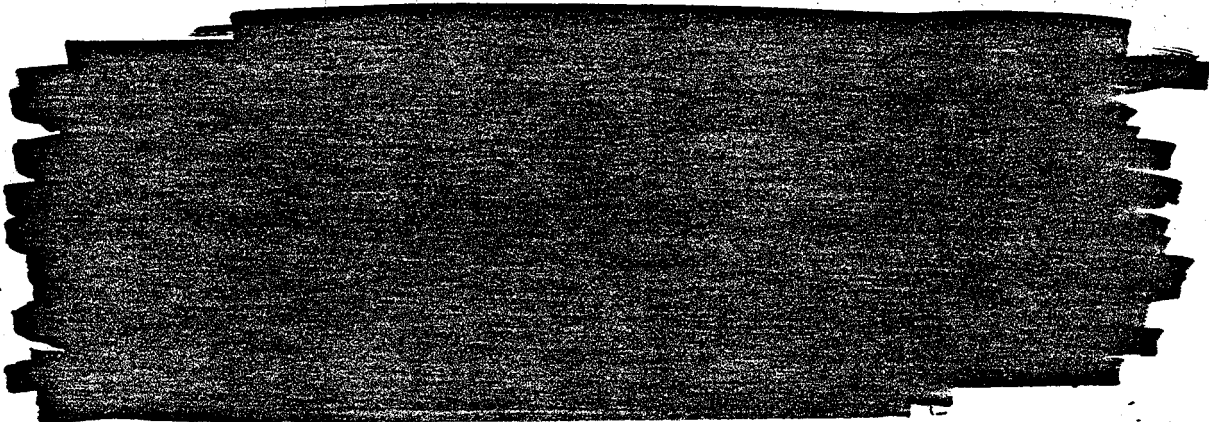
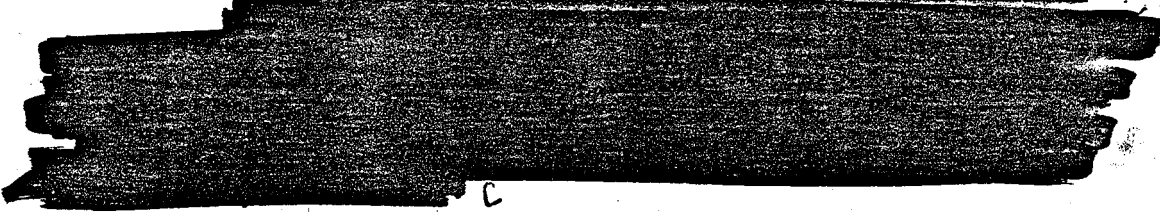
Mr. GORHAM pointed out that the actual file of ONI is with the President's Commission, that the files reviewed represent about ninety-eight per cent of available ONI information pertaining to the subject. He said he did not recall any reference to such an incident possibly involving the subject, and felt if there had been such an incident reported it would have been contained in the previously mentioned summary.

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ALLEGATION RE MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD
VISITING SOVIET EMBASSY

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RE: NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

On July 17, 1964, Mr. LOUIS F. LUCAS, Executive Director, and Mr. FRANK F. DANIEL, Secretary, National Rifle Association, Washington, D. C., were interviewed regarding the statement made on page 80 of the book "OSWALD: Assassin or Fall Guy," by JOACHIM JOESTON, to the effect that "Life" reports that CLAYTON E. WHEAT, JR., Director of the National Rifle Association, "fired an identical-make rifle with an identical sight against a moving target over similar ranges for 'Life' last week."

Mr. LUCAS advised that he recalls a request made to the National Rifle Association, through Mr. DANIEL, shortly after the assassination by news media to make such a test. However, the request came from one of the broadcasting services, the name of which they cannot now recall, and not "Life" magazine. According to Mr. LUCAS, this request was denied inasmuch as the officers of the Association had previously decided not to become involved in the reaction to the assassination and the weapon used.

Mr. DANIEL stated he recalls suggesting to the inquiring party the names of several individuals in the New York City area that could make such a test, including Mr. WHEAT. He explained Mr. WHEAT's name was included since the latter was a member of a gun club in the New York area, which had the facilities available for such a test.

Mr. LUCAS added that he knows such tests were subsequently made by Mr. WHEAT as an individual, but not at the request of the National Rifle Association. According to Mr. LUCAS, the National Rifle Association was not furnished the criteria used by Mr. WHEAT in making the test or the results. Mr. LUCAS is confident, however, that the information sought is known to Mr. WHEAT.

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Mr. LUCAS stated he and Mr. DANIEL personally never questioned that three shots could be fired in 6.8 seconds from the weapon in question. However, to verify this for their own information, the National Rifle Association had a weapon of the same make fired at the range in their building in Washington, D. C., for the sole purpose of determining if this bolt-action rifle could be fired three times in 6.8 seconds. During the course of this test, no consideration was given to distance, use of a telescopic sight, or a moving target. Mr. LUCAS said this test verified the opinion of the Association officers, that if one round were in the chamber, that round and two more could be fired in 6.8 seconds.

Both Mr. LUCAS and Mr. DANIEL emphasized that the results of this "so-called" test were never published nor was mention made of it to the press. Rather, when questioned by representatives of various news media, National Rifle Association officials merely answered, "Yes, three shots can be fired from that weapon in 6.8 seconds."

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Re: JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ MOLINA

It is to be noted that on November 22, 1963, the date of the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ MOLINA, born June 18, 1924, at Dallas, Texas, was employed by the Texas School Book Depository, Dallas, Texas.

On July 4, 1964, a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation made inquiry at the Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Washington, D. C., through Mr. SIDNEY B. RAWITZ, Deputy Associate Commissioner for Security, INS, for any information in the files of that agency concerning MOLINA.

On the same date, Mr. RAWITZ advised that a search of records at the Central Office, INS, failed to disclose any information in the files of that agency identifiable with JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ MOLINA, born June 18, 1924, Dallas, Texas.

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Re: EDWARD F. BRAY

On July 13, 1964, a Miss JULIA OLSON, Manager of the National Capital Democratic Club, 300 New Jersey Avenue, S. E., telephonically advised a representative of the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), that she had received a copy of a letter from one EDWARD F. BRAY to Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Alabama, wherein it was stated that the United States Navy Department knew in advance of a plot on President KENNEDY's life. Miss OLSON indicated she would forward the letter to the Washington Field Office of the FBI.

On July 15, 1964, the described letter was received at the Washington Field Office. The envelope for it was handwritten addressed in ink to the Democratic Club, 300 New Jersey, S. E., Washington, D. C., and was postmarked Portland, Oregon, p.m., June 30, 1964.

The letter, which is typed except for the signature, "Edw. F. Bray," is as follows:

"COOS BAY, ORE.
JUNE 16, 1964

"HON. GEORGE WALLACE
GOV. STATE OF ALABAMA
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

"DEAR GOVERNOR:

"NAVAL OFFICIALS, WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLOT, ALLOWED THEIR CIC, JOHN F. KENNEDY, TO GO TO THE VERY SPOT WHERE THEY KNEW THAT THE ASSASSIN WAITED. OVER 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DALLAS TRAGEDY, NAVAL OFFICIALS HAD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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"THE ORGANIZATION.....JFCOTT*
THE ASSASSIN.....A DISGRUNTED EX-SERVICEMAN
THE WEAPON.....A HIGH POWERED RIFLE
THE METHOD.....A SNIPER'S BULLET AS YOU RIDE IN AN OPEN CAR
THE LOCATION.....A PARADE IN DALLAS, TEXAS.

"DETAILS OF THE PLOT WERE OUTLINED, IN A LETTER MAILED AUGUST 12, 1963, TO A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET. ALSO ON 3 OCCASIONS, THE PLOT WAS DISCUSSED AT GREAT LENGTH IN PERSON WITH NAVAL OFFICIALS. AFTER THE DALLAS TRAGEDY, THESE DETAILS, ALONG WITH PHOTOSTATS & PHOTO'S WERE SENT TO THE WARREN COMMISSION,

"THE SYNDICATE HAD OBTAINED, BY FRAUD, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF \$'s ON NAVY DEFENSE PROJECTS. NAVAL OFFICIALS CO-OPERATED WITH THE SYNDICATE. THE SENATE ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE HAD RULED, IT IS NOT UP TO THE SENATE TO INVESTIGATE THIS GIGANTIC FRAUD, BUT IT IS UP TO THE PRESIDENT.

"NAVAL INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONED MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION WHO PLOTTED THE ASSASSINATION, THEN ALLOWED THEM TO GO FREE. LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS SET UP AS 'A PATSY.'

"*JFCOTT-JUSTICE FOR CREW OF THE THRESHER.

"RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

"BENDIX CORP.
FISHER BLDG.
DETROIT, MICH.
(A MEMBER OF THE SYNDICATE)"

EDWARD F. BRAY EE

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By letter dated August 10, 1964, Mrs. JEHU L. HUNTER, President, League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia, 1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., forwarded to the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a copy of a letter from EDWARD F. BRAY, to the Secretary of the Navy, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

This copy was sent to the organization by mail in an envelope postmarked July 3, 1964, at Portland, Oregon.

The content of BRAY's letter is substantially the same as that set forth above.

It is to be noted that Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD FRANK BRAY, 2606 N. E. 12th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, are presently engaged in a very widespread mailing of letters and other materials to FBI offices, prominent individuals, and federal and state officials throughout the United States.

The subjects of the BRAY mailings are:

- (1) The sinking of the nuclear submarine Thresher;
- (2) The assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY;
- (3) An allegation that the Navy has lost an atomic war head off the Pacific Coast.

EDWARD FRANK/BRAY/was formerly employed by the Bendix Company at the Navy Torpedo Station, Keyport, Washington, and as a result of mental instability caused by a head injury in the course of his employment there, he was terminated from such employment for medical reasons. He has a suit pending against the Bendix Company for damages. He has been interviewed by representatives of the FBI, the Postal Service, and Office of Naval Intelligence. He is considered definitely psychopathic.

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