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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

RE: JOHN ERMIL/FREEMAN

WILLIAM MORRIS DEAN, inmate, North Carolina Prison Department, Blanch, North Carolina, was interviewed on December 5, 1963, at which time he advised he was formerly an inmate at the Florida Penitentiary, Raiford, Florida, for two and one half years, serving a sentence for breaking and entering while on escape from North Carolina. He stated he was released to the North Carolina authorities September 12, 1963, to complete 35 to 45 year sentence for safe cracking.

He stated while at Raiford, he was the cellmate of JOHN (JACK) FREEMAN for 1 year. FREEMAN was outspoken pro-CASTRO and pro-Communist. FREEMAN claimed he had flown planes to Cuba, left them, was flown back to the coast of Florida, where he parachuted down and got other planes to fly to Cuba. He, FREEMAN, had spent considerable time in Cuba.

FREEMAN stated when arrested in Miami, Florida, on bigamy charge he had a large supply of baby bottle nipples in his possession which were to be used as silencers on guns. FREEMAN spoke constantly of the advantages of communism and with admiration for the CASTRO regime. DEAN stated that FREEMAN was able to get into the penitentiary all kinds of communist literature which he tried to get other inmates to read.

DEAN stated when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was involved in an affray in New Orleans, Louisiana, last spring, he recalls FREEMAN had a radio and listened to the broadcast from New Orleans about the pro-CASTRO group in that city and their activities. FREEMAN made the statement that OSWALD was "his buddy" and that he belonged to the same outfit as OSWALD. FREEMAN also made the statement that President KENNEDY would be killed before his term was up and it would occur in Texas. FREEMAN also stated that after the President was killed and "They took over" then the Governors and the Sheriffs would be killed. FREEMAN asked DEAN if he knew the Sheriff of Hernando County, Florida, where DEAN lived previously. DEAN replied he did and also most of the Deputies. The next day FREEMAN told DEAN the name of that

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Sheriff, his address, and also the correct names and addresses of the Sheriff's Deputies. FREEMAN claimed "They" had the names of every Sheriff in the United States listed with their addresses so that they could be killed.

DEAN stated FREEMAN originally was from Indiana, and described FREEMAN as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	31-32 years
Hair:	Sandy
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	165 pounds

DEAN stated FREEMAN claimed to have been raised in Ohio and Utah, where he became a Mormon. FREEMAN claimed a pro-CASTRO group in Utah had caches of guns but did not identify their location. FREEMAN claimed he attended a college for one year in Ohio which was paid for by the Communists and while there taught fellow students to shoot in the woods behind the college.

DEAN stated FREEMAN gave him the names of contacts which he had recorded in a book and made available. DEAN stated he had led FREEMAN to believe he wanted to join his cause and FREEMAN stated they needed a safe cracker since they knew of a safe containing a large sum of money that could be cracked but did not identify it.

Contacts given DEAN by FREEMAN were as follows:

ANDRE T. MARTISON  
331 East 9th St.

New York 3, New York (who could get papers for anyone to leave the country who wanted to get out)

T. C. CHENG

Room 906  
East Asia Bank Building  
#10 Desvoeux Road

Central, Hong Kong (who comes to U. S. about three times a year and has an airplane coat manufacturing company near the airport at Miami, Florida. Supposedly a big man in the pro-CASTRO movement and also described by FREEMAN as being in narcotics trade.)

CUSTAVO MACHADO, an officer  
in the ~~National Congress~~ of Venezuela,  
Caracas, Venezuela.

LUIS VALENCIA, a member of FUAR  
organization in Columbia.

DOMINGO RANGEL, of the Venezuelan  
MIR.

FRANCISCO JULIAO, an attorney  
in Brazil, who can obtain legal permits,  
not further identified

TOM KINGBURG, Isla De Las Mujeres,  
Quintana Rod, Mexico.

LOMBARD TOLEDANO  
Mexico City, Mexico.

DEAN stated that FREEMAN furnished this list as contacts who would be sympathetic toward the pro-CASTRO movement throughout the Hemisphere and although DEAN has very little education he had printed these names very carefully in an address book which he made available. FREEMAN also told DEAN that a Phillips 66 Station near Pier 61 or 65 in Miami, Florida, was the contact point for the pro-CASTRO operations.

DEAN stated although he has spent most of his life in the prison system of North Carolina that he is deeply loyal to this country and is furnishing this information because of this loyalty. He stated he feels FREEMAN told him all of this since FREEMAN knew that DEAN was a "long termer" and felt DEAN should be bitter towards the United States and might be sympathetic toward the pro-CASTRO movement.