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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
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On 4/18/75, Sheriff Allen L. Capwell (NA) Wyoming County,
New York, personally appeared at the Buffalo Office of the FBI and
related the following information which he had obtained from Richard
Monroe Margeson, DOB 6/16/27, Rochester, New York, residing
Webster Road, Wyoming County, New York, on 4/14/75, whom Capwell
has personally known for past five years. Capwell has no reason to
believe Margeson is not stable.

Margeson while living in Los Angeles, California, in 1962, met
one Lawrence Howard, Jr., 6', 300 lbs., of Mexican descent. Howard
was engaged in collecting funds to support the anti-Castro forces. Howard
went to Florida Key in 1962 for six months for purpose of training troops
to invade Cuba and thereafter in late 1962 returned to Los Angeles
accompanied by Rudy Hernandez, Mexican, in his 20s, 5'2", heavy build

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and unsub, aka "Slim," no other name known, white male, 5'6", also in his 20s. Slim and Rudy resided at Olive Hotel, Olive Street, Los Angeles. Howard's specific address unknown but lived in East or Northeast Los Angeles.

All were employed by a Jack Casey, not further described, painting and refurbishing the old Union Temple building located behind the Los Angeles Greyhound Bus Station. This building reportedly housed the Marquade (PH) Printing Shop in the basement, which at that time was engaged in printing the original draft of Richard M. Nixon's book after he lost the Presidential election. Through these individuals, Margeson met a man called "Tex" who arrived from New Orleans in late 1962 or early 1963. Tex reportedly was a hit man and described as white male, late 20s, 5'6" to 5'9", slender build, 135 pounds, with former military service and a rotten disposition. Margeson said Tex visited Margeson's house on Trigg Street in East Los Angeles and furnished his name as Harvey Lee. Tex left Los Angeles destination unknown, after about two weeks.

Following President Kennedy's assassination and picture of Lee Harvey Oswald appearing in news media, Margeson realized that Tex and Oswald were identical.

Margeson said Howard was later subpoenaed by former District Attorney Garrison, New Orleans, Louisiana during course of Garrison's investigation of this matter. Margeson decided to come forth after viewing a recent TV documentary on the Warren Commission investigations wherein it was depicted Oswald was in Russia while in fact Oswald was in California. This caused Margeson to believe that a conspiracy could possibly have existed in that Oswald may not have acted alone.

Buffalo indices contain nothing identifiable with Margeson and Howard.

Bureau files contain no information identifiable with Margeson.

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Review of Bureau files reveals the following information:

There is no indication that Lee Harvey Oswald used the aliases Harvey Lee or "Tex." He did use the alias "O. H. Lee" while renting a room in Dallas, Texas, in October - November, 1963.

There is no indication Oswald was in California in the 1960s. He left Russia in May, 1962, and took up residence in Fort Worth, Texas, in June, 1962. He lived at several residences there and in Dallas, Texas, until April, 1963, when he left for New Orleans, Louisiana. He lived at various addresses there until September, 1963, when he went to Mexico for several days and then returned to Texas.

Coverage of his movements at any time was not necessarily complete. For the end of 1962 and early 1963 there is a period of time, 10/19/62-11/3/62, when his wife resided with several people in Texas and there was no record of his residence. There are no readily discernable gaps in his stay in New Orleans.

Lawrence Howard, Jr. *Cel. f.*
Lawrence John Howard, Jr., DOB 1/17/35, 5'11", 222 pounds, *Flo.* black wavy hair, brown eyes, medium olive complexion, who speaks *Lo. Cuba* English and Spanish fluently, was interviewed in 1964, in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. At that time he resided with his wife, Rose, and two daughters at 3191 Blanchard Street, Los Angeles. He was employed at I. T. E. Circuit Breaker Company.

This interview was based on an allegation by Sylvia Odio, an anti-Castro Cuban refugee living in Dallas, Texas, that she was visited in Dallas on 9/26-27/63 by Oswald and two Cuban companions. Investigation determined that on 9/26-27/63, Oswald was en route from New Orleans to Mexico by bus. Subsequent investigation revealed that the persons who visited Odio were probably Howard, William Houston Seymour and Loran Eugene Hall. Odio was shown photographs of the three but her memory was hazy and she could not recall meeting them. She testified before the Warren Commission regarding this meeting. She was under the care of a psychiatrist at the time. The Commission concluded that she had not met Oswald.

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Howard, when interviewed in 1964, denied ever meeting Odio or ever knowing Oswald. He was in the Florida Keys in January, 1963, training with a group of men planning for an anti-Castro invasion of Cuba. He met Hall in Florida. He returned to Los Angeles in August, 1963, for 17 days and then returned to Florida, stopping off in Dallas.

Bureau files contain no information as to his whereabouts at specific times in 1962.

Howard and Hall were subsequently subpoenaed to New Orleans, Louisiana, by District Attorney James Garrison in connection with his assassination probe.

Enrique Hall, aka Lorenzo Pascillo, DOB 1/4/30, 5'11 1/2", 200 pounds, black hair, hazel eyes, dark complexion, mustache since 1960 and a full beard in September, 1963, resided in Kernville, California, when interviewed in 1964. He operated the Rainbow Motel in Kernville and was also employed as a truck driver. He mentioned that Seymour generally resembled Oswald and could be mistaken for him. He could recall no meeting with Odio.

Heaton Seymour was interviewed in Phoenix, Arizona, where he lived and worked as a welder, in 1964. He admitted being involved in training anti-Castro Cubans in Florida, but denied ever meeting Oswald. He said that in September, 1963, he, Hall, and Howard went to Los Angeles. He stated he did not leave Florida between March, 1962, and October, 1963.

Seymour is described as DOB 1/12/37, 5'6", 140 pounds, brown curly hair and blue eyes, FBI # 365 647 D.

Bureau files contain no information identifiable with Rudy Hernandez or "Slim."

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Margeson's information pertaining to Oswald allegedly being in Russia while in fact he was in California is incorrect relative to the time Oswald was in Russia. Margeson alleges to have seen Oswald in California in late 1962 or early 1963. Oswald returned to the United States in June, 1962. He lived in Texas until April, 1963, when he moved to New Orleans. Additionally, it does not coincide with the time Oswald was in New Orleans.

Dallas, Los Angeles, and New Orleans should evaluate the information received from Margeson to determine if there is a possibility Oswald was in Los Angeles in the company of Howard. All three offices should check indices regarding Margeson, Rudy Hernandez, and "Slim."

Buffalo hold any interview of Margeson in abeyance.

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NOTE: Richard Monroe Margeson of Rochester, New York, alleges to have met Lee Harvey Oswald (who was using name Harvey Lee, aka "Tex") in Los Angeles in late 1962 or early 1963 through Lawrence Howard, Rudy Hernandez, and a person known as "Slim," who were associated with training anti-Castro forces in Florida for an invasion of Cuba. He says he recently became concerned that there might have been a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy after viewing a TV program which depicted Oswald as being in Russia when he was actually in California. The basis for his assumption is incorrect in that Oswald returned to the U. S. in June, 1962. Howard's name did figure in the Kennedy assassination in relation to a woman in Dallas, Texas, claiming that Oswald visited her in September, 1963, with two Cuban companions. Investigation determined the persons who actually visited her were possibly Howard and two other individuals. The Warren Commission concluded she had never actually met Oswald. Bureau files reflect that the exact location of Oswald was not absolutely known for all given periods of time after returning to the U.S. By this communication, Dallas, Los Angeles, and New Orleans are directed to assess Margeson's information to determine if there is a possibility Oswald did go to Los Angeles. Buffalo is instructed to hold any interview of Margeson in abeyance.