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TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Closed - Denver	TITLE OR CAPTION Person Identified
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Denver, Colorado	PERIOD COVERED Nov. 27 to Dec. 10, 1963	NAME: Robert Klonowski @ Robert J. Kaye @ Roman Sokolowski
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA William H. Straughn SAC Rolland H. Osborne		Address: Unknown

SYNOPSIS

Neither Robert Kaye nor his family can be located in Denver, but the wife and children, are probably now in Las Vegas, Nevada. Kaye's true name is probably Robert Klonowski or Roman Sokolowski. He did work in Denver for a time as a serviceman for coin-operated vending machines. He told many bizarre stories about his past, and in August or September, 1963, alleged he was about to inherit millions of dollars from Bessie or Ann Hoyer, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He did borrow \$5,000 from these people, bought a late-model automobile, made a trip from Denver to Chicago with his family, but later abandoned his family in Denver. He sent money to his wife from El Paso on 9-27-63 but he was in Denver on 9-29-63 before again disappearing. No real indication that Kaye has ever been in touch with Lee Harvey Oswald. Four large cartons of personal papers, letters, etc., abandoned by subject's wife contain no immigration papers or verification of his alien status, but it appears from wife's comments he may be an alien. A closed immigration file was located but fails to verify subject's citizenship and instead indicates he has not registered since 1951. Subject has not returned to Denver but may have joined his family in Las Vegas.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

Reference is made to M/R of SAIC Oscar G. Weisheit, Jr., El Paso, dated November 20, 1963, covering an interview with Robert Kaye, also known as Roman Sokolowski, who alleges that he met Lee Harvey Oswald in Denver.

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1963; that he went on a mission for Oswald to Mexico City; that he was to receive and then deliver some papers to an unknown person in Amarillo, Texas and that he failed to receive such papers in Mexico City. It is suggested that Kaye be reinterviewed upon his return to Denver.

(B) GENERAL INQUIRIES:

On November 27 through December 10, 1963, this investigation was continued in Denver, Colorado, by Special Agent William R. Straughan and SAIC Roland F. Osborne.

Mr. Lloyd D. Prowell, Deputy District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service, searched Denver files on November 29, 1963, and was unable to find any record of the subject under the names "Robert Kaye", "Roman Sokolowski" or Robert, or Roman Klonowski. He teletyped national headquarters and on December 10 a skeleton file was received in Denver and examined.

This is Immigration and Naturalization Service File No. A-6208700 which shows that the subject entered the United States on November 18, 1945, at Portland, Maine, under the name of Roman Hobby Sokolowski, under sponsorship of guardian Richard S. Zamlynski. The Visa shows that the subject was born December 24, 1934, in Kharkov, Russia. The guardian, Richard S. Zamlynski, was assigned to the 35th Fighter Squadron, 36th Fighter Group, U. S. Military Forces in England. The Application for Immigration Visa was filed August 29, 1945, in London, England, reflecting that at that time the subject was 10 years of age and that he had lived in Russia and had traveled through Germany, Italy, Sicily, Africa, France and Hungary before reaching England. The Visa Application also indicates that subject's passage to the United States would be paid for by Sgt. Willie Klonowski, home address 4621 Grace Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The Immigration and Naturalization file contains no other information of any kind on the subject, except a routine annual report card, filed by the subject on January 20, 1951, giving his Registration Number correctly as A-6208700, and showing that his registered name was Roman Sokolowski. However, the card is signed "Robert Klonowski". On this card he shows his place of birth as Poland, and his address at that time was shown as 4621 Grace Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The subject has filed no other reports, nor does the file indicate that he has been granted citizenship. Denver officers of the Immigration and Naturalization Service are mystified as to why the file was closed and sent to the records center, apparently many years ago, while the subject was still regarded as an alien. Therefore, if the subject is located, Immigration and Naturalization Service officials in Denver want to interview him and establish his present status.

Search of city directories failed to reveal any record of the subject under the above names.

A confidential source reported no knowledge of subject's appearance on any local or nationally-televised programs.

The address furnished by the subject, 95 South Ogden, Denver, has no telephone listing. City directories, however, show Glenn A. Jenkins, alleged associate of the subject, residing at 67 South Ogden, three doors away from the subject's address.

Police files in Denver reflect no record of the subject.

On November 29 it was determined that 95 South Ogden, Denver, is vacant, but a card posted on the house referred us to 67 South Ogden. An interview on that date with Mrs. Glenn A. Jenkins resulted in surrender to us of three cardboard containers and one suitcase filled with an assortment of letters, cards, personal papers, etc., all in complete disorder, which had been left at the Jenkins home when Mrs. Robert Kaye moved from Denver sometime in October, 1963, to an address in Las Vegas, Nevada. The interview on November 29 with Mrs. Jenkins, followed by lengthy interviews with her husband and with Mr. W. H. "Bud" Carlson, on December 1, 2 and 3, 1963, revealed the following information concerning the subject and his family:

Sometime in June, 1963, the subject called Mr. W. H. "Bud" Carlson, manager of the R. F. Jones Company, 2830 West 9th Avenue, Denver, and asked for a job. The R. F. Jones Company operates a series of vending machine routes in Denver and other cities. The subject gave his name as Robert Kaye and at no time identified himself by any other name, although later his wife indicated to Mrs. Jenkins that they formerly had a Polish name. Kaye also told Mr. Carlson that he had experience as a service mechanic for vending machines, having previously worked in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Los Angeles, California.

At that time Glenn A. Jenkins operated a vending machine route for the R. F. Jones Company, this route doing business under the name of Colorado Vending Company. The route was in financial trouble and the R. F. Jones Company had repossessed it but permitted Glenn A. Jenkins to continue to operate it. Jenkins needed another man, and Kaye was hired. Jenkins said that Kaye had previously worked briefly for the C. M. Vending Company, 1156 S. Hancock, Denver, but had been laid off, although Jenkins' inquiry of this company established that Kaye was competent.

From the very beginning of his employment on Jenkins' vending machine route, the subject exhibited some peculiar characteristics. He talked constantly in grandiose terms, and seemed to almost exist on the rather vague hope that he was going to sell his life story for \$2,000,000.

Jenkins was trying to improve his vending machine route and expand sufficiently so that he could retain the route. About two months after Kaye was hired, Jenkins explained to him that unless they could expand the route it would be necessary to lay Kaye off.

About the middle of August, or perhaps somewhat later, Kaye informed both Jenkins and Carlson that he had a friend, Mrs. Bessie Moyer, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, who was a multi-millionaire and who was obligated to Kaye because she had known his parents in Poland or Germany. Kaye said that this woman had offered to adopt him into her family. Kaye explained that he had been wounded several times in Europe, and he did exhibit scars along his right side indicating either a serious injury or extensive surgery. He stated that he had been a spy for the Allies and that the Nazis had retaliated by killing his family, including his father who had been an important executive in a shoe company in Germany. He claimed to have a close personal relationship with former Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, alleging that Mr. Truman granted him citizenship after he fled to America with some prized memoir he had stolen from Hitler's home and which he presented to Mr. Truman. He also claimed that as a war orphan he was sponsored for citizenship by movie star Danny Kaye and others, and he took the name of Kaye because of this fact.

(The subject's wife, in her frequent conversations with Mrs. Jenkins, particularly after she was abandoned by the subject, never did confirm any of these bizarre stories, but she did state that the subject had been injured in an industrial accident in Chicago, that he received a good-sized settlement, and that the money was put in a trust fund until he reached 21 years of age. Subject's wife also stated that the subject was in an orphanage until he was 17 years of age, but when he left the orphanage he forged some credentials designed to prove he was 21 years of age and he was able to obtain these funds amounting to about \$11,000. He invested this money in a cafe called The Chicken Shack in Chicago. His partner allegedly embezzled some funds from the cafe and the business folded up. Kaye and his wife then began moving west and ultimately landed in Colorado Springs where Kaye worked for a time in a coin-vending machine company, and then he came to Denver and was employed for a period of time as a fry cook at the Hilton Hotel).

With further reference to his alleged relationship to the Moyer family in Tulsa, Oklahoma, late in August or early in September, 1963, Kaye told Jenkins and Carlson that he expected to inherit several million dollars from Mrs. Bessie Moyer, and he proposed to invest some of this money in expanding Jenkins' vending machine route. Kaye also discussed this with Mr. Carlson and propositioned Carlson to help him invest this vast amount of money in exchange for a commission of two million dollars to be paid to Carlson. Kaye was very persuasive and appeared so sincere that both Jenkins and Carlson believed he might be truthful.

In late August or early September, 1963, Koye said he was going to Tulsa to visit the Hoyen family. He left Denver in a 1959 Ford station wagon. Three or four days later he returned to Denver with a 1961 Thunderbird bearing Oklahoma license plates, stating that it had been given to him by Mrs. Bessie Hoyen. He also said that Mrs. Hoyen had given him \$5,000 and he exhibited a check for \$1,000.00 drawn in his favor by some Ford agency in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He said he proposed to deposit this money in the Denver U. S. National Bank and use the money to finance expansion of Jenkins' vending machine route. Within the next week or so after this happened, Koye made a couple of additional trips, allegedly to Tulsa, via commercial airline. He also took his family to Chicago on a trip, and they had an accident enroute to or from Chicago.

Koye then became even more grandiose in his propositions, offering at one time to take Mr. Carlson and his family to Acapulco for a week-end. He continued to outline the proposed delivery to him of his huge "estate" and finally read to Mr. Carlson and later exhibited to him a purported telegram allegedly sent to Koye by an attorney Ruttenberg stating:

"Stay put until 16 of this month. I will call you about the 15th at or 30 your time wait for call sorry I can't make it tomorrow I am on very important mission but is ok tell him everything is ok I talked to R. Jones and think we can do some business with him stay put stay put".

Carlson challenged this telegram, which appears to possibly be faked from a teletype printer, and Koye admitted that it was for the most part phony. However, Koye still maintained he was closing a deal for his "estate" and on September 2, he informed Carlson that he was driving to Colorado Springs that night to meet twelve men and receive final settlement. Carlson drove to Colorado Springs that night to meet Koye and the 12 men, but nobody showed up at the Bronckoor Hotel.

On October 1, 1963, Carlson's company telephoned the Hoyen residence in Tulsa, Oklahoma, learning that Bessie Hoyen is actually the daughter of Mrs. Anna Hoyen, residing at 1604 South Utica Street. Bessie Hoyen did not offer any explanation of their relationship with Koye, but did verify that they had given Koye \$5,000 to buy a music machine route, and had later learned that Koye spent part of the money to buy a Thunderbird auto in Tulsa.

During all of these "negotiations" Koye was in and out of Denver. His wife never seemed to know where he had gone. However, she received an airmail registered letter from Koye postmarked El Paso, Texas, September 27, 1963, which contained \$200.00 in cash, a copy of All State Insurance Policy Number J-267001 written on the Thunderbird auto on August 30, 1963, and a short note in Koye's handwriting stating "be home soon". The insurance policy covers a 1961 Ford Thunderbird, with a notation indicating that it bore license plate # AZ-0924, (state not indicated).

Kaye again disappeared from Denver shortly after October 1, 1963, abandoning his family. When Mrs. Kaye failed to hear from him for several weeks, she sold her few personal belongings, raising enough money so she and the four children could go to Las Vegas, Nevada. After Mrs. Kaye left, the Jenkins family recall that a letter or statement came to Kaye's former residence, apparently from an optometrist in Fort Worth, Texas. This was forwarded to Mrs. Kaye in Las Vegas, Nevada.

None of the parties interviewed in Denver has heard from the subject since he disappeared from Denver early in October, 1963. Likewise, none of these parties recalled the subject stating or implying that he had been in contact with Lee Oswald, that he planned a trip to Mexico, or that he had agreed to engage in any kind of a surreptitious undertaking. All parties interviewed were requested to immediately notify the Denver office if they hear from Kaye, learn his whereabouts, or he appears in Denver. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jenkins were instructed to refer the subject to the Denver office to obtain his personal papers.

A review of the papers contained in the four containers surrendered by Mrs. Jenkins revealed the following points of interest:

On January 26, 1962, the Clara Barton School, 1100 East Del Amo Blvd., Long Beach, California, addressed a letter to Mrs. Alice Kaye requesting that an affidavit be submitted to the school to submit a change in name for one of the Kaye children. This was Robert L. Kaye, whose correct name was Klonowski according to birth records. It does not appear that this affidavit was filed.

On January 27, 1959, a letter was addressed to "Mr. Robert Klonowski, 2432 North Avers, Chicago, Illinois" by attorneys Maurice H. and Fred S. Rutenberg, Suite 926, 180 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, attempting collection of a bill owing to the Del Aire Studios "for your wedding pictures". It is believed the subject took this name of "Rutenberg" to sign to the phony telegram exhibited to Mr. W. H. Carlson in Denver shortly before the subject disappeared.

On November 27, 1957, the Industrial Commission of Illinois forwarded a Notice of Hearing in case #58864 to Robert Klonowski, 4032 N. Kostner Avenue, Chicago. This case labels Robert Klonowski as Petitioner and C. E. Clark & Company and Fidelity Casualty Company of New York as Respondents. It appears Klonowski was represented by "Grant, Dincipio", 69 West Washington Street, and the Respondents by "McNasara, Vought, Greene & Nordstrand", 135 S. LaSalle Street, both of Chicago. It is suggested that this hearing possibly related to an industrial injury suffered by the subject.

(C) FAMILY AND BACKGROUND:

Further search of the personal papers abandoned by the subject's wife, indicates the following family connections:

Wife: Mrs. Alice Kaye, nee Hardt. When Mrs. Kaye left Denver with her four children, she went to Las Vegas to live with Mrs. Sue Klukas, 301 1/2 Neills Blvd. Mrs. Klukas appears to be an old friend of Mrs. Kaye. Subject apparently married Alice Hardt before 1956.

Among papers is an autographed photograph and undated letter indicating that Mrs. Kaye once appeared on the television program and was a candidate for "Queen for a Day".

Children: Baptismal certificates indicate that Roberta Lynn Klonowski was born July 6, 1956, in Chicago, as the daughter of Robert and Alice Hardt Klonowski, and was baptized July 28, 1956, at the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park, Chicago, by The Rev. C. R. Cooley.

Sandra Lyne Kaye was born January 4, 1960, in Glockner-Fairmont Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

There are two other children, but names cannot be determined.

Wife's father: Alex Hardt, 5012 W. Lawrence, Chicago, Illinois, (1961 address, but he may now live with the wife's sister listed below).

Wife's mother: Mrs. Lillian Hanson, 3122 W. North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Wife's sister: Mrs. Dorothy Cox, 59 Rollins Road, Fox Lake, Illinois.

Wife's brother: Pvt. Alexander Hardt, RA 16682786, stationed in Germany in July, 1962.

The wife regularly corresponds with her mother and sister and it is believed either Mrs. Hanson or Mrs. Cox would know the current location of Alice Kaye.

The subject himself was baptized Robert (Klonowski) Sokolowski on March 17, 1950 (conditionally) at St. Hedwig Chapel, Niles, Illinois, listing on the certificate the following family information:

Fathers: ~~John Sokolowski~~

Mothers: Not named

Godfathers: ~~John Szocccinski~~

Godmothers: ~~Jean Milanowska~~

The subject registered for Selective Service on May 18, 1943, with Area Board 4, Chicago, Illinois, using the name of Robert J. Klonowski, 4621 W. Grace Street, Chicago, Illinois, and showing his date and place of birth as December 25, 1924, in Lwow, Poland. On June 18, 1943, he was classified 1-A. There is no indication that he has had military service, however.

A Social Security card indicates the subject may hold Social Security No. 360-26-3412 under the name of Robert J. Kaye.

A copy of a contract indicates the subject entered into an agreement on December 22, 1960, with Alex G. Anderson, address unknown, whereby the latter would act as the subject's agent in attempting to publish the subject's life story. There are numerous complete or partial stories about alleged incidents in the subject's life, apparently written by Mrs. Kaye, among the containers of papers now held in the Denver office. These are bizarre and highly imaginative, mostly of the slapstick comedy variety, and all purport to relate to that portion of the subject's childhood when he allegedly fraternized with American Troops in Europe during World War II.

Limited signature specimens and other writing indicate that the subject himself can barely write, and probably is nearly illiterate.

(D) DISPOSITION:

Present whereabouts of the subject cannot be determined by investigation in Denver. From the available evidence, it appears highly unlikely the subject met Lee Harvey Oswald in Denver, or that he went on a mission for Oswald.

However, the subject's relationship to Bessie and Anna Moya, 1604 South Utica Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, should be explored since it appears subject acquired \$3,000 from these people on or about August 30, 1963, and apparently bought a 1961 Thunderbird automobile in Tulsa on that date. His unusual activities about this time should be more fully explained. It is therefore suggested that the Oklahoma City office interview these people for additional information.

The subject's wife should be able to provide more background information and possibly explain his unusual actions in September and early October, 1963.

Mrs. Alice Kaye can be located through Mrs. Sue Klukas, 3815 Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada, or through Mrs. Kaye's mother or sister in Illinois (see names and addresses under "Family and background").

The Chicago office is requested to contact Mrs. Lillian Hansen or Mrs. Dorothy Cox, determine Mrs. Kaye's present address, and relay this information to the Los Angeles office.

The Los Angeles office is requested to interview Mrs. Alice Kaye when a current address is available, or through contact with Mrs. Sue Klukas, 3815 Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada.

ATTACHMENTS (Los Angeles, Chicago and Oklahoma City): Copy of El Paso report dated 11-20-63.

Chief - Photo of Robert J. Kaye

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