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ALBERT OSBORNE, BORN NOVEMBER TWELVE, EIGHTEEN

EIGHTYEIGHT, GRIMSBY, ENGLAND, INTERVIEWED NASHVILLE TODAY.
AT FIRST CLAIMED HE WAS JOHN H. BOWEN, UNDER WHICH NAME IS
CURRENTLY REGISTERED YMCA. LATER ADMITTED WAS IN FACT OSBORNE
AND THAT HE HAD BEEN UNTRUTHFUL IN THREE PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS
AS TO HIS IDENTITY. UNABLE TO GIVE ANY LOGICAL REASON EXCEPT
HE HAS USED NAME BOWEN IN U. S. SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY AND NAMES
OSBORNE AND BOWEN IN MEXICO. STATES SERVED IN BRITISH ARMY
NINETEEN ZERO EIGHT TO NINETEEN FOURTEEN. PURCHASED HIS
DISCHARGE WHILE SERVING IN BERMUDA. CAME DIRECTLY TO U. S.
WORKED IN GROCERY STORE WASH. DC UNDER NAME OSBORNE, WHILE TAKING
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN RELIGION FROM UNIV. OF CHICAGO.
ATTENDED PHILADELPHIA, PA. BIBLE COLLEGE, ABOUT ONE YEAR
LIVING AND WORKING AS JANITOR AT YMCA THREE. ONLY FORMAL

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PRIOR EDUCATION WAS TO EIGHT GRADE IN ENGLAND. JOINED CANADIAN ARMY IN NINETEEN SIXTEEN UNDER NAME OSBORNE AND REMAINED IN CANADA UNTIL CESSATION OF HOSTILITY, APPROXIMATELY YEAR LATER. RETURNED TO WASHINGTON DC WHERE ENTERED RUG CLEANING BUSINESS WITH ANOTHER PERSON, NAME NOT RECALLED. AT THIS POINT ADOPTED NAME JOHN H. BOWEN IN ORDER TO HAVE MORE AMERICANIZED NAME AND FOR ADDED PURPOSE OF OBTAINING AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT UNDER THAT NAME.

CLAIMS, HOWEVER, HE NEVER APPLIED FOR AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP OR PASSPORT. FROM NINETEEN SIXTEEN TO NINETEEN TWENTYNINE, WORKED AS ITINERANT RUG CLEANER AND GARDNER THROUGHTOUT US BUT MORE PRIMARILY IN VIRGINIA AND N. C. IN LATER YEAR WENT TO KNOXVILLE WHERE AFFILIATED WITH YMCA. REMAINED UNTIL ABOUT NINETEEN FOURTYTHREE WHEN HE BECAME ITINERANT BAPTIST PREACHER THROUGHOUT SOUTH. FIRST WENT TO MEXICO IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE AND BECAME INTERESTED IN MISSIOARY WORK AND HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF MEXICO NUMEROUS TIMES SINCE. HIS WORK NOT SPONSORED BY ANY PARTICULAR CHURCH

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OR BAPTIST ORGANIZATION BUT HE RECEIVES CONTRIBUTIONS IN FUTURE-
ANCE OF THIS WORK FROM VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND BAPTIST CHURCHES.
CLAIMS DOES NOT SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS. FOR PAST TWENTY YEARS
HAS MAINTAINED OCCASIONAL RESIDENCE AND PERMANENT MAILING
ADDRESS AT NINE TWO ZERO SALINAS, BOX THREE ZERO EIGHT, LAREDO,
TEXAS. STATES HE WAS QUESTIONED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IN
ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTYSIX AS TO HIS IDENTITY. THE ONLY
BONAFIDE IDENTIFICATION HE POSSESSED WERE BIRTH CERTIFICATE
AND CANADIAN ARMY ENLISTMENT PAPERS IN NAME OSBORNE WHICH HE
EXHIBITED AND FROM THAT POINT ON HE HAS BEEN KNOWN IN MEXICO
TO NATIVES AND OTHERS IN RELIGIOUS CIRCLES AS BOTH OSBORNE AND
BOWEN. HAS USED BOWEN IN U. S. SINCE ABOUT NINETEEN
SIXTY EXCEPT WHEN APPLYING FOR AND RECEIVING THE CANADIAN
PASSPORT IN NEW ORLEANS OCTOBER TEN LAST IN NAME OSBORNE
AND USING ABOVE MENTIONED OSBORNE IDENTIFICATION. VISITED
SISTER AND BROTHERS IN ENGLAND AND A BAPTIST CHURCH IN MADRID
ON TWENTYONE DAY TRIP EDNING AT NYC DECEMBER FIVE LAST WHEN
HE ENTERED US FROM LUXENBURG ON ICELANDIC AIRLINES FLIGHT.
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ALTHOUGH ADMITTED SOME UNTRUTHS IN THREE PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS AS TO HIS IDENTITY AND CONCERNING BOWEN, OSBORNE STILL MAINTAINS HE WAS NOT PASSENGER ON A RED ARROW BUS LINE TRIP FROM LAREDO TO MEXICO CITY SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX DASH TWENTYSEVEN LAST WHEREIN OSWALD AND OTHER ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLE WERE ALSO PASSENGERS. REITERATED SAME INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED RE SPANISH SPEAKING OR MEXICAN YOUNG MAN ABOUT TWENTYNINE YEARS OF AGE WHO SAT WITH HIM ON BUS. AGAIN DENIED HE TALKED WITH YOUNG MAN OR ANYONE ELSE RE THE YOUNG MAN. STATES THIS PERSON DEFINATELY NOT OSWALD. STATES DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THIS PERSON LEFT BUS AS THIS PERSON WENT TO REAR OF BUS AND SLEPT AFTER COFFEE BREAK AT SAVINAS HIDALGO. OSBORNE MAINTAINS HE BELIEVES HE LEFT LAREDO ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE LAST BUT CONCEDES THE TICKET STUBS HE EXHIBITED TO BUAGENTS AT LAREDO ARE STUBS OF TICKETS ON WHICH HE MADE TRIP. IT WAS NOTED OSBORNE HAS IN POSSESSION AN INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION IN NAME ALBERT OSBORNE WHICH HE MAINTAINS WITH HIS CANADIAN PASSPORT. CERTIFICATE INDICATES VACCINATION OR ISSUANCE THEREOF

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AT U. S. QUARANTINE STATION, LAREDO, TEXAS, SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST. THE FACT THAT HE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND DESCRIBED BY FELLOW PASSENGERS AS HAVING BEEN A SEAT MATE OF OSWALD DOES NOT APPEAR TO DESTURB OSBORNE. IT APPEARS OSBORNE MAY BE A CON MAN OBTAINING FUNDS FROM VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND CHURCHES FOR PRETENDED USE ON MISSIONARY WORK IN MEXICO AND IT MAY BE THAT FOR THIS REASON HE BECOMES VAGUE, NON SPECIFIC, WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT IDENTITIES OF OTHERS, PLACES VISTIED, ETC.

SUGGEST SAN ANTONIO REVIEW RECORDS OF U. S. QUARANTINE STATION. LAREDO, TO ASCERTAIN IF ANY LIGHT CAN BE THROWN ON DATE OF OSBORNE-S TRIP FROM VACCINATION RECORDS. ALSO SUGGEST RED ARROW BUS LINE BE CONTACTED TO ASCERTAIN IF THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE SECTION, THAT IS TWO BUSES, ON TRIP FROM LAREDO TO MEXICO CITY SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST. P.

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