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Report of: **GEORGE C. WELBORN**  
Date: **2/26/64**  
File Number: **105-528**  
Title: **LEE HARVEY OSWALD**

Office: **Knoxville**Bufile **105-82555**Character: **INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA**Re: **ALBERT OSBORNE, aka John Howard Bowen**

Synopsis: Investigation to locate ALBERT OSBORNE, aka John Howard Bowen, or associates of his at Jonesboro, Tenn., negative. Rev. FRED W. ALLEN, Jr., Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. FESSIE WHITE, Vice President, Pisgah Home Movement, Pikeville, Tenn., either know of or know OSBORNE as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. Neither could furnish information re his current whereabouts. Rev. ALLEN received postcard from BOWEN postmarked 2/18/64 at San Antonio, Texas, listing his new address as Niza 22 Mexico, D.F. Mrs. WHITE reported she contributes \$35 per month to be used to support one of the Evangelists under supervision of JIMMY HOWARD BOWEN, Niza 22 Mexico, D.F. Money sent to BOWEN monthly. Background info re BOWEN set forth.

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## DETAILS:

The following Baptist ministers advised on February 20, 1964, SA ROBERT LEE MORRISON that ARTHUR OSBORNE and/or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN is unknown to them. They said that in event they learn of this individual's being in the area they will immediately notify the FBI.

Reverend ORTIE E. BRADSHAW, Grandview Avenue,  
Jonesboro, Tennessee

Reverend HARVEY SEYMORE, Pine Street, Jonesboro

Reverend W. PAUL RALL, Superintendent of Missions,  
Holston Baptist Association, 2310 Nave Drive,  
Johnson City, Tennessee

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Date February 25, 1964

Reverend FRED B. ALLEN, Jr., 505 Oklahoma Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised he is pastor of the North Glasgow Baptist Church, Knoxville. He advised he and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. FRED B. ALLEN, Sr., 1400 North 4th Avenue, Knoxville, are long-time friends of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, whom he described as an 84 year old missionary. Reverend ALLEN stated that BOWEN has worked as a missionary in Mexico for the past 22 years.

Reverend ALLEN advised he has not seen BOWEN for quite some time, but advised he had recently received a postcard from BOWEN postmarked 2/18/64 at San Antonio, Texas. He advised this was an airmail postcard of the type purchased at U. S. Post Offices. He said the only message on the card was BOWEN'S new mailing address and that BOWEN hoped to hear from him soon. Reverend ALLEN stated the new address furnished by BOWEN was Niza 22, Mexico D.F.

Reverend ALLEN advised he had absolutely no idea as to BOWEN'S present whereabouts, but advised he would immediately notify the Knoxville FBI Office if he or his parents heard anything further from BOWEN.

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by Special Agent JACK K. MUEPHERE - mlc Date dictated 2/21/64

Date February 25, 1964

Mrs. BESSIE WHITE, Vice President, Pisgah Home Movement, Pikeville, Tennessee, advised that she has known of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN for about the past four years. She stated she received information through some source, unrecalled at the present time, that BOWEN was a supervisor of a mission in Mexico, and she has been making contributions to be used to support one of the Evangelists. She said that BOWEN is a representative of the Pentacostal or Full Gospel Church and that he reportedly has several Evangelists working under him at this mission that he operates. She said that the Evangelists are reportedly Mexicans and are working throughout Mexico.

She indicated that she contributes \$35.00 per month at the present time but originally only contributed \$25.00 per month. This money is supposed to be used to support one of the Evangelists and she receives a receipt each month from the person who received the money. The money is sent to BOWEN, who in turn makes the money available to the Evangelist. BOWEN also furnishes a receipt indicating that he receives the money that she contributes. She stated that she makes the contribution in the form of bank drafts, which are drawn on the First National Bank of Pikeville, Pikeville, Tennessee, and these drafts are made payable to BOWEN. She said that these cancelled bank drafts, as well as the receipts, are presently in her possession. She said that she has received information that other persons were contributing to this same cause, but she did not know the identity of any of these persons. She said that BOWEN has never solicited any contributions from her, however, he did notify her that the cost of supporting one of the Evangelists had increased from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per month. She has never seen BOWEN and her only contact has been through the United States mails by letter.

She said that she knew very little about BOWEN but he has advised her in his letters that he is originally from Knoxville, Tennessee. She does not know any thing about his background but understands that he has been in Mexico for about 18 years doing missionary work. In addition to the money sent each month, the Pisgah Home Mission occasionally sends used clothing and other articles to BOWEN to be distributed to the needy.

She said that the only name she ever knew this person by was JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and his last address was Niza 22, Mexico,

On 2/17/64 at Pikeville, Tennessee File # KN 105-528  
 by SA WILLIAM B. HUDSON CYP Date dictated 2/18/64

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D.F., as of about two weeks previously. She said that the name of the Evangelist that she was supporting was a ZENEN MIGUEL CRUZ, Niza 22, Mexico. She has never seen this person but does receive receipts from him indicating that he received the money which was furnished by her.

She said that the name of ALBERT OSBORNE was not familiar to her. She said the Pisgah Home Movement is an independent non-profit and non-denominational organization established to aid and assist any needy person and to do the work of the Lord.