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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis: Mrs. VINCENT JOSEPH O'DOHERTY, Columbus, Ohio, furnished background on her husband and his brother, EUGENE O'DOHERTY. Dr. CARL D. HYDE, Yellow Springs, Ohio, brother of RUTH HYDE PAINE, Irving, Texas, and WILLIAM AVERY HYDE, Columbus, her father, furnished information on relationship of MARINA OSWALD and RUTH PAINE, both of whom had marital difficulties. Dr. HYDE described his family, including himself, as "tolerant of others' point of view." CAROL HYDE, RUTH's mother, [REDACTED] and divorced from WILLIAM in 1951, is attending seminary at Oberlin, Ohio. WILLIAM HYDE visited daughter RUTH PAINE at relative of Mr. PAINE, Paoli, Pennsylvania, Labor Day Weekend, 1963, when RUTH related MARINA OSWALD had been living with her at Irving, Texas, during summer, 1963, while temporarily separated from husband, LEE HARVEY OSWALD; MARINA had later joined subject at New Orleans, Louisiana, where subject seeking employment; RUTH concerned about MARINA who was pregnant and wanted MARINA to join her at Irving, Texas, to give birth there. Father said RUTH returned to Texas via New Orleans where she picked up MARINA and daughter, subject believed to have remained in New Orleans; RUTH and MARINA lived together, away from husbands, from September, 1963, until recently when MARINA placed in protective custody. MARINA's daughter born 10/29/63. In letter to father 10/19/63, RUTH mentioned subject was weekend visitor, had room in Dallas, Texas, where employed, and described subject as "fine family man after all." After assassination of President he learned from RUTH that she and MARINA were safe and no need for him to fly to Texas. CARL HYDE of Antioch College in 2/14/48 issue of

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student newspaper at Ohio State University reported elected to organization formed to eliminate discrimination. CI T-1 in 1952 advised that Mrs. WILLIAM A. HYDE had admitted to neighbors in past that she was "Communist." RUTH AVERY HYDE student at Antioch College in 1951-52. Mrs. CAROL HYDE reported by CI T-2 as speaker 12/20/54 before Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Columbus, Ohio. CARL DUDLEY HYDE in 1953 investigated as Conscientious Objector on basis of religious beliefs; reported on 2/12/47 as being 1 of 15 Yellow Springs, Ohio, residents, mostly students, who sent draft registration cards to Congressman JOSEPH MARTIN protesting peacetime conscription. Mrs. HARRY (MAXINE) LE ROY, Roseville, Ohio, after assassination, devised code from songs on JIMMY DEAN TV Show 11/21/63; on interview was secretive, explaining hobby is crossword puzzles and cryptographs to occupy time since mother's death. Mrs. CECIL (WILMA) HASSER, Yellow Springs, Ohio, heard that teacher mentioned in class subject had attended Antioch College and given talk on Fair Play For Cuba, but previous investigation failed to reflect subject attended this college or was known there. HARRY W. KYLE, Attorney, Xenia, Ohio, who represented LOUIS GEGNER, Yellow Springs, in fight against Negro discrimination at Gegner's Barber Shop, has no definite information that subject was involved in the picketing or agitation. ARTHUR CRANDALL HAZARD MASON, in Mexico City, September, 1963, does not know or recall ever seeing subject except on television programs after assassination. Sister of PAUL R. KYDE, of U. S. Navy, advises information furnished by mother "imagined" as mother undergoing change of life.

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DETAILS

EUGENE ALPHONBUS O'DOHERTY,
COLUMBUS, OHIO, AND RELATIVES

The following investigation was conducted by
SAS ROBERT C. FAYNE and DONALD E. RATHBUN:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

Mrs. ELIZABETH JEANETTE O'DOHERTY, nee WALLENMEYER, telephone number 443-3491, was interviewed at her residence, 1167 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, on November 25, 1953. She resides there with her husband, VINCENT JOSEPH O'DOHERTY, and her six children.

She furnished the following information:

She is 33 years old and was born on April 21, 1930, at Evansville, Indiana. She was previously married to WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, who presently resides at 41 Tunnel Court, Bloomington, Indiana. She and KETCHAM were divorced in 1956. Two of her six children were fathered by KETCHAM and the remaining four children were fathered by VINCENT JOSEPH O'DOHERTY, her present husband. Her parents are JOHN CLARENCE and HELEN LOUISE WALLENMEYER, who presently own and operate Carls Drug Store, Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida. The telephone number of Carls Drug Store is MOhawk 3-4081.

From approximately 1959 to July of 1961, she and her husband, VINCENT JOSEPH O'DOHERTY, resided at 118 Voorhis, Fort Myers Beach, Florida. During this period of time, her husband was employed at her parents' drug store.

In July of 1961, she and her husband separated after experiencing a period of marital difficulty. Following this separation, VINCENT JOSEPH O'DOHERTY went to Austin, Texas, and resided there with his sister, GLADYS CORSER, for three weeks. To her knowledge, he was not employed during his three weeks' stay in Austin, Texas. GLADYS CORSER now resides in either Dallas, Texas, or Houston, Texas.

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Following this separation, she went to Evansville, Indiana. After a three weeks' separation, she and her husband effected a reconciliation at Evansville, Indiana.

From Evansville, Indiana, they traveled to Columbus, Ohio, where they have resided since that time. They have resided at the following addresses in Columbus, Ohio:

1167 South High Street - August, 1963
Columbus, Ohio to present

1103 South Hampton - September, 1961
Columbus, Ohio to August, 1963

South 18th Street - August, 1961
Columbus, Ohio

She and VINCENT JOSEPH O'DOHERTY were married at Evansville, Indiana, on October 5, 1957. She met her husband at Chicago, Illinois, in either 1954 or 1955.

VINCENT JOSEPH O'DOHERTY, date of birth May 19, 1918, Ireland, is a citizen of Ireland. He entered the U.S. through Idlewild Airport, New York City, New York, in 1953.

She has known EUGENE A. O'DOHERTY, her husband's brother, for approximately seven months. EUGENE also presently resides at 1167 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio. EUGENE arrived at Columbus, Ohio, via airplane from Texas about three weeks after Easter in 1953. Since his arrival in Columbus, Ohio, he has resided continuously at 1167 South High Street. Prior to his arrival in Columbus, EUGENE resided with his sister, GLADYS CORSER, in Texas. Also prior to coming to Columbus, EUGENE O'DOHERTY was employed as a photographer by JACK PAYTON of Austin, Texas. He took children's photographs and industrial photographs while in the employ of PAYTON.

She described EUGENE O'DOHERTY as an avowed atheist.

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Shortly after EUGENE's arrival in Columbus, Ohio, she learned from him that a week prior to his arrival, he had interviewed former Major General EDWIN WALKER. EUGENE subsequently endeavored to sell this interview to the Columbus Dispatch, Columbus, Ohio, but was unsuccessful. She further stated that EUGENE and former Major General EDWIN WALKER have corresponded with one another.

She also learned that EUGENE O'DOHERTY was previously engaged in Irish Republican Army Revolutionary activities in Ireland and England. In this regard, he was a writer and organizer in this movement and has had some articles published in an Irish newspaper.

Mrs. O'DOHERTY further described EUGENE O'DOHERTY as a man of extreme rightist political views. He considers any person with views to the left of his views to be a Communist. She has previously heard EUGENE describe President JOHN F. KENNEDY as inept and a Communist. She described EUGENE O'DOHERTY as possessing extremely anti-Negro, anti-Semitic views.

She recalled that shortly after EUGENE arrived in Columbus, Ohio, he said he hoped that President KENNEDY would never go to Texas because sentiment there was very strong against him. Because of this strong feeling against President KENNEDY in Texas, EUGENE feared that should he visit Texas, an attempt might be made on his life. He also made the statement that if President KENNEDY ever visited Ireland, persons there might attempt to assassinate him.

She learned from EUGENE that both GLADYS CORSER and JACK PAYTON are members of the John Birch Society. EUGENE O'DOHERTY and JACK PAYTON have recently exchanged correspondence, and they have also made several long-distance telephone calls to each other. She explained that it was her opinion and belief that this correspondence and the telephone calls were with regard to PAYTON's attempting to have EUGENE come to Texas over the Christmas Holidays of 1963, and do some photographic work for him.

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The names JACK LEON RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD were completely unknown to her prior to the death of President KENNEDY. Prior to the death of President KENNEDY she had never heard her husband or EUGENE O'DOHERTY mention either of these individuals. She has never heard either her husband or EUGENE O'DOHERTY make any threats against the life of President KENNEDY, and she has absolutely no information regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY.

EUGENE and VINCENT O'DOHERTY have an older brother, JOHN K. O'DOHERTY, who resides at River Forrest, Chicago, Illinois, and who is an executive officer of the Franklin Insurance Company, Chicago, Illinois. JOHN K. O'DOHERTY is reported to be a U.S. citizen having been in the U.S. for 25 years and, according to his brothers, is a man of considerable financial means. EUGENE and VINCENT O'DOHERTY also have a sister, FRANCES O'DOHERTY, who resides at Omega, Ireland. Their other sister, ANGELA O'DOHERTY, and their parents, JOHN and KATHELINE O'DOHERTY, are deceased.

Mrs. O'DOHERTY volunteered that she is presently receiving psychiatric treatment.

She further advised that she is unable to furnish any further specific information regarding this matter.

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Relatives of RUTH HYDE PAINE

On December 2, 1963, SAS JOHN W. LILL, JR., and BERNARD D. MALONEY contacted CARL D. HYDE, M.D., 1405 President Street, Yellow Springs, at his office located at 1425 Xenia Avenue, Yellow Springs, Ohio, who furnished the following information:

He is a brother of RUTH HYDE PAINE, 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas, with whom the wife of LEE HARVEY OSWALD is presently residing. He said that OSWALD was not known personally to him and that he had not heard of him prior to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963.

He related that his sister, RUTH, had visited him at Yellow Springs in September, 1963, and mentioned she was leaving for New Orleans, Louisiana, at that time to contact a woman of Russian birth and invite her to stay with her in her home at Irving, Texas. He could not recall whether his sister had mentioned the woman's last name but recalled she had told him that the woman's husband was a communist and although the woman was a Russian, she did not share her husband's views. It was mentioned that the husband had not allowed this woman to learn English, that the woman was pregnant at the time, and that she was experiencing marital difficulties. The circumstances of his sister's acquaintance with this woman were not mentioned.

Dr. HYDE said that his sister, RUTH, was also experiencing marital difficulties at this time and it was his opinion that RUTH's actions to assist this woman were to lend moral support to this woman and herself in view of their mutual difficulties.

He said that following the assassination of President KENNEDY he learned of the identity of the woman previously mentioned by his sister, RUTH, as being the wife of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said that his father, WILLIAM A. HYDE, Park Street, Columbus, Ohio, had told him that he had received mail from RUTH, in which she mentioned that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been to his sister's home prior to the assassination for the purpose of visiting his wife. It was not indicated to him that OSWALD himself was actually residing at his sister's home.

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Dr. HYDE said that all of the family, including himself, were "tolerant of others point of view" and explained by this he meant that should a person make it known that he is a communist and not engaged in subversion, they would not feel duty-bound to advise respective authorities of this person's views. He claimed to have no further knowledge of the OSWALDs and appeared cooperative during the interview.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAS ROBERT F. MAHLER and FRANCIS X. SHORTT at Columbus, Ohio:

Efforts to locate Mrs. CAROL HYDE, mother of Mrs. RUTH PAINE, nee HYDE, were made December 2, 1963, at 4400 Glenmawr Avenue. It was observed this residence was empty.

Mrs. JOAN BARKER, neighbor, 4390 Glenmawr Avenue, advised on December 2, 1963, she was more closely associated with Mrs. CAROL HYDE than any other neighbor. CAROL HYDE, she said, has not lived next door since 1961. She presently attends Oberlin Theological Seminary, Oberlin, Ohio, and lives there. During the summer of 1963, she said, CAROL HYDE was ordained a minister in the First Unitarian Church, 93 West Wiseheimer Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. BARKER said the residence at 4400 Glenmawr Avenue had been rented to a JEAN JOLLIFF, who has recently moved away to 758 Racine Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. The residence is now empty.

Mrs. BARKER said CAROL HYDE was divorced from her husband, WILLIAM HYDE, at Franklin County in 1961. During an unknown period, 1960, her ex-husband had Mrs. HYDE [REDACTED]

CAROL HYDE is not expected to return to Columbus in the near future. Her last visit to Columbus was during September, 1963, at which time her daughter, RUTH PAINE, stayed overnight in Columbus, then went to visit her brother, CARL HYDE, in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Mrs. BARKER said she had never heard Mrs. HYDE mention the name OSWALD until the two spoke via a long distance telephone call November 29, 1963, concerning the property next door, at which time Mrs. HYDE mentioned that a Mrs. OSWALD had been living with her daughter, RUTH PAINE, at Irving, Texas. During this conversation, CAROL HYDE also told Mrs. BARKER after she graduates from the theological seminary her ambition is to become a chaplain in a mental institution.

WILLIAM AVERY HYDE, Apartment 105, 580 Park Street, Columbus, Ohio, born June 4, 1902, Palo Alto, California, employed as a actuary, Nationwide Insurance Company, 246 North High Street, was interviewed December 2, 1963. He said he is the father of RUTH PAINE, nee HYDE, who is married to MICHAEL PAINE, Irving, Texas. He is also the father of Mrs. SYLVIA HOKE, 5421 Waneta Road, Bethesda, Maryland, and the father of Dr. CARL D. HYDE, 1405 President Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio. He said he is divorced from CAROL ELIZABETH HYDE, nee HYDE. He explained he and his ex-wife are sixth cousins with the same surname. He advised their divorce took place at Franklin County, Ohio, in 1961. He said CAROL HYDE is a divinity student at Oberlin Theological Seminary, Oberlin, Ohio.

He related he last visited with his daughter, RUTH PAINE, at the residence of RUTH's husband's mother, Mrs. RUTH YOUNG, Paoli, Pennsylvania, during Labor Day weekend, 1963. He stayed at this place two days. His daughter, RUTH, and her two children were there but her husband, MICHAEL PAINE, remained at Dallas, Texas.

During this visit his daughter related that she had met Mrs. MARINA OSWALD, through circumstances not recalled by WILLIAM HYDE, and that MARINA, who had separated from her husband, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, had been living with RUTH PAINE, who was also temporarily separated from her husband, at RUTH's home, Irving, Texas, during the summer of 1963. During their visit over Labor Day weekend WILLIAM HYDE understood that MARINA OSWALD and her daughter had joined LEE HARVEY OSWALD at New Orleans, Louisiana, where the latter went to seek employment.

During this visit, RUTH PAINE expressed concern about MARINA OSWALD, who was pregnant. She wanted MARINA to join her at Irving, Texas, so MARINA could have her child there. RUTH PAINE returned to Texas via New Orleans, where she picked up MARINA and her daughter. WILLIAM HYDE believed LEE HARVEY OSWALD remained in New Orleans since he did not return to Texas with RUTH and MARINA.

WILLIAM HYDE could not explain why his daughter and MARINA OSWALD were so closely attached, except that his daughter was interested in studying the Russian language and through her membership in the Society of Friends she felt learning the Russian language would assist in lessening the tensions between the United States and Russia. He added MARINA OSWALD was apparently very interesting to his daughter and could offer her substantial comfort or his daughter would not have had anything to do with her. He said he knew of no subversive connections MARINA OSWALD may have had.

WILLIAM HYDE continued and said RUTH and MARINA and MARINA's daughter lived together, away from their respective husbands, from September, 1963, until just recently when MARINA OSWALD was placed in protective custody by the U.S. Secret Service. A daughter, RACHAEL OSWALD, was born to MARINA October 20, 1963.

WILLIAM HYDE said he received a letter from RUTH PAINE, written October 19, 1963, in which she mentioned that MARINA and her daughter were a comfort to her. She also mentioned that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was a weekend visitor, that he had taken a room in Dallas, separate from his wife, and had obtained employment at Dallas, Texas. The time of OSWALD's arrival at Dallas was not mentioned, nor was the type of employment described. In a sentence, RUTH PAINE said LEE HARVEY OSWALD had proven himself to be a "fine family man after all." WILLIAM HYDE did not know the significance of this sentence.

He received another letter from RUTH, dated November 6, 1963, which announced the birth of MARINA's child.

WILLIAM HYDE said during his visit with his daughter, during the Labor Day weekend, the information concerning MARINA OSWALD was not significant to him. He explained he had never met either MARINA nor LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and knew nothing more concerning what he had related.

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He explained that late in the day of November 22, 1963, as he was watching television concerning news developments of the assassination, the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was mentioned. It was further mentioned that he had a Russian wife. This sounded familiar to WILLIAM HYDE so he searched through correspondence from his daughter and learned that this was the OSWALD his daughter had referred to in her letter to him of October 19, 1963.

Being concerned over his daughter's safety, WILLIAM HYDE attempted to telephone her at Irving, Texas, but received a reply from a juvenile babysitter to the effect that Mrs. PAINE "had left with a lot of people." He decided to travel to Texas and boarded a plane which took him to Chicago, Illinois. At Chicago, he again telephoned his daughter at Irving, Texas, talked with her, and learned his daughter had accompanied MARINA OSWALD to the Police Station and that both women were safe. His daughter convinced him it would be useless to fly to Texas, so he returned to Columbus

He has since communicated with his daughter by telephone calls to and from her.

WILLIAM HYDE said he had never heard the name JACK RUBY or RUBENSTEIN mentioned by anyone until this name became public news.

WILLIAM HYDE said he had been interviewed on November 29, 1963, by a reporter from the "Columbus Citizen Journal," furnished background information concerning his daughter, RUTH PAINE, and a photograph of her with her two children, which he had taken earlier.

HYDE mentioned to the interviewing Agents that he was proud to have sent his three children to Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and pointed out two of his children married Antioch graduates, and the third married a Swarthmore College graduate.

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Background on RUTH HYDE PAINE and relatives

The 2/14/48 issue of the "Ohio State News," a newspaper published by students at the Ohio State University, contained an article which was captioned "Ohio College Students Initiate Educational Democracy Drive." The article that more than 100 students from colleges and universities throughout Ohio have initiated a drive for democracy in education. The article indicated the Ohio Council for Educational Democracy was formed in Columbus over the past weekend to obtain this goal. This organization would work to do away with racial and religious discrimination in Ohio colleges. CARL HYDE of Antioch College was elected as vice chairman of the organization.

Confidential Informant T-1, another U. S. Government Agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised on 12/17/52 that Mrs. WILLIAM A. HYDE, 1986 Summit Street, Columbus, Ohio, had admitted to many neighbors during the past years that she was a "Communist." Mrs. HYDE's daughter was a student at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

This same informant advised that RUTH AVERY HYDE, 1986 Summit Street, Columbus, Ohio, was listed in the 1951-1952 Antioch Student Directory of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on 12/27/54 that the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom met on 12/20/54 at 70 E. Como Street, Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. CAROL HYDE was the speaker of the evening and she showed a film entitled, "The Toy Maker." The theme of the film was that although men are different, they are all made by one Creator and only this realization makes them conscious of the fact that when they destroy others they are also destroying themselves.

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A characterization of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is contained in the appendix of this report.

Mr. LOREN G. WINDOM, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, sent a letter to the Cincinnati Office of the FBI, dated 6/4/53, requesting an investigation of CARL DUDLEY HYDE to determine the validity of his claim of "Conscientious Objector" in connection with his classification under the Selective Service System. This investigation revealed that his parents were WILLIAM AVERY HYDE and CAROL ELIZABETH HYDE, and he resided at 1986 Summit Street, Columbus, Ohio, from 1945 to 1948. He joined the Religious Society of Friends, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1949 and based his objections to military service on religious convictions and beliefs. He travelled to England in 1953 to study the possibility of living in a religious community, the Society of Brothers.

The 2/12/47 issue of the "Dayton Daily News," a daily newspaper published in Dayton, Ohio, contained an article which indicated that CARL DUDLEY HYDE was one of fifteen residents of Yellow Springs, Ohio, who sent their draft registration cards to Representative Joseph Martin, Speaker of the House, accompanied with a letter which stated in part, "We see any military program involving peacetime conscription as a drastic violation of civil rights and a threat to the peace-making efforts of the United Nations." Most of the senders were students of Antioch College.

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Miscellaneous

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM R. FARRIS on December 3, 1963:

AT ROSEVILLE, OHIO

In response to her telephonic request to the Cincinnati FBI Office on December 3, 1963, that she be contacted by a Special Agent of the FBI personally at her home, Mrs. HARRY (MAXINE) LE ROY, Rural Route Number 2, Roseville, Ohio, was contacted at her home.

Mrs. LE ROY said that her hobby is working crossword puzzles and cryptographs. She does this to occupy her time, particularly since the death of her mother.

On November 21, 1963, Mrs. LE ROY was listening to the "Jimmy Dean" television show on the ABC television network. During the second half of the show, DEAN sang a song entitled "Cowboy's Lament." This song includes such phrases as, "Put the Shroud O'er Me"; "Dig My Grave Deeply"; "Get 7 White Horses to Carry My Coffin"; and "I'm a Poor Cowboy and Know I Must Die."

While singing this song, DEAN suddenly stopped singing and said something similar to the following as recalled by Mrs. LE ROY: "I always thought this was an old (or western) cowboy song, but I have just learned (or heard) that it's an old Irish lullaby from MAUREEN O'HARA and her (or our or their) Irish friends here."

After the death of President JOHN F. KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, Mrs. LE ROY was quite disturbed and upset. One day shortly after the death she was hoisting her personal American Flag to half-mast in front of her home, and the words of "The Cowboy's Lament" kept running through her mind. She kept thinking of the fact that there were white horses which pulled the casket of the President following his death and she felt that there was some significance between this and the fact that JIMMY DEAN had sung about the

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horses carrying a coffin. Therefore, she began to think more about the matter. She said she has been able to decode the spoken dialogue of DEAN and has determined that his words actually meant the following: "Ruby. Deliver Lee - O'Hare - STL - Sail Oiler Three - Haiti - OR - furnish shrouds J. DEAN, MARINA, and LEE. Signed, FRIEDMAN."

She believes that the word "LEE" refers to OSWALD; the word "O'HARE" refers to an airport in Chicago, Illinois; "STL" means the St. Lawrence Seaway; "Oiler Three" means ship number 3.

Accordingly, this message to RUBY means that he should deliver OSWALD out of the United States to Haiti by means of O'Hara Field, Chicago, Illinois, or by ship through the St. Lawrence Seaway. If RUBY failed to get OSWALD out of the United States by that means, he was to kill OSWALD, Mrs. OSWALD and JIMMIE DEAN. She explained that FRIEDMAN is a gangster from St. Louis, Missouri, about whom she has read in the newspapers or has heard on television and RUBY was working for him.

She said she has "sat" on this information about one week and has spent many hours decoding the message. She has kept this decoding activity a secret from her husband, but she made it a point to have him present when she talked to the FBI about the situation. She felt that it was a matter which was too "hot" to handle and so she was furnishing the information to the FBI.

She also noted that the FBI should get the television films of the killing of OSWALD since they show a look of "surprise" on OSWALD's face and she feels this is significant.

She said she does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD, or JACK LEON RUBY personally and does not know anything about the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY ~~from~~ hand, but that the answer to the code had come to her "out of the sky" after she had worked on the problem for several days.

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On December 5, 1963, Mrs. THERESA KYDE, 4005 Superior Avenue, Deer Park, Ohio, telephonically advised IC GORDON J. REID, JR. as follows:

She believed that she had received a call on October 10, 1963, from OSWALD concerning her son, PAUL KYDE. An unidentified caller advised her that her son PAUL had been picked up in Tia Juana, Mexico, and PAUL was in jail there for the possession of narcotics. The caller instructed Mrs. KYDE to send \$400.00 to the San Diego Shore Patrol to obtain her son's release. The caller stated he was a buddy of PAUL's who had been with PAUL at the time he was arrested. He stated he was calling from the Columbus, Ohio airport. Mrs. KYDE advised that she telephonically checked with the San Diego Shore Patrol and they had not placed the call, but had a notation concerning the fact that PAUL was incarcerated in Tia Juana. She further stated that later communication with her son revealed that the only person he had given information to and instructions to contact his mother was a member of the Shore Patrol. She stated OSWALD's laugh, which she had heard on the "Fair Play for Cuba" television replay, resembled the laugh of the unknown caller. She said it was her supposition that OSWALD might have been obtaining funds by posing as a member of the Shore Patrol in Tia Juana.

Mrs. KYDE stated that her daughter, JOANNIE KYDE, has letters in her possession at the Gebhart Art Studio, 228 East Fifth Street, reflecting the incident above and later comments by her son.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOHN W. SHINDOLER and JOHN T. PRYOR on December 5, 1963:

Miss JOANNIE KYDE, 4005 Superior Avenue, Deer Park, Ohio, furnished a series of letters which her mother had received from her brother, PAUL R. KYDE. A review of these letters revealed that PAUL KYDE had gone to Tia Juana, Mexico, in the first part of October, 1963, and had been arrested on the charge of possession of Benzedrine and assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Subsequent events showed that he was cleared of these charges by the United States Navy and he was released from jail after payment of some \$400.00 which was furnished by his mother, Mrs. THERESA KYDE, 4005 Superior Avenue, Deer Park, Ohio.

JOANNIE KYDE stated her mother underwent extreme mental anguish during the period her brother, PAUL KYDE, was in jail in Tia Juana. She would not eat or sleep and it is possible that she imagined things due to her emotional disturbance. She stated her mother's emotions have been unreliable in the recent past due to her undergoing "change of life." JOANNIE KYDE stated she and her other brother, BILL KYDE, believe that her mother is wrong in her assumption that the person who called her on the telephone and laughed was LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

JOANNIE KYDE stated that the call referred to by her mother came from the Shore Patrol, San Diego, California.

Review of the letters written by PAUL KYDE indicated that he had requested the Shore Patrol, San Diego, to contact his mother telephonically to request the \$400.00 for his bail.

Miss JOANNIE KYDE furnished a letter from W. P. CARLIN, Commander, U. S. Navy, dated October 26, 1963, which indicated that PAUL R. KYDE, Serial # 35907103, attached to the Heavy Attack Squadron 13, USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63) care of the Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California, had been attacked by thugs in Tia Juana, Mexico, had been subjected to the fraudulent legal practices of that area and had been released after the payment of a sum of money. He stated there was nothing the

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U. S. Navy could do about the situation since the events all occurred outside United States jurisdiction. He stated, however, that PAUL KYDE was not guilty in any way and had been cleared of all charges as far as the U. S. Navy is concerned.

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OSWALD'S Possible Attendance at Antioch
College, Yellow Springs, Ohio

Mrs. DONNA BLANCHARD, 4249 Labata Place, Dayton, Ohio, telephone 278-3948, telephonically advised SA JOHN W. LILL, JR. as follows:

She has received information from her sister, Mrs. WILMA HASSER, Fairfield Pike, Yellow Springs, Ohio, that a teacher at the Yellow Springs Junior High School by the name of JEFFERY ROBBINS, mentioned to his class at that school, that OSWALD had been at Antioch College. A student by the name of EASTMAN reportedly asked ROBBINS if it were true that OSWALD attended Antioch College. ROBBINS reportedly answered that OSWALD had not been a student at Antioch, but had been to Antioch College to give a talk on Fair Play For Cuba.

Mrs. BLANCHARD stated her sister would have further details and would be in a position to furnish information as to the source of the above information.

On December 3, 1963, Mrs. CECIL (WILMA) HASSER was contacted at her residence, 525 Fairfield Pike, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and advised SA BERNARD D. MALONEY that the information related by her sister was misinterpreted and that it had been reported to her that JEFFERY ROBBINS, a teacher at Yellow Springs Junior High School, had mentioned to the class he had heard that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had attended Antioch College, Yellow Springs, and heard that OSWALD had been to the college to give a talk on Fair Play For Cuba.

Mrs. HASSER said that she had no definite information concerning these statements by ROBBINS, and related that it was her impression ROBBINS was a former physical education teacher at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Previous investigation concerning OSWALD at Antioch College failed to reflect he was known at this college or had ever attended there. Recent articles appearing in local newspapers this area, made mention OSWALD had attended Antioch College.

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On December 2, 1963, Mrs. MILDRED KIRK, Deputy Clerk, Scioto County, Portsmouth, Ohio, furnished SA WILFRED GOODWIN the following information:

HARRY KYLE, an attorney at Xenia, Ohio, is an associate of her son. KYLE represented the barber, name unknown to Mrs. KIRK, who was involved in the racial matter at Yellow Springs, Ohio, when he declined to cut the hair for persons of the Negro race.

KYLE told Mrs. KIRK's son that when he saw OSWALD on television, he thought he recognized OSWALD, and after reflecting on the matter, is certain that he recalls OSWALD as having been one of the pickets in front of the barber shop operated by his client.

Mrs. KIRK also was of the opinion that he had told her son that the checks which OSWALD was reported to be receiving were from either someone at Antioch College or possibly directly from Cuba.

Mrs. KIRK has no first-hand information concerning this matter.

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On December 3, 1963, Mr. HARRY W. KYLE, Attorney-at-Law, 241 Hill Street, Xenia, Ohio, advised SA BERNARD D. MALONEY he has represented LOUIS GEGNER, Yellow Springs, Ohio, in fight against attacks of discrimination at Gegner's Barber Shop, where demonstrations have been staged in protest.

He said he was not acquainted with OSWALD, but following the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, and mention being made of OSWALD, he felt he heard the name before with reference to picketing or agitation behind the picketing at Gegner's Barber Shop, Yellow Springs, Ohio. He said he had no definite information to support this, and stated that should he later recall where he heard the name before, he would so advise the FBI at Dayton, Ohio.

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ARTHUR CRANDALL HAZARD MASON
Who Was in Mexico City
September, 1963

ARTHUR CRANDALL HAZARD MASON, 216 Eaton Road, Hamilton, Ohio, with permanent address of Box 1766, Coral Gables 34, Florida, was interviewed by SA ERNEST T. CLARKE, on November 29, 1963, at Hamilton, and furnished the following information:

MASON does not know and does not recall ever having seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD, except as he appeared on television programs following the assassination of the President. He is on an extended vacation trip and has been travelling about the country. He was in New Orleans from about September 13 until September 17, 1963, where he stayed at the Monteleone Hotel prior to travel to Mexico City. His passport had expired on September 15, 1963, and on September 16, 1963, he got it renewed in New Orleans. He applied for and received a visa for a tourist visit to Mexico at an office of the Mexican Government at New Orleans on September 14 or September 16, 1963. He planned to leave New Orleans via air, flight number and airline not recalled. On September 16, 1963, however, this flight was cancelled because of a hurricane over the Gulf area. He left New Orleans about 7:00 P.M., September 17, 1963, flight and airlines not recalled, and flew directly, non-stop, to Mexico City, Mexico, where he stayed at the Monte Cassino Hotel.

Mr. MASON resides on a yacht, and has permanent residence at the above-stated address in Florida. He was formerly employed at the Ohio Casualty Company in Hamilton, Ohio. Following a divorce from his wife, MARGARET MASON, in February, 1963, he left his position and has been vacationing. He was born October 29, 1919, at Roxbury, Massachusetts, is a graduate of Harvard Business School, and is self-employed as an accountant. He advised that he has never been arrested. He had just returned from the Interlochen Music Center, Interlochen, Michigan, where he spent Thanksgiving with his son, JOHN MASON, who attends the center.

APPENDIX

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

COLUMBUS, OHIO CHAPTER

A confidential informant advised on December 3, 1951 that at a meeting of the Franklin County, Ohio Section of the Communist Party at Columbus, Ohio November 29, 1951, it was decided that the matter of forming a Columbus Chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) would be taken up at a meeting of the Ohio State Board of the Communist Party.

This informant further reported on March 5, 1952 that the formation of the Columbus Chapter of the WILPF was discussed at a meeting of interested women January 31, 1952, at which the aims and purposes of the WILPF were read from literature issued by the international organization. According to this informant, Communist Party members in Columbus believed this group should be organized and developed into a Communist Party front organization.

It was reported by this informant on May 9, 1957 that the Columbus Chapter of the WILPF continues to function as an active affiliate of the international organization and is primarily interested in the promotion of world peace and disarmament. On this occasion informant advised that the Columbus Chapter of the WILPF at the present time is neither controlled nor infiltrated by members of the Communist Party and that the Communist Party at Columbus has exhibited no recent interest in the group.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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Title LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference Report of Special Agent
Thomas B. Estep, Cincinnati, captioned and dated as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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