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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY
THREE, DALLAS TEXAS, AFO. ASSAULT FEDERAL OFFICER
CAPTION, PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION OF OSWALD IN ONE NINE FIVE THREE

JUDGE FLORENCE KELLY, ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE, FAMILY COURT, CITY OF
NEW YORK, ADVISED THAT SHE HAD INFORMATION PERTAINING TO LEE OSWALD AND
THAT THE PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE APPELLATE DIVISION HAD INSTRUCTED
THAT IT BE FURNISHED ONLY TO THE SAC, NYO. ON THIS DATE, AT ELEVEN
AM, JUDGE KELLY MADE AVAILABLE CASE NUMBER TWO THREE NINE SEVEN NINE
CAPTIONED " LEE OSWALD , EIGHT TWO FIVE EAST ONE SEVENTY NINTH STREET,
BRONX, NEW YORK". JUDGE KELLY ADVISED THAT THE FILES OF CHILDREN-S
COURT, PROBATION BUREAU, ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BY LAW. SHE STATED
THAT THE LAW HOWEVER DOES PERMIT UNDER EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES
TO DIVULGE THE CONTENTS OF THESE FILES. SHE STATED THAT SHE
HAS CONFERRED WITH HER SUPERIOR JUDGES IN UPPER COURTS AND IT
WAS DECIDED THAT AN EXCEPTION WOULD BE MADE IN THIS CASE AS A MATTER OF
NATIONAL INTEREST.

JUDGE KELLY PERMITTED REVIEW OF FILE IN HER CHAMBERS IN HER
PRESENCE. SHE ALSO PERMITTED NOTES TO BE TAKEN ON PERTINENT PORTION
AND WOULD NOT PERMIT FILE TO BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE OR ANY PARTS

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ACCORDING TO THE FILE, AS REVIEWED BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MALONE,
LEE OSWALD CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS OF THE
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CITY OF NEW YORK, CHILDREN-S COURT, PROBATION BUREAU, BECAUSE OF BEING EXCESSIVELY ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, AS FOLLOWS. FORTY SIX FULL DAYS AND TWO HALF DAYS FROM OCTOBER FIRST, FIFTY TWO TO JANUARY FIFTEENTH, FIFTY THREE. A WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR OSWALD ON MARCH TWELFTH, FIFTY

THREE AND IT WAS EXECUTED ON MARCH NINETEENTH , FIFTY THREE. CASE CAME UP IN COURT ON APRIL SIXTEENTH, FIFTY THREE, AT WHICH TIME OSWALD WAS REMANDED TO THE BRONX YOUTH HOUSE, TWELVE TWENTY ONE SPOFFARD AVENUE, BRONX, NYC, FOR PSYCHIATRIC STUDY. " LEE OSWALD IS A SERIOUSLY DETACHED WITHDRAWN YOUNGSTER OF THIRTEEN. LACONIC AND TACITURN, HE ANSWERS QUESTIONS BUT VOLUNTEERED ALMOST NOTHING HIMSELF, SPONTANEOUSLY.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE IS VERY HARD TO REACH HE SEEMS TO HAVE SOME ABILITY TO RELATE WHICH IN VIEW OF SOLITARY EXISTANCE HE HAS BEEN LEADI IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING. THERE IS A RATHER PLEASANT APPEALING QUALITY ABOUT HIS EMOTIONALLY STARVED, AFFECTIONLESS YOUNGSTER, WHICH GROWS AS ONE SPEAKS TO HIM, AND IT SEEMS FAIRLY CLEAR THAT HE HAS DETACHED HIMSELF FROM THE WORLD AROUND HIM BECAUSE NO ONE IN IT EVER MET ANY OF HIS NEEDS AND LOVE. OSWALD WAS ABLE TO RESPOND TO

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EXPRESSION OF UNDERSTANDING FOR HIS LONELY SITUATION BUT HE DENIED THAT HE REALLY FELT LONELY. HE FEELS ALMOST AS IF THERE IS A VEIL BETWEEN HIM AND OTHER PEOPLE THROUGH WHICH THEY CANNOT REACH HIM, BUT HE PREFERS THIS VEIL TO REMAIN INTACT. WHEN INQUIRY WAS MADE INTO HIS FANTASY LIFE, HE RESPONDED "THIS IS MY OWN BUSINESS". HE AGREED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IF HE WANTED TO, REJECTING THOSE WHICH UPSET HIM AND ACKNOWLEDGED FANTASIES ABOUT BEING POWERFUL AND SOMETIMES HURTING OR KILLING PEOPLE BUT REFUSED TO TALK ABOUT THE DREAMS, OTHER THAN TO ADMIT THAT THEY SOMETIMES CONTAINED VIOLENCE BUT HE INSISTED THAT THEY WERE PLEASANT. OSWALD HAS A VIVID FEELING OF FANTASY LIFE TURNING AROUND THE TOPICS OF OMNIPOTENCE AND POWER THROUGH WHICH HE TRIES TO COMPENSATE FOR HIS PRESENT SHORTCOMINGS AND FRUSTRATIONS. OSWALD CLAIMS THAT HE CAN GET VERY ANGRY AT HIS MOTHER AND OCCASIONALLY HAS HIT HER PARTICULARLY WHEN SHE RETURNS HOME WITHOUT HAVING BOUGHT FOOD FOR SUPPER. HE DID NOT ENJOY BEING TOGETHER WITH OTHER CHILDREN AND WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE PREFERS THE COMPANY OF BOYS TO ONE OF GIRLS, HE ANSWERED "I DISLIKE EVERYBODY" HIS OCCUPATIONAL GOAL WAS TO JOIN THE ARMY". THE SUMMARY IN THIS REPORT WAS AS FOLLOWS.. THIS THIRTEEN YEAR OLD WELL BUILT BOY HAS SUPERIOR

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MENTAL RESOURCES AND FUNCTIONS ONLY SLIGHTLY BELOW HIS CAPACITY LEVEL IN SPITE OF CHRONIC TRUANCY FROM SCHOOL. NO FINDING OF NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT OR PSYCHOTIC MENTAL CHANGES COULD BE MADE. LEE HAS TO BE DIAGNOSED AS PERSONALITY PATTERN DISTURBANCE WITH SCHIZOID FEATURES AND PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE TENDENCIES. HE HAS TO BE SEEN AS AN EMOTIONALLY QUITE DISTURBED YOUNGSTER WHO SUFFERS UNDER THE IMPACT OF REALLY EXISTING EMOTIONAL ISOLATION AND DEPRIVATION, LACK OF AFFECTION, ABSENCE OF FAMILY LIFE AND REJECTION BY A SELF INVOLVED AND CONFLICTED MOTHER. ALTHOUGH LEE DENIES THAT HE IS IN NEED OF ANY OTHER FORM OF HELP OTHER THAN REMEDIAL ONE, WE GAINED THE DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT LEE CAN BE REACHED THOUGH CONTACT WITH AN UNDERSTANDING AND VERY PATIENT PSYCHOTHERAPIST AND IF HE COULD BE DRAWN AT THE SAME TIME INTO GROUP PSYCHOTHEREPY. HE HAD A SCORE OF I.Q. ONE ONE EIGHT ON THE WECHSLER INTELLIGENCE SCALE FOR CHILDREN. HE EXHIBITS SOME DIFFICULTY IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE MATERNAL FIGURE SUGGESTING MORE ANXIETY IN THIS AREA AND STRAIN, HE APPEARS INCREASINGLY DEFENSIVE SUGGESTING SOME CONCERN ORALLY AND IN GENERAL INCAPABLE OF CONSTRUCTING AN

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EFFECTIVE EGO DEFENSE. LEE SAID, " I DON-T WANT A FRIEND AND I DON-T LIKE TO TALK TO PEOPLE". HE DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS STUBBORN AND ACCORDING TO HIS OWN SAYING LIKES TO SAY " NO". STRONGLY RESISTIVE AND NEGATIVISTIC FEATURES WERE THUS NOTICED".

THE REPORT CONTINUED THAT LEE CAME TO NEW YORK FROM FORT WORTH, TEXAS WITH HIS MOTHER AND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE A NEW YORK ADJUSTMENT. THE ROOT OF HIS DIFFICULTIES WHICH PRODUCED WARNING SIGNALS SEEMS TO BE IN HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS MOTHER. THERE WAS NO ONE IN THE FAMILY TO MEET HIS NEEDS FOR LOVE AND INTEREST SINCE HIS FATHER DIED OF A HEART ATTACK TWO MONTHS BEFORE HE WAS BORN AND HIS TWO OLDER BROTHERS, JOHN AND ROBERT, TWENTY ONE AND EIGHTEEN, WERE INVOLVED WITH THEIR OWN FRIENDS AND ACTIVITIES AND REPULSED HIS ADVANCES. LEE BECAME A SECLUSIVE CHILD WHO WAS THROWN UPON HIMSELF AND HIS OWN RESOURCES AND HE NEVER MADE FRIENDS WITH OTHER CHILDREN. HIS MOTHER WHO WORKED AND WHO WHEN HE WAS AN INFANT DEMONSTRATED HER NEED TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIM BY LEAVING HIM WITH HER SISTER AND THEN PLACING HIM FOR A SHORT WHILE IN A HOME, APPEARS TO BE A RIGID SELF INVOLVED WOMEN WITH STRONG IDEAS AND SHE HAS LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF

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THIS BOY-S BEHAVIOR NOR OF THE PROTECTIVE SHELL HE HAS DRAWN AROUND HIMSELF IN HIS EFFORT TO AVOID CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WHICH MAY RESULT IN HURT FOR HIM.

BY WAY OF FAMILY BACKGROUND, THE FILE REFLECTS THAT OSWALD-S MOTHER, MARGUERITE, MARRIED HIS FATHER, ROBERT LEE, ON JULY NINETEENTH, TWENTY NINE AT NEW ORLEANS. OSWALD-S FATHER DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE AT THE AGE OF FORTY FIVE TWO MONTHS BEFORE LEE OSWALD WAS BORN. OSWALD-S FATHER WAS AN INSURANCE AGENT AND ACCORDING TO MRS.

OSWALD PROVIDED A GOOD LIVING FOR THE FAMILY PRIOR TO HIS DEATH. THEY OWNED THEIR HOME. BESIDES LEE, THERE WERE TWO OTHER SONS JOHN AND ROBERT, WHO WERE TWENTY ONE AND EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, RESPECTIVELY IN NINETEEN FIFTY TREE. IN NINETEEN FORTY FIVE MRS. OSWALD MOVED HER FAMIL OF THREE BOYS FROM NEW ORLEANS TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS WHERE SHE LIVED UNTI AUGUST OF NINETEEN FIFTY TWO AT WHICH TIME SHE MOVED TO NEW YORK TO LIVE WITH HER MARRIED SON, JOHN , WHO WAS THEN IN THE COAST GURAD. EVEN THOUGH JOHN INVITED HIS MOTHER AND BROTHER LEE TO LIVE WITH THEM IN NEW YORK THIS ARRANGEMENT WASNOT ACCEPTABLE TO JOHN-S WIFE AND SHE WAS NOT
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RELUCTANT TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY SHOULD FIND A PLACE OF THEIR OWN TO LIVE. MRS. OSWALD WORKED AT MARTIN-S DEPARTMENT STORE, BROOKLYN, NY AT FORTY FIVE DOLLARS A WEEK. THE FILE MENTIONS MRS. OSWALD AND HER SON LIVED AT FOURTEEN FIFTY FIVE SHERIDAN AVENUE PRIOR TO MOVING TO EIGHT TWO FIVE EAST ONE SEVENTY NINTH STREET IN THE BRONX. THE FILE HOWEVER DOES NOT INDICATE WHETHER ORNOT THIS WAS HER SON JOHN-S ADDRESS AT THAT TIME. IT IS FURTHER REFLECTED THAT MRS. OSWALD AND HER SON MOVED AWAY FROM NEW YORK PRESUMABLY TO NEW ORLEANS SOME TIME IN JANUARY FIFTY FOUR EXACT DATE UNKNWON.

THE COURT DEEMED IT UNADVISALBE AT THIS TIME TO PLACE OSWALD IN AN INSTITUTION AND HE WAS PLACED ON PROBATION TO RETURN TO SCHOOL AND LIVE WITH HIS MOTHER. OSWALD RETURNED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL NUMBER FORTY FOUR IN NYC ONMAY SEVENTH, FIFTY THREE AT WHICH TIME HE ENTERED NINTH GRADE. HOWEVER, A PROGRESS REPORT OF OCTOBER TWENTY FIRST , FIFTY THREE FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL FORTY FOUR SHOWED THAT ALTHOUGH OSWALD-S ATTENDANCE WAS GOOD HIS CONDUCT WAS UNSATISFACTORY. HE HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO SALUTE THE FLAG DURING EARLY MORNING EXERCISES. HE SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME SAILING PAPER PLANES AROUND THE ROOM AND REFUSED TO WORK.

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HIS ATTITUDE WAS BELLIGERENT. HOWEVER, THE PROGRESS REPORT OF NOVEMBER NINETEENTH FIFTY THREE REFLECTS THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN OSWALD. HE IS NOW GETTING ALONG VERY WELL IN SCHOOL AND SALUTES THE FLAG. HE HAS SHOWN A GREAT DEAL OF IMPROVEMENT AND IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED A BEHAVIOR PROBLEM. HOWEVER, DESPITE THIS FAVORABLE REPORT IT WAS FELT THAT OSWALD SHOULD RECEIVE PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC TREATMENT. MRS OSWALD OBJECTED IN VIEW OF THE PROGRESS HE WAS MAKING. MRS. OSWALD CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO CONTACT OSWALD-S PAROLE OFFICER BECAUSE OF HER EMPLOYMENT. IN JANUARY, NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR, SHE WROTE A LETTER TO THE PAROLE OFFICER INDICATING THAT SHE INTENDED TO MOVE TO NEW ORLEANS. ON MARCH ELEVENTH, FIFTY FOUR, OSWALD-S CASE WAS DISCHARGED BY THE COURT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HE WAS NO LONGER IN NEW YORK.

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