

Memorandum

TO : The Director

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DATE: 4/17/78

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise of a request on the part of Congressman Louis Stokes, Chairman for captioned Committee, for a briefing [redacted] (b)(1)

DETAILS:

Pursuant to Attorney General authorization, a briefing was conducted for Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel for captioned Committee, [redacted] (c) On 4/12/78. On the afternoon of 4/13/78, Mr. Blakey advised SA Danny O. Coulson, Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, that Chairman Louis Stokes is requesting a briefing [redacted] (c) for himself and Congressman Samuel L. Devine, ranking minority Member on captioned Committee. On 4/14/78, Mr. Robert Keuch, Special Counsel to the Attorney General for this Committee, advised that the Attorney General had authorized a briefing for Chairman Stokes, Congressman Devine and Mr. Blakey. This matter has been discussed with Assistant Director William O. Cregar of the Intelligence Division.

- 1 - Mr. Adams
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Washington, D.C. 20520

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. Drew J. Clark
Congressional Inquiry Division
J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building
10th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Clark:

Pursuant to the third agency rule, the Department ~~w/~~ held the enclosed FBI documents from release to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. I am forwarding these six documents to you so that the FBI may make its determination regarding the release of this information to the Select Committee.

In his letter of April 24 to Mr. G. Robert Blakey, the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations notified the Select Committee of this referral. The Department interposes no objection to the release of any information provided in these documents.

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Should you have any questions regarding this referral or other matters regarding the Select Committee's access to Department of State documents, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William H. Price

William H. Price
Director

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Enclosures:
As stated.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

May 8, 1978

Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Director, FBI

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Attn: Mr. Coulson
- 1 - Mr. Cregar
Attn: Mr. Van Wagenen
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Enclosed are the original and two copies of a memorandum advising HSCA that additional material on Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko has been prepared for its access.

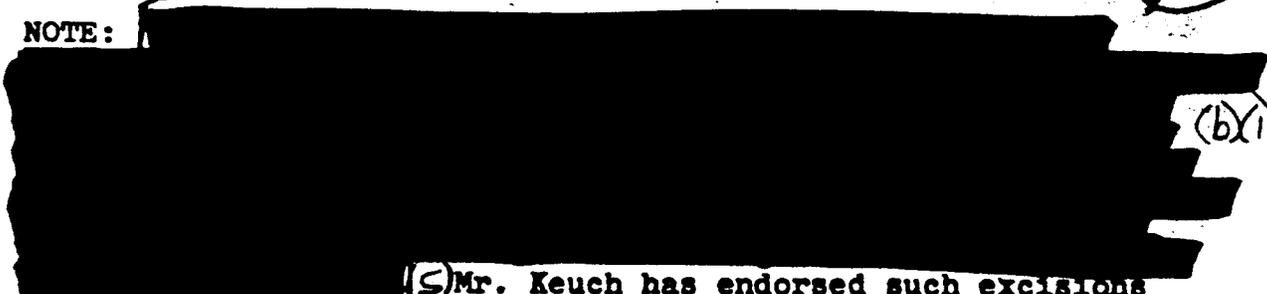
Reference is made to my letters of February 16, 1978, March 8, 1978, and March 17, 1978, with memoranda enclosed, which also addressed Committee requests for information on Nosenko.

As you will recall, your concurrence in the propriety of excising personal identities of American citizens from a specific document was obtained on April 27, 1978.

You are requested to furnish a copy of this memorandum to HSCA.

Enclosures (3)

NOTE:



(S) Mr. Keuch has endorsed such excisions to protect the privacy of these citizens against unwarranted invasion although excisions for privacy considerations are not normally made in material prepared for a Committee of Congress.

See: E. C. Peterson to Mr. W. O. Cregar memorandum of April 28, 1978, with dual caption

Yuriy Ivanovich Nosenko

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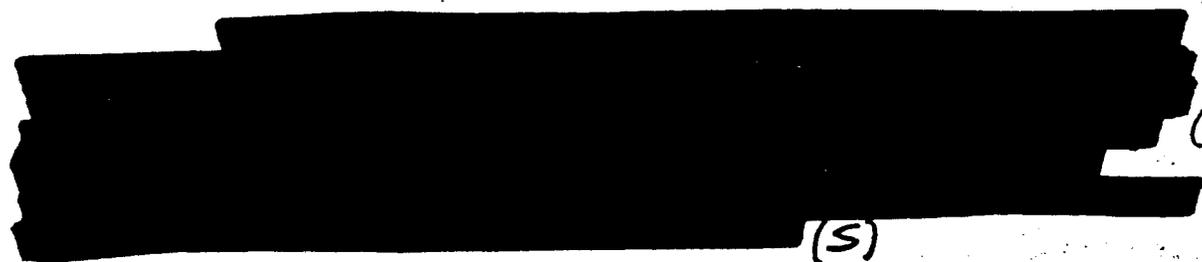
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 U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

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This is to confirm that the FBI has agreed to provide access to an additional document pertaining to Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko.



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The FBI and CIA have now completed review of this document which is available for Committee access at FBI Headquarters.

Excisions in accord with the Memorandum of Understanding appear in this document as well as excisions to protect the identities of American citizens, who may have been targets of foreign counterintelligence efforts, since their personal identities are not deemed essential to an understanding of the document.

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ORIGINAL AND TWO SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: Mr. Robert L. Keuch.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 5/8/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

NOTE: Information set forth above regarding the HSCA request was furnished by SA Danny O. Coulson, Legal Counsel Division. No written HSCA request has been received as yet. Bureau indices do not reflect an informant file on Pena; however, information in Bureau file 105-130460 indicates Pena did furnish information to the New Orleans Office. SAC, New Orleans, has previously contacted former SAC DeBrueys on other matters. Although Bufiles reflect no informant file on Pena, an April 6, 1961, airtel from New Orleans to the Bureau on another subject [REDACTED] characterizes Orestes Pena as a confidential source of the New Orleans Office. (b)(7)(c)

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

STAFF MEMBER, CAPTIONED COMMITTEE, HAS ADVISED A REPRESENTATIVE OF FBI HEADQUARTERS (FBIHQ) THAT FORMER SAC WARREN C. DEBRUEYS VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSED THE IDENTITY OF A BUREAU INFORMANT TO THE HSCA DURING A RECENT INTERVIEW. IF THIS OCCURRED, IT IS IN DIRECT CONTRAVENTION OF SPECIFIC FBIHQ INSTRUCTIONS DEBRUEYS RECEIVED PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE HSCA, SINCE EACH CURRENT AND FORMER BUREAU EMPLOYEE IS ADVISED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION (LCD), FBIHQ, PRIOR TO HIS INITIAL INTERVIEW BY COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBER(S), THAT HE IS NOT RELEASED FROM HIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY BUREAU SOURCES AND SENSITIVE METHODS AMONG OTHER MATTERS. (U)

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- 1 - MR. CLARK

- 1 - MR. MINTZ
- ATTN: MR. COULSON
- 1 - MR. MOORE
- ATTN: MR. MC CURNIN

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
ATTENTION: MR. KINSEY

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 7-19-83

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THE HSCA STAFF MEMBER ALLEGES THAT DEBRUEYS IDENTIFIED
"ORESTE PINA," [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

AS A BUREAU INFORMANT. BUFILES REVEAL THAT SUBJECT IN QUESTION
IS PROBABLY ORESTE PENA AKA ORESTES FARNICIO PENA ALFONSO,
BUFILE 105-130460 AND NEW ORLEANS FILE 105-1926. THE COMMITTEE
IS NOW REQUESTING [REDACTED] HSCA

[REDACTED] (u)
IN ORDER FOR FBIHQ TO EVALUATE AND RESPOND TO THIS HSCA
REQUEST, NEW ORLEANS WILL ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING AND SUTEL
RESULTS ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 8988,
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION. (U)

(1) SAC OR ASAC NEW ORLEANS WILL PERSONALLY INTERVIEW
FORMER SAC DEBRUEYS; ADVISE HIM OF HSCA CONTENTION; ASCERTAIN
SPECIFICALLY WHAT HE MAY HAVE TOLD IT ABOUT "ORESTE PINA" AND
IN WHAT CONTEXT; AND ASCERTAIN HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE
BRIEFING AFFORDED HIM AT FBIHQ WITH SPECIFIC REGARD TO THE PRO-
HIBITION AGAINST DIVULGING IDENTITIES OF BUREAU INFORMANTS. (u)

(2) CONDUCT SEARCH OF NEW ORLEANS INDICES RE ORESTE PENA;
REVIEW AND SUMMARIZE ANY FILES IDENTIFIED AND PROVIDE DETAILED
DESCRIPTION OF ANY INFORMANT FILE ON PENA; TO INCLUDE NUMBER OF

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 VOLUMES AND SERIALS. ~~(S)~~(u)

{3} IF AN INFORMANT FILE EXISTS ON PENA, CONTACT HIM AND ASK THAT HE VOLUNTARILY PROVIDE HIS WITNESSED SIGNATURE ON A WIAVER CONSTRUCTED AS FOLLOWS: "I, , AUTHORIZE THE FBI TO RELEASE ANY INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, REGARDING ME AND ANY CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP I MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FBI CAN IN NO WAY GUARANTEE THAT THE INFORMATION OR DOCUMENT{S} WILL NOT BE PUBLICLY DISCLOSED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES." ~~(S)~~(u)

 HE MAY (b)(7)(c)
 ONLY BE ADVISED THAT HSCA HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO HIM AND THAT THE FBI MAY COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE IN THIS REGARD IF HE DOES NOT OBJECT. PENA SHOULD BE ASKED IF HE TOLD HSCA OF ANY CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP HE MAY HAVE HAD WITH THE FBI. ~~(S)~~(u)

{4} SAC NEW ORLEANS WILL PROVIDE HIS RECOMMENDATION RE COURSE OF ACTION TO BE FOLLOWED BY FBIHQ IN THIS MATTER. THIS RECOMMENDATION SHOULD ADDRESS ANY DISCERNIBLE PROBLEM

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RESULTING FROM A PRODUCTION OF AN EXTANT INFORMANT FILE IN THIS MATTER. ~~(S)~~ (U)

PORTIONS OF THIS TELETYPE HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED TO PROTECT A SOURCE WHO MAY HAVE FURNISHED NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION TO THIS BUREAU WITH THE EXPRESS OR IMPLIED UNDERSTANDING HIS IDENTITY WOULD BE PROTECTED. (U)

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DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
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FROM LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (175-14) (RUC)

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SUBJECT HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
Re Bureau teletype, 6-7-78.

Two teams representing HSCA arrived in Mexico City during the period 5/28 - 31/78. The announced purpose was for one team to look into the Mexican aspects of the assassination of former President JOHN F. KENNEDY and the second would be doing the same thing with regard to the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

May 31, 1978

Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Mintz (Attn: Mr. Coulson)
- 1 - Mr. Cregar (Attn: Mr. Kinsey)
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Enclosed are the original and two copies of a memorandum responding in full to an HSCA request of April 19, 1978.

The Committee asked for access to [redacted] HSCA
Subsequent contacts with HSCA disclosed that [redacted] whom the HSCA described as [redacted] HSCA modified the request [redacted]

William James Lowery testified before a Senate Committee in 1963 and described his confidential relationship to the FBI.

You are requested to furnish a copy of the memorandum to the HSCA.

Enclosures (3)

EX-115

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NOTE: Searches on a James Lowery disclosed voluminous, unidentifiable material. HSCA was recontacted for more specific identifying data, whereupon HSCA [redacted]

[redacted] File content caused additional recontact with HSCA to obtain limiting dates from Cynthia Cooper, HSCA staff member, and with Dallas Division to confirm that Lowery himself felt he had gone

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Asst. Dir. _____ public on his relationship with the Bureau. Dallas Division
 Dep. AD Adm. _____ located numerous news articles in file which variously
 Dep. AD Inv. _____ described Lowery as "FBI Undercover Man" and "Counterspy
 Asst. Dir.: _____ for FBI? All material being produced for access has been
 Adm. Servs. _____ reviewed [redacted] for (b)(1)
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MR. [redacted]

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HSCA

File searches at FBI Headquarters disclosed voluminous, unidentifiable information on persons named James Lowery. The Committee was recontacted for more specific identifying data, whereupon it advised that

[REDACTED]

In addition, HSCA

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File searches based on new data resulted in the retrieval of identifiable information, the scope of which was restricted to 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963 by the HSCA. This material is now available for access at FBI Headquarters.

Where information or a document is not provided, it is either not retrievable from FBI Headquarters files or is not produced pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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ORIGINAL AND TWO SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

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Retrievable material has been prepared and is available at FBI Headquarters.

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Kauch
Director, FBI

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

June 14, 1978

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(Attn: Mr. Coulson)
- 1 - Mr. Cregar
(Attn: Mr. Nolan)
(Attn: Mr. Bastoky)
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Enclosed are the original and two copies of a memorandum responding in full to an HSCA request of April 28, 1978, which asked for [REDACTED]

HSCA

On May 16, 1978, Chairman Louis Stokes, Ranking Minority Member, Congressman Samuel L. Devine, and G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, were afforded a briefing on the information requested. It was agreed, at the briefing, that specific FBI file information would be processed for Mr. Blakey's exclusive access. This information is now available at FBI Headquarters.

You are requested to furnish a copy of the memorandum to the HSCA.

Enclosures (3)

NOTE: J. B. Hotis memorandum to Mr. W. O. Cregar of 5/18/78 captioned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (S) Yuri I. Nosenko, [REDACTED] (S) 65-68530, set forth details of the briefing provided to the HSCA. Code names are intentionally omitted from the body of the outgoing letter and memorandum, since it is the consensus of the FBI and CIA that no Government document should affirm the existence of the source. The letter to the Assistant Attorney General is unclassified upon deletion of this note. At the present time, only Mr. Blakey has been authorized to receive access to information prepared in response to this request.

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June 14, 1978

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**HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)**

This responds in full to the April 28, 1978, letter to the Attorney General, signed by G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, wherein he requested specific information pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

In response to this request, Chairman Louis Stokes, Ranking Minority Member, Congressman Samuel L. Devine, and Mr. Blakey, HSCA, were afforded a briefing in Chairman Stokes' office on May 16, 1978. At this briefing, it was agreed that specific documents would be prepared for Mr. Blakey's exclusive access.

The agreed upon material is now available at FBI Headquarters. Any questions pertaining to this material may be directed to Special Agent Drew J. Clark, telephone 324-3685.

Where information or a document is not provided, it is either not retrievable from FBI Headquarters files or is not produced pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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ORIGINAL AND TWO SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 6/14/78, captioned, "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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June 19, 1978

Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Director, FBI

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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Attn: Mr. Coulson
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Attn: Mr. Kinsey
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Enclosed are an original and two copies of a memorandum responding to HSCA letters of May 16, 1978, and June 13, 1978, which respectively asked for "

[REDACTED] HSCA
access, ... to [REDACTED]

Reference is made to my letters of March 8 and 17, 1978, among others, which responded to HSCA requests [REDACTED]. Together, these responses provided access to retrievable material on Items 1 and 2 of the May 16, 1978, letter. Retrievable material on Item 3, is now available for Committee access at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ).

On June 13, 1978, G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, advised that he particularly desired to obtain tapes or verbatim transcripts recording interviews of Nosenko that dealt with Lee Harvey Oswald for the assassination of President Kennedy. He advised that Nosenko has told the Committee that he recalls being recorded by the FBI during interviews in 1964 and later.

Retrieval efforts at FBIHQ have failed to locate tapes or verbatim transcripts of Nosenko interviews which pertain to the items of information the Committee has enumerated. Therefore, an exhaustive search of records was initiated in the FBI Washington Field Office (WFO) involving 33 Agents and two support personnel, since Bureau Agents from that office were involved in the original interviews of Nosenko. This search also failed to locate any recordings or verbatim transcripts of the pertinent interviews.

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U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

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Thus far, research indicates that Nosenko was interviewed regarding Oswald or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on February 26 and 27, 1964, March 3, 4 and 5, 1964, and on an unspecified date, the results of which were reported in a 1970 document.

A document located in the WFO files indicates that tape recordings for the March 26 and 27, 1964, interviews existed for a limited duration, but no trace of the recordings or any verbatim transcripts can be found.

It is speculated that a recorder may have been used on some of the 1964 Nosenko interviews by FBI Agents as a means of checking the accuracy of their notes. There is no indication that any verbatim transcripts were prepared from such tapes.

The HSCA is being advised that the results of the five dated interviews were available for its access on March 8, 1978, and were actually delivered to HSCA on March 21, 1978.

You are requested to furnish a copy of this memorandum to the HSCA.

NOTE: This response has been coordinated with [redacted] (S) (b)(1)
[redacted] Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division and WFO. Director FBI teletype to WFO dated June 14, 1978, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)" requested that WFO conduct a search to locate any recordings or transcripts for the pertinent Nosenko interviews. [redacted] (S)

[redacted] (S) WFO (b)(1)
teletype to Director dated June 16, 1978, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)" set forth details and results of requested WFO Search. No tapes or verbatim transcripts were found in WFO. WFO did locate a March 26, 1964, intra office memorandum by SA Donald E. Walter which stated that Nosenko was recorded on February 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1964. However, no indication as to the disposition of these mentioned recordings was found. WFO speculates such tapes were merely used as aids to check the accuracy of Agents' notes and were later discarded as Walter's memorandum bears no action notations.

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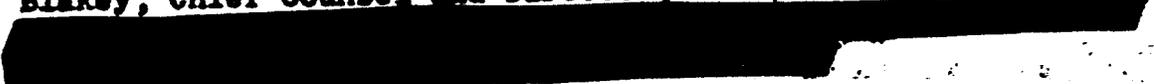
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
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This responds in full to the May 16, 1978, and June 13, 1978, letters to the Attorney General signed G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, wherein he requested



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With regard to the May 16, 1978, letter, Items 1 and 2, retrievable documents indicate that Nosenko was interviewed on February 26 and 27, 1964, and on March 3, 4 and 6, 1964, concerning Lee Harvey Oswald or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In response to a prior request, the Committee was advised by memorandum dated March 8, 1978, that material containing the results of these interviews was available for its access. It should be noted that these same documents have resided in general material available for Committee access during the past year. In addition, the Committee received delivery of the documents containing the results of these interviews on March 21, 1978. The Committee may refer to document 108-82555-2463 classified "Confidential". An undated reporting by Nosenko about Oswald has also been located and will be available for access and, if necessary, for delivery as specified in the June 13, 1978, HSCA letter. It is, of course, understood that any documents or material delivered in accordance with the specifications set forth in the June 13, 1978, HSCA letter will not be copied in any manner while in the custody of the HSCA.

With regard to the June 13, 1978, letter, records searches have not located any extant recordings or verbatim transcripts of the interviews with Yuri Nosenko that concerned Lee Harvey Oswald or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

A document has been located which indicates that FBI Agents did record the February 26 and 27 interviews of Nosenko, among others. Since no recordings or transcripts have been located, it can be assumed that the recordings were used by the interviewing Agents to check the accuracy of their notes prior to dictating the results of the interviews.

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Upon verifying the accuracy of resultant transcriptions, examples of which the Committee can view in document 105-82555-2463, it is a further, logical assumption that the recordings were disposed of since they had served the purpose for which they were made, although no record of such disposition can be found.

This response does not address information in FBI files which was obtained from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as it is assumed that the HSCA is in direct contact with the CIA concerning its pertinent information.

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to the Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated June 19, 1978, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)".

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)
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FORMER SAC WARREN C. DEBRUEYS (RETIRED) INTERVIEWED
JUNE 8, 1978 BY NEW ORLEANS ASAC THEODORE M. GARDNER.

AFTER BEING ADVISED OF HSCA CONTENTION THAT HE IDENTIFIED
"ORESTE PINA, [REDACTED]
AS A BUREAU INFORMANT, DEBRUEYS STATED THAT HE HAD TOLD
HSCA COUNSEL ROBERT GENZMAN WHEN ASKED BY GENZMAN THAT PENA

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On 6/19/78 G. Robert Blakey, HSCA, ^{EX-115} was advised
that no informant file exists on Pena. This
response to Blakey was coordinated with SA
Danny O. Coulson, LL + CA unit, Legal Counsel Div.
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WAS CATEGORICALLY NOT AN INFORMANT OF THE FBI. DEBRUEYS ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM FBIHQ PERSONNEL PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HSCA; HOWEVER, HAD RECEIVED THESE INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE HOLDING HEARINGS ON THE ASSASSINATION APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO. HE STATED THAT THIS WAS IRRELEVANT AS HE WOULD NEVER REVEAL TO ANYONE THE IDENTITY OF A BUREAU INFORMANT.

DEBRUEYS REITERATED THAT HE WHEN QUESTIONED BY GENZMAN AND ON THE FOLLOWING DAY BY THE FULL HSCA ON BOTH OCCASIONS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT PINA WAS AN INFORMANT OF THE FBI, AND FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW PINA'S ADDRESS IN NEW ORLEANS AND THEREFORE COULD NOT HAVE FURNISHED SAME TO THE HSCA OR TO GENZMAN.

DEBRUEYS DID STATE THAT DURING HIS INTERVIEW WITH GENZMAN AND BEFORE THE FULL HSCA HE ATTEMPTED TO DEFINE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN AN INFORMANT, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AND A SOURCE OF INFORMATION, WITH PARTICULAR STRESS ON THE DEFINITION OF A SOURCE OF INFORMATION. AS HE RECALLS HE WAS

ASKED WHETHER PENA COULD HAVE BEEN A SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND HE STATED THAT IT IS CONCEIVABLE PENA COULD HAVE BEEN; HOWEVER, WAS NOT AN INFORMANT OF THE FBI. DEBRUEYS STATED THAT PENA WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY HIM AS AN INFORMANT BECAUSE HE NEVER FURNISHED ANY INFORMATION OF VALUE WHEN CONTACTED AND NEVER VOLUNTEERED ANY INFORMATION.

DEBRUEYS ADVISED THAT HE IS PREPARING A LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR ENCLOSING APPROXIMATELY 18 PAGES OF DETAILS OF HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HSCA. HE WILL FURNISH THIS LETTER AND ITS ENCLOSURE TO THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION ON JUNE 9, 1978.

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE INDICES INDICATES NO RECORD OF AN INFORMANT FILE, EITHER 134 OR 137 CLASSIFICATION, HAVING BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR ORESTES FARNICIO PENA ALFONSO OR ORESTE PENA.

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NEW ORLEANS WILL FURNISH FULL DETAILS OF OFFICE INDICES SEARCH, DEBRUEYS PERSONAL INTERVIEW, AND HIS WRITTEN COMMUNICATION VIA LHM UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM HIM.

IN VIEW OF THE SAC, NEW ORLEANS ATTENDANCE AT THE ALL SAC CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, IT IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEW ORLEANS ASAC THAT THE HSCA BE ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF OUR RECORDS FAILS TO MANIFEST ANY INFORMATION THAT ORESTE PENA WAS AN INFORMANT FOR THE FBI AND THAT THIS REVIEW SUBSTANTIATES DEBRUEYS' STATEMENT THAT HE DENIED CATEGORICALLY TO THE COUNSEL FOR THE HSCA AND TO THE FULL HSCA COMMITTEE THAT PENA WAS AN INFORMANT. ALTHOUGH DEBRUEYS ADVISED HE EXPLAINED TO THE HSCA THE DEFINITION OF INFORMANT, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AND A SOURCE OF INFORMATION, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THESE

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DEFINITIONS BE REITERATED TO THE HSCA, AS IT WOULD APPEAR
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TERMS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THEIR CONTENTION THAT PENA WAS
INDEED AN INFORMANT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 Attention: Supervisor DREW J. CLARK,
 Congressional Inquiry Unit
 Room 8988

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (66-2878)

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Re New Orleans tel 6/8/78.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of a letter to the Director from former SAC (retired) WARREN C. DeBRUEYS dated 6/12/78 which encloses a 20 page document entitled "Testimony Before the Sub-Committee on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, U. S. House of Representatives, May 2 and 3, 1978"; one copy of a letter from DeBRUEYS to SAC, New Orleans dated 6/13/78; and one copy of a memorandum dated 6/7/78 which sets forth results of New Orleans indices search relative to OREST PENA.

The enclosed material was made available to ASAC THEODORE M. GARDNER, New Orleans by DeBRUEYS on 6/14/78.

Inasmuch as former SAC DeBRUEYS furnished his recollections of his testimony before the HSCA as an enclosure to a personal letter to the Director, this material is not being furnished to FBIHQ in letterhead memorandum format. It should be noted that in the last

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paragraph of page 4 of his letter to the Director, DeBRUEYS makes a request of the Bureau to permit him to review those reports he wrote under the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) caption as well as those written under the caption "Lee Harvey Oswald" in 1963 by former SA MILTON R. KAACK and possibly others. He advises this review would enable him to supplement his testimony before the Sub-committee by informing the Sub-committee in writing of the full nature and extent of the Bureau's and his pre-assassination inquiry involving OSWALD. He stated he considers this to be essential to a complete and fair understanding of the Bureau's pre-assassination investigation.

Former SAC DeBRUEYS repeatedly expressed concern that the HSCA was attempting to establish the proposition that the Bureau's pre-assassination inquiries of LEE HARVEY OSWALD were not as probative as they should have been, and that appropriate FBIHQ personnel and the Director should be made aware of the HSCA's predilections in this regard.

Pursuant to former SAC DeBRUEYS' request, a copy of the enclosed material is being maintained in the New Orleans file.

June 13, 1978

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Dear Bud:

I am enclosing a letter directed by me to FBI Director William H. Webster together with its enclosure, a summary of my testimony before the House Sub-Committee on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy on May 3, 1978. I have included for your office files a machine copy of the letter and its enclosure.

Would you be so kind as to forward the original letter and its enclosure in your office's Registered Mail to Bureau Headquarters for personal attention of the Director?

If you have any questions pertaining to this letter or its enclosures, I will be happy to try to furnish the desired information.

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June 12, 1978

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Dear Mr. Webster:

Enclosed is a summary of my testimony before the House Sub-Committee on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy held on the morning of May 3, 1978. The contents of the enclosure is a summary of information I was able to recall some four or five hours after the hearing.

When viewed in retrospect, some questions posed by Congressman Christopher J. Dodd left me with the distinct impression that he may have been attempting to establish the proposition that the Bureau's pre-assassination inquiries of Lee Harvey Oswald were not as probative as they should have been. His specific inquiries of me as to the details of my investigation of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) as they related to Oswald could not be fully answered in view of the passage of some fifteen years since I performed that investigation. This was explained to him along with the fact that I believe I had some 40 to 60 other cases assigned to me at the same time. Again, in retrospect, I gather that he misconstrued that response as an excuse for some possible omissions in my handling of that case rather than my attempt to present a factual picture. I did emphasize that while I did not recall every facet of my inquiry, I nonetheless could state that as in all investigative matters handled by me, my inquiry of Oswald in the FPCC case was both thorough and more extensive than circumstances required.

If my premise or supposition as cited above is accurate, it may be well to mention that shortly after my assignment to FBI Headquarters as a supervisor in 1967, several Bureau supervisors expressed their gratitude to me for the extensive nature of my

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inquiry in the FPCC case involving Oswald. They explained that in the main, full-field investigation of Oswald of the New Orleans Division in 1963 which had been assigned to Special Agent Milton R. Kaack, there had been some alleged deficiencies for which they were to be censured. However, these supervisors had been able to show that the so-called deficiencies in Kaack's investigation under the individual caption of Lee Harvey Oswald (possibly with the Character of "Is-R" or "Foreign Agents Registration Act") had been more than adequately covered in my FPCC investigation in the New Orleans Office during the same period.

I cite the foregoing as it is entirely possible that the Sub-Committee may ask for Bureau reports and if they merely review the main case investigation on Oswald in the New Orleans Office in 1963, their review of Kaack's reports will not give the complete picture. It is essential for them to review both the security case on Oswald by Kaack and my collateral inquiry of Oswald under the FPCC caption. It would have been an inefficient duplication of effort for S.A. Kaack to have duplicated what I may have done regarding Oswald. Additionally, the Sub-Committee should review the Dallas Office reports as Oswald did not remain in New Orleans long after his arrest by New Orleans Police in August brought him to the attention of the New Orleans Division. He departed for Dallas the next month in September, 1963.

Another point of interest of the Sub-Committee was Orestes Pena, who in recent years has commented publicly he had seen Oswald in my presence prior to the assassination. This is an unmitigated fabrication, which, based on an article in the San Antonio Light, a San Antonio, Texas newspaper, under date 4/29/78, has grown to the point where Pena now is quoted as stating to French film director, Jean-Michel Charlier, that he and Oswald frequently made reports together to the FBI, adding that the agent who handled both of them was I. Pena, to my knowledge, made no statement to the Warren Commission indicating he ever saw Oswald in my company. Also Pena apparently was embarrassed in having to admit in a Bureau interview in 1964 that he never made a statement to Carlos Bringuier that Oswald had been in his bar, the La Habana Bar in New Orleans during the summer of 1963. I believe that my persistence in interviewing him about that alleged statement which resulted in his denial has been a source of irritation to Pena -- hence, the possible basis for his wild utterances in the last two or three years. As stated in the enclosure, I never personally met or saw Oswald except for photos of him after his arrest in New Orleans in August, 1963.

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During the hearing I was asked if Pena had been an informant of the FBI, and I responded with a categorical "no". Further questions were asked such as could he have been a "source of information?" I explained a source could be anybody, such as a shopkeeper, accountant, business employee, who may have given information in the past in response to inquiry. I answered that possibly Pena may have been a "source for information," but quickly added that it was my recollection that he was not the type of person I would have been inclined to develop as an informant simply because he was not disposed to furnish any data of significance at any time and it seemed that what he did furnish was quite limited in response to specific inquiry.

It should also be mentioned that prior to the Executive Session hearing on 5/3/78, I had been interviewed on 5/2/78 by staff counsellor, Robert Genzman. After about 2½ hours of interrogation on the morning of 5/2/78, Genzman got to the Pena subject at which time I informed him Pena was never to my knowledge an informant of the FBI. After asking that question he told me I didn't have to appear before the Sub-Committee on 5/3/78 adding that I could merely furnish him with a sworn signed statement incorporating all the answers I had given that morning. I declined to do so, indicating that I had taken the trouble to travel to Washington to appear before the Sub-Committee and I intended to do so. I explained that there are a lot of misconceptions about the Bureau's investigative effort and I thought I may be able to clarify a lot of misunderstandings by answering the Sub-Committee's questions and volunteering data where necessary to disabuse them of any ill-conceived ideas or conclusions that might surface during the hearing.

Also at the staff interrogation on 5/2/78 I was asked by Sub-Committee counsel, Robert Genzman, wasn't the job of Special Agent in Charge of the San Juan Division of the FBI a plush job highly sought after by qualified Bureau agent personnel. I responded that such was not the case and that the job of SAC for that Division to my knowledge had been offered to several qualified Bureau agents who turned it down before I was assigned to that position having learned thereof for the first time by medium of a routine letter of transfer. The implication in this question that could be inferred is that I was being "paid off" by the Bureau possibly because Oswald had been my informant which the Bureau did not want revealed and for that reason I had become an "untouchable".

This latter reasoning, of course, is pure speculation on my part, but the questions posed by the Sub-Committee's Staff Counselor and by the Sub-Committee has given some credence to the ridiculous allegation that Oswald had been an informant of the FBI and mine in particular.

Perhaps another set of circumstances that has been seized to support the wild allegation that Oswald had been an FBI informant was the fact that some years after the assassination a number of FBI agents were asked to submit an affidavit that Oswald was not an informant of the FBI. For some strange reason, perhaps because I was assigned overseas and inadvertently passed over, I did not receive such a request. This possibly gave credence to the speculation that I was purposely not asked to sign such an affidavit. If I remember correctly, that was corrected two or three years ago when I believe I was asked to sign an affidavit and did so readily.

Given the foregoing indications as evidence of the Sub-Committee's apparent predisposition to pursue suppositions that the Bureau knows to be completely erroneous, the possibility that the Sub-Committee could err grossly in evaluating the Bureau's pre-assassination investigation can no longer be considered remote. If such a travesty of reasoning were to evolve it would be damaging to the Bureau's reputation and conceivably to mine as well. Accordingly, as a party of interest, I request the Bureau to permit me to review those reports that I wrote under the FPCC caption as well as those written under the caption of "Lee Harvey Oswald" in 1963 by Special Agent Milton R. Kaack and possibly others. With the Bureau's permission I would then be able to supplement my testimony before the Sub-Committee by informing the Sub-Committee in writing of the full nature and extent of the Bureau's and my pre-assassination inquiries involving Oswald. Such information would be accompanied by those comments and explanations which I, as a party familiar with relevant circumstances and conditions at the time the reports were written, consider to be essential to a complete and fair understanding of the Bureau's pre-assassination investigation. Any sterile report review by the Sub-Committee without such additional relevant data would be inadequate and susceptible to faulty analysis.

Cordially yours,

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE ASSASSINATION OF
OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 2 and 3, 1978

Set forth below is a summary of data furnished during an Executive Session of the House Sub-committee on Assassinations on 5/3/78. Present were Congressmen Richardson Preyer (North Carolina), Chairman; Harold S. Sawyer (Michigan); and Christopher J. Dodd (Connecticut). The staff Counselor, who posed a majority of the questions, was Robert Genzman, a graduate of Cornell Law School.

It should be pointed out that on the previous date, May 2, 1978, I was queried by Counselor Genzman between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and Noon and between 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. It is possible, hence, that some of my answers given on that date may be recorded from memory as given during the Executive Session. However, I am certain that for the most part, what follows was given before the House Sub-committee on May 3, 1978.

At the outset, I was asked to furnish background of my FBI career, and I provided the following information:

I entered the Bureau in August of 1950 as a Special Agent and retired on May 6, 1977. Sometime during the questioning, if not entirely at the outset, I traced my career in the Bureau, including my assignments in the Newark and New Orleans Divisions and overseas, as well as my assignment at FBI Headquarters, and temporary duty assignments in Santo Domingo during the revolutionary crisis in The Dominican Republic and in Dallas, Texas during the Kennedy Assassination investigation.

In response to the type of work I was doing in New Orleans in 1963, I mentioned my work primarily involved security-type investigations. Either on 5/3/78 or during the Staff Counselor's inquiry on 5/2/78, I had estimated that I probably was assigned to security matters commencing possibly in 1958.

Asked about my Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) investigations, I explained that I had apparently worked on the FPCC case intermittingly for sometime before Oswald came to the attention of the New Orleans FBI

office. I explained that as FPCC headquarters were in New York, the FBI's New York office was considered the Office of Origin of the FPCC investigation. I added that based on information received from sources of the New York office who had knowledge of certain FPCC activities, leads involving the territory covered by the New Orleans Division were received from time to time from the New York office. My recollection is that such leads were limited to the identification of the person(s) or group(s) residing in the New Orleans office territory who probably had been in contact with FPCC headquarters. Additionally, address and employment data were developed concerning individuals. It is my recollection that such leads were submitted to field offices from the New York office in a form letter which would simply identify such persons or groups in touch with FPCC and would instruct the particular office involved to conduct a limited inquiry in accordance with a specific section of the Manual of Instructions. Once that limited data (described above) was obtained, a communication would be sent to the New York office setting forth the results of such limited inquiry. If there were no additional leads outstanding, the communication would be marked "RUC." "RUC" is the abbreviation for "Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin." Actually, that was to tantamount to closing a case in an auxiliary office.

I then commented that while I had the FPCC case assigned to me, it may be that I had 5, 6, or more leads submitted to me by the New York office over an extended period of time. Accordingly, I assume that the FPCC case in the New Orleans office had been opened and "RUC'd" (closed) in as many times.

I am presuming that when word was received at the New Orleans Division of the FBI that Lee Harvey Oswald was endeavoring to open a FPCC Chapter in the New Orleans area, it was at that time it became necessary for me to establish the identity and employment of Oswald and furnish pertinent data regarding his identity and activities as a FPCC member in New Orleans to the New York office and possibly to FBI headquarters. I informed the Sub-committee that I was not able to recall whether the individual case on Lee Harvey Oswald, probably under the character of "Internal Security-R" or "Foreign Agents Registration Act" and assigned to another agent, had been opened before I conducted leads relative to Oswald's activities involving the FPCC. At any rate, with the opening of the subject case on Oswald, the latter matter took precedence over the FPCC case in so far as the investigation of Oswald was concerned. The individual case under the caption of Lee Harvey Oswald was assigned to another agent and was, in effect, a full-field type of investigation whereas my inquiry of Oswald was limited to his alleged

activities in connection with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. I reiterated to the Sub-committee members that all of the foregoing and what follows must, of necessity, be characterized as "recollection." I explained that I do not have access to FBI files and particularly to the reports that I had written pertaining to matters in which the Sub-committee has exhibited an interest.

In response to specific inquiry, I narrated the extent of my investigation involving Oswald under the FPCC caption. I explained that I could not at this late date (some 15 years subsequent to my investigation) recall the identities of specific sources contacted by me. I did say that obviously I would have contacted a large number of Cuban sources and had acquired information concerning Oswald's employment, residence, and general activities. I mentioned that it would have been equally logical for me to have utilized any information pertinent to the FPCC investigation involving Oswald that may have been in the individual case under the "IS-R" or "FARA" caption assigned to SA Milton R. Kaack. I am certain that there was included a copy of the Interview Report Form setting forth the interview of Lee Harvey Oswald by SA Jack Quigley. When pressed for the identities of sources, as stated above, I could not say with any certainty at this time who they were by name, but that I probably contacted quite a number of people including numerous anti-Castro Cubans who conceivably would be aware of Oswald's pro-Castro activities and when pressed for names, I suggested I may have talked to Carlos Bringuier, Frank Bartes, Arnesto Rodriguez and others and may have checked at the Post Office concerning his Post Office Box, but at this late date I could not be certain about the details. I reminded the Committee members that there was no point in my conducting investigation already conducted by SA Kaack in handling his investigation of Oswald. Congressman Dodd, at that point, made some comments that could be interpreted that my investigation may have been limited considering the importance of the investigation. He then said that Oswald had been a known defector to the Soviets and had been pandering the FPCC. I then stated I had no way of detailing the amount of investigation I conducted simply because too many years have passed since I conducted that inquiry. I mentioned that if I had access to pertinent FBI files, I could give a specific answer. Without such material, I could only state that as was my custom all my investigations were thorough and my investigation had been more than adequate and covered the matter in every detail. I mentioned that having a large number of cases assigned to me which numbered perhaps, between 40 and 60 cases at the time I was handling the FPCC matter, it was my custom to handle each matter thoroughly and completely.

I also mentioned that having been reminded through Committee Counselor Genzman's questioning that Oswald was arrested by New Orleans Police on

August 9, 1963, that I would assume that my investigation probably commenced on that date or shortly thereafter, or if it had already been active, it would probably not have been in effect for too long a period prior to August 9, 1963. I reminded the Committee that Lee Harvey Oswald moved from the New Orleans area in September of 1963 and established a new address in the Dallas, Texas area. Hence, any information developed pertinent to our investigative interests was recorded in the communication to the New York office, and the Dallas Division would have been advised of Oswald's travel to Dallas. I mentioned that it would have been incumbent upon the case agent handling the "IS-R" or the "FARA" case to have taken the steps to change the Office of Origin to Dallas whereas the FPCC case would have remained with the New York office as the Office of Origin. Hence, the FPCC case, in so far as the Oswald investigation was concerned, was a secondary matter, the other described case assigned to SA Kaack being the primary investigation of Oswald.

In response to specific inquiry by the Staff Counselor, I mentioned that Oswald was reported to have passed out hand bills in front of the International Trade Mart Building in New Orleans. That information, to the best of my memory, had been furnished to the FBI by Jesse Core. The Staff Counselor had indicated that that event took place on the 16th of August, 1963. At that time, Oswald was allegedly accompanied by a young man who helped him distribute such hand bills. I mentioned that it was my recollection that the latter individual was determined to have been nothing more than a helper who had no interest in the FPCC. I added that such information, to the best of my recollection, had been developed by some other agent(s) and was not the result of my specific inquiry.

Congressman Dodd wanted to know if pro-Castro informants were contacted as well as anti-Castro informants. To the best of my memory, I could not recall whether there were any active pro-Castro groups positively identified at that time in the area, and it is my recollection that there were none. I believe I did explain that among anti-Castro Cubans, there were quite a number who specialized in trying to identify pro-Castro Cubans.

I believe that I reiterated the difficulty of responding with specificity to such questions without an opportunity to refresh my memory through file reviews.

I was asked if I saw the report of Jack Quigley. I qualified the term "report" to mention that if they were referring to Quigley's Interview Report Form, which I believe is also referred to as a "309 Form", I was certain that I did read that report as I seemed to recall

* Interview Report Form

that I had probably included it in my report along with a copy of a transcript of Oswald's TV/Radio debate with an anti-Castro Cuban which took place in New Orleans, I believe, after his arrest for an altercation with anti-Castro Cubans on August 9, 1963.

In response to a specific question, I replied it was not unusual for someone in a district jail to ask to see an FBI agent. The Staff Counselor inquired if someone were arrested on a misdemeanor, would they logically ask to see an FBI agent? As he was referring to Lee Harvey Oswald's arrest on a misdemeanor, I pointed out that the major point was not the misdemeanor charge, but the fact that there was information that he had been engaged in distributing the leaflets on behalf of a foreign nation or a foreign group which made him of interest to the FBI. I also mentioned that if Oswald had been in the 1st District Police Station simply because he were a missing person, it is possible if he were aware that the officers involved in bringing him there had information about his distributing "Communist" literature, it was not unreasonable to surmise that he may have felt uncomfortable in perhaps believing the police were "red necks" and could be hostile to someone handling such subversive literature. If such were the case, it would appear logical to ask to speak to an FBI agent. Here again, I emphasized that the "misdemeanor charge" seemed to have no bearing on whether or not he had asked to see an FBI agent.

As I recall the sequence of questioning, I am aware now that the questions had been posed previously by the Staff Counselor as to why would Lee Harvey Oswald have asked to talk to an FBI agent. Initially, my response was that I could not personally know what was on the mind of Oswald, but as a matter of speculation, I mentioned that he may have been concerned about being in custody of the local police and perhaps thought it would be safer if the "Feds" were aware of his being incarcerated. I emphasize that this was speculation only as I had no specific knowledge as to why he would ask to talk to an FBI agent.

Inquiry was then made of me as to whether Jack Quigley had checked the indices before going to the 1st District Police Station to interview Lee Harvey Oswald. I responded that I had no idea whether he had or had not checked the indices. I was then asked if it were not unusual for an agent to go on Saturday to interview Lee Harvey Oswald. I outlined the long standing policy of the New Orleans office of the FBI to respond to any request for an agent from anyone incarcerated in the local jails. It was also the policy to handle such requests promptly. I added that the Committee had enlightened me when it mentioned that SA Quigley had

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conducted the interview on a Saturday, because I had not recalled on what day the interview had been conducted. Having been so informed, I also mentioned that I recalled that when I acted as a "Saturday Supervisor", one of the first things I would do upon arriving at the office in the morning was to contact every police district station to ascertain if they had anyone in custody that was of possible interest to the bureau. If a positive answer were received, then an agent was dispatched to conduct appropriate interviews.

Asked if I thought it unusual that Oswald had been interviewed by Quigley, I mentioned that I thought it unusual that a non-security-type agent would have interviewed him, and I simply added that it probably would have been better for a security agent to have conducted the interview. I then mentioned that after intensive questioning on the day before (May 2, 1978) by the Staff Counselor as to whether SA Quigley had discussed the interview with me and I could not really recall. However, later on the evening of 5/2/78, I tried to refresh my memory and had been able to vaguely recall that I was surprised to learn that Quigley had interviewed a security subject without Bureau headquarters' approval. However, it seems that if my memory serves me correctly, I later learned that Quigley had said that Oswald had asked to speak to an agent and for that reason there was no technical violation of the Bureau's regulation against interviews of security subjects without prior Bureau authority. At any rate, I mentioned to the Committee all that was involved, had Oswald not asked to see an agent, would have been an infraction of Bureau administrative regulations which possibly could have resulted in a reprimand or possibly a letter of censure.

During the questioning, some surprise was exhibited by the Subcommittee that Oswald had not been interviewed by agents handling the investigations of him. Here again, I explained that the Bureau had determined it to be sound policy that a security subject not be interviewed until the investigations were completed and fully reported, at which time it would have been customary to submit a separate communication along with the closing report formally requesting in writing Bureau authority to interview such a subject and spell out cryptically what the agent expected to gain by such an interview.

Some concern was expressed as to why such a long interview was conducted of someone in jail on a local charge. I responded that I could not answer such a question, except to suggest that the length of the interview would depend on several factors, including the content of

the data furnished by the party being interviewed. Additionally, I surmised it was possible that Agent Quigley perhaps felt that the subject would be released shortly since the charge was only a misdemeanor and that he may not have another opportunity to elicit pertinent data from him under favorable circumstances. I added, in response to further questioning, that I did not know why SA Quigley went to the 1st District Station, except that he was undoubtedly assigned to Saturday duty, and perhaps the case agent (Mr. Kaack) was out of town. I mentioned that SA Kaack liked to fish and may have been unavailable on a Saturday fishing trip. Of course, all of the foregoing is speculation. In any event, Saturday duty agents were usually obliged to handle interviews of people in district jails who were involved in matters that may bring them within the purview of the Bureau's investigative interests.

Inquiry was made of me as to the manner in which I had determined that Hidell was non-existent. I responded that this was merely a logical conclusion after extensive investigation failed to reveal the existence of anyone by the name of Hidell. I commented that this question triggered my recollection that during my special assignment in Dallas after the assassination of President Kennedy, I had on one occasion accompanied Russian-speaking Bureau agent, Anatole Bogaslav (ph) in an interview of Oswald's widow. I asked her if she knew the "Hidell" who was supposed to have been the sole member of the New Orleans Chapter of the FPCC aside from Lee Harvey Oswald. She responded that "Hidell" was a figment of Lee's imagination. She hastened to explain that Lee had admired Fidel and picked "Hidell" as he felt it rhymed with Fidel. She had attested, in her comments, to the fact that there was no one by the name of "Hidell". I mentioned that I had recalled that an FBI source, who was knowledgeable of FPCC activities at that organization's headquarters, had obtained a copy of a letter written by Lee Harvey Oswald to FPCC headquarters, the content of which made it clear that Lee really did not know anyone within the FPCC, but in his letter was making overtures to FPCC headquarters to permit him to open a Chapter in New Orleans.

I was asked when was it that I knew that Oswald went to Mexico. My answer was that too much time has elapsed to permit me to place that event in any form of time perspective. I did comment that I thought I had learned of that information before the assassination but, here again, could not be certain. At any rate, my recollection is that the trip was made subsequent to his departure from New Orleans after giving up his residence in that city to move to Dallas. I added that probably his travel to Mexico would have been something pursued by SA Kaack who had

the case file on Oswald. I was then asked if SA Kaack had known of Oswald's trip to Mexico before the assassination, would such information have been a factor to encourage him to intensify his investigation. My answer was, "possibly", but I mentioned that I thought possibly as far as the New Orleans office was concerned that Oswald's trip to Mexico, had it been made after giving up his residence in New Orleans, would have been a matter that would have been of primary concern to the new Office of Origin, Dallas. Here again, the passage of some 15 years without a chance to review the files precludes a definitive answer.

I was asked if I personally met Lee Harvey Oswald, and my answer to that question was a categorical "no". I stated that I had not knowingly spoken to Lee Harvey Oswald by phone. I was then asked how many times I had contact with Orestes Pena, and I responded by a rough guess of a minimum of 6 to a probable maximum of 12 times. I was asked if Orestes Pena had been an informant or a PSI of the New Orleans office of the FBI. My response again was a definite "no". Asked if he may have been a source of information, I responded that possibly he may have been listed on a card in our office as a source of information. I then explained a source could be anyone who has been contacted previously particularly in a given field, who may have responded to inquiry by furnishing information. I mentioned that Orestes Pena, to my knowledge, had never initiated a flow of information to the FBI. My recollection of him is that he was not the type of person I would have been inclined to develop as an informant simply because he was not inclined to furnish data freely or voluntarily. In fact, I could not recall him having furnished any data of significance at any time and it seems that what he did furnish, was quite limited in response to specific inquiry.

It was then asked why would Orestes Pena have made a statement that he had seen me with Lee Harvey Oswald. I reminded the Committee it was my belief that such a statement by Pena was not supplied by him to the Warren Commission. In fact, I suspect that the first time he made such a statement was not more than a year or two ago. I then said that the accusation was an unmitigated and bare-faced lie. I had not given much thought until in the recent past when a Canadian Broadcasting system representative had posed the question during a recorded interview. Because his question was asked several times, I gained the impression that he was trying to ascertain if I thought Pena was trying to cloud the issue by suggesting my association with Lee Harvey Oswald, and in effect, possibly was inquiring whether I thought Pena could be in the service of some foreign group or some subversive club. I commented that