

F. B. I. Checks Reported Oswald-Rightist Link

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Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are checking a report that Lee Harvey Oswald was a close friend of an extreme Right-winger who lived at one time in Greenwich Village.

The F.B.I. refused to confirm or deny that it was conducting an investigation. However, several Villagers confirm that they have been questioned by agents seeking to learn the whereabouts of the Rightist.

According to these sources, the man sought is a Mississippian with a fondness for creating disturbances at meetings of liberals in the Village. At least once the disturbance required intervention by the police, and on another occasion the Rightist was assaulted.

None of these sources could establish any connection between the Mississippian and Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy. Nor could they verify statements given to the F.B.I. by its original informant: that he and Oswald and the Mississippian had served in the Marines together.

This informant came to the attention of the agents after he had gone to several newspapers and radio stations on the day of the assassination, Friday, Nov. 22, with the following story:

He and Oswald and the Mississippian had been in the Marines together; Oswald and the

'Village' Residents Are Asked About Mississippian Called Accused Assassin's Friend

Mississippian had shared a room together on Eighth Street in the Village; Oswald had photographed disruptions produced at meetings by his friend, and had supplied them to a Rightist publication.

Oswald listed his occupation as "photographer" on a passport application.

Sources interviewed yesterday said they had not seen Oswald's supposed companion for more than a year. One of them also said that the F.B.I. informant had given an address at which the informant was not known.

Acquaintances of the right-winger say that he told them he had been in the Marines, had been on a Marine boxing team, and liked to shoot rifles.

One acquaintance, who took an interest in the young man despite the fact that he had disrupted meetings of his organization, said he had tried to re-son with him.

This acquaintance said the young man had seemed not too sure of his views and had come to his office for several discussions, but persisted in a pre-

diction that the South was going to start a revolution and take over the country.

At The Village Voice, a local weekly newspaper, it was recalled that the right-winger had come in occasionally to argue and, on one occasion, had placed an ad commemorating the birthday of Robert E. Lee. However, the Mississippian refused to tell his acquaintances at the Voice, or any of the others interviewed yesterday, where he lived.

Meanwhile, new information about Oswald's mother emerged yesterday.

It was learned that she had started beginning conversation class in the Russian language at a public library in Fort Worth, Tex., before the assassination of President Kennedy.

She had enrolled by telephone and had attended the first two one-hour evening sessions, on Tuesday Nov. 12 and Tuesday, November 13.

It was not until last Tuesday, when she did not appear for the class, that the name "Marguerite Oswald" on the class records assumed any significance to library officials.

The free class is a part of the library's community relations program. It is offered to enable students to decide whether they want to pursue serious study of the Russian language in an academic institution.

The library offers similar classes in Spanish and French.