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@ Oswald's "Crypto" clearance...along with his "Secret" clearance when he was a radar man with marine Air Control Unit at El Toro base in California...

What does that say about him—was he a hopeless loser whose only talent was emptying a room and losing jobs. . . .a 360 degree loser. . . .

@ His spurious hardship discharge from marines in September 1959. . . .to take care of his mother A month later he was in the Soviet Union . . .He laid out what his plans were to the Marines.foreign travel (including Cuba and Russia) and then college at Albert Schweitzer College (location?) and then at a Finnish University. . . .

@ His "defection" to USSR.....Tells Richard Snyder at US Moscow Embassy he will give the Russians everything he knows about US radar capabilities....we are talking about height-finding radar gear (top of the line stuff in 1959)

We can't just dismiss out of hand (as Helms does) that Oswald and his fellow radar operatives (those w/ Crypto clearance) who served at Atsugi, Japan, and Cubi Bay, Philippines, where the Black Lady was operational had no idea about the U-2 and its capabilities.

Need to recall that Gary Powers and the U-2 was shot down over Sverdlofsv, Russia, in May 1960 when Oswald was still in the USSR.... Happenstance or a possible connection????

Frankly, I don't know. . . .But recall that it was Dulles's covert plan to see that the U-2 was shot down to dump Ike's Peace-seeking Summitry with Khrushchev in the ditch . . .

@ Oswald returns home....Is he brought up for charges....Is CIA interested in him or the US Navy (ONI) about what he might have traded to the Russians for permission to live in the USSR and to have a job and a nice apartment