

Who Was Oswald

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~~Source: DiF Part II~~

@ See WC transcript for 1/27 on p. 212 where the discussion centers around Oswald's Mexico City trip and the commissioners are trying to tie up a lot of loose ends to fit the political narrative that Oswald was in MC in late September-early October 1963

In passing Rankin gets into whether Oswald could speak Spanish (Degado) and notes that he "studied at the Monterey School of the Army in the way of languages"

Some of Oswald's employment places after returning from the Soviet Union. in October 1962 he settled IN Dallas and got a job at Jagers-Stovall Co which made maps for the U.S. Army Map Service. Some of the work going on at this firm in October 1962 was classified and related to top secret U-2 missions over Cuba. These maps were made for US planes flying over Cuba the month of the Cuban Missile Crisis. . .

No need to spell it out: Here is Oswald an alleged defector to the S.U. who threatened to give away everything he knew about US radar secretsemployed by a company doing super-secret work for the CIA.

In April 1963 Oswald moved to New Orleans. He found work at the Reily Coffee Company. The owner of the company worked as a CIA intelligence source for years. Reily imported coffee from Latin America and had contacts all over the place.

Despite Oswald's priors –his alleged defection and pro-Castro politics he had no problem w/ security clearances in both of these cases.

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(Do I want to check Wilcott's story out in Douglass)

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You may have asked yourself why this ex-Marine was not arrested and sent to the slammer when he returned to the USA after he had announced to the US Embassy in Moscow that he was ready to turn over military secrets about U-2 flights to his Russian hosts. . .

Recall that Gary Powers and the U-2 was shot down over Sverdlansk on May 1, 1961, when Oswald was still in Russia. Did he play a role in this?

But you may recall I had mentioned earlier that the shot-down of the U-2 on May 1 ended Eisenhower's bid to ease Cold War tensions with Khrushchev.

Question: What was the secret of Oswald's immunity to prosecution for having criminally betrayed the US at the height of the Cold War. . . . The US allowed him to re-defect and even loaned him the money to bring himself and his family back to the United States. . . . while once back in the US he continued to profess allegiance to the Soviet Union and Castro's Cuba. `

Part of this story found in Victor Marchetti's *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*.

Marchetti was CIA and executive assistant to the Deputy Director of the Agency. He resigned from the Agency

Desperate to get information from inside the USSR the ONI run out of Nags Head, North Carolina, ran a program of false defectors who were made to be poor and disenchanted young men looking for hope and a better life under Communism.

Marchetti estimated the numbers were close to three dozen or more and they were trained at a program run out of Nags Head, North Carolina.

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When Kennedy was assassinated the CIA station went on alert. Jim Wilcott reported some time later that some of the CIA agents whose tongues were loosened by drink told him the CIA was involved in the assassination.

Apparently it was common knowledge among CIA operatives in Tokyo station that Oswald was a CIA operative.

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After 9 years with the CIA both Jim and Elsie Wilcott resigned ~~away~~ from the CIA "because," he told the HSCA, "we became convinced that what the CIA was doing couldn't be reconciled to basic principles of democracy or basic principles of humanism."

They did not try to capitalize on this by writing a book

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@ The “Mystery” of Oswald’s Arrival in Helsinki on 10/10/1959

Oswald was still a Marine when he came to Helsinki. Its almost certain that he would never have received authority from Soviet officials in Moscow for entry into the Soviet Union.

If the Soviets did grant him a visa to enter it would have gone thru regular channels that would have taken weeks before he heard.