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Synopsis:

Information in State Department files concerning subject's travel to USSR, repatriation, and related information set forth, including passport data. Results of review of CIA file re OSWALD set out. Department of HEW files contain information reflecting OSWALD arrived U.S. 6/13/62 aboard "SS Maasdam" at New York City. OSWALD listed a Sgt. ROBERT HIDEELL and Lt. J. EVANS, both USMC, as references for employment during 1963. OSWALD reportedly known to one JOSE LANUSA, Miami. Information received OSWALD known to STEPHEN YVES L'EANDES, JAMES F. RIZZUTO and one EARL PERRY during service in USMC in 1956. Results of investigation re these persons set forth. Investigation at Washington, D.C., to determine subject's travel during period 9/17 - 23/63 included and negative. Informant advised subject notified Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., of contact with Soviet Embassy, Mexico City. U.S. Postal Money Order Number 2202130462, payable to Klein's Sporting Goods, signed A. HIDEELL, PO. Box 2915, Dallas, Texas, obtained and furnished FBI Laboratory. Results of investigation of miscellaneous complaints set out.

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REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT AGENCY RECORDS

On November 22, 1963, the Washington Field Office was requested to review files of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and obtain any information contained therein regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD. SA COURTLAND J. JONES interviewed BIRCH D. O'NEAL, CIA, on November 22, 1963, and learned there is nothing in CIA file regarding OSWALD other than material furnished to CIA by the FBI and the Department of State.

By communication dated November 27, 1963, Dallas FBI Office advised a branch of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (DHEW) in Dallas had information in their records indicating DHEW in Washington, D.C. would have file regarding the repatriation of LEE OSWALD and family. This communication noted this file would possibly contain handwriting specimens of OSWALD.

On November 27, 1963 SA ROBERT B. LYONS contacted the DHEW, Division of Public Assistance, Bureau of Family Services, and determined from a review of their records DHEW file pertaining to OSWALD does not contain handwriting specimens. This file does contain information in the form of a State Department memorandum dated June 15, 1962 advising OSWALD and family were to arrive in New York City on June 13, 1962 aboard the SS "Maasdam." This memorandum advises travel expenses for OSWALD's return to the United States were furnished as a loan by the United States Embassy in Moscow.

Information developed that as a routine procedure, the DHEW in Washington furnished this information to their branch in Dallas, inasmuch as OSWALD was possibly qualified for financial assistance under Section 1113, Title 11, Social Security Act, which authorizes temporary assistance for United States citizens returning from a foreign country. There is no record in this file indicating OSWALD requested or received any financial aid from the DHEW.

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PERSONS ALLEGED TO KNOW LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Information received from the New Orleans Office by communication dated November 23, 1963, LEE HARVEY OSWALD had given as references for employment in New Orleans, Louisiana, the names of Sergeant ROBERT HIDE~~L~~ and Lieutenant J. EVANS. OSWALD indicated that HIDE~~L~~ and EVANS were on active duty with the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and *NO LOR* furnished no further identifying data or address.

Special Agent (SA) EDWARD C. PALMER caused a check to be made of USMC Headquarters, locator files, on November 24, 1963, in effort to obtain information regarding Sergeant ROBERT HIDE~~L~~ and Lieutenant J. EVANS. This check failed to locate any record, past or present, for an individual with the last name of HIDE~~L~~. No identifiable data was located for a Lieutenant J. EVANS as being in any unit in which OSWALD is known to have been assigned during time he served in USMC.

USMC records disclose one JOHN R. ~~H~~HEINDELL, Marine serial number 1543855, was assigned to USMC First Wing Aircraft from August 13, 1958, to October 5, 1958, during which time OSWALD was assigned to this unit. *NO LOR*

On November 23, 1963, Mr. JACK LYNCH, United States Department of State (USDS), Security Office, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge (SAC) ALLAN GILLIES, OSWALD had been contacted in Moscow by three employees of the State Department, whom he identified as JOHN MC VICKAR, PRICILLA JOHNSON, and Mrs. G. STANLEY BROWN. LYNCH indicated each of the above persons had interviewed OSWALD in Moscow. *U.S.*

Russia Mr. JOHN VICTOR MC VICKAR, Foreign Service Officer, USDS, 1650 Avon Place, N. W., was interviewed on November 23, 1963, by SA GIBBON E. MC NEELY. MC VICKAR advised he was one of two Consuls in the American Embassy in Moscow, Russia, from June, 1959, to September, 1961. He said he shared an office with RICHARD E. SNYDER, who is now serving outside the United States. *U.S.*

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MC VICKAR said OSWALD came into the Embassy about October, 1959, and talked with SNYDER. MC VICKAR described OSWALD as being arrogant, "mad," and threw his passport on SNYDER's desk and said he wanted to renounce his American citizenship. OSWALD told SNYDER he had learned of the capitalistic system of government while in the USMC and had seen the way it operated. MC VICKAR said OSWALD appeared rational but was obviously angry about something. He also said OSWALD appeared to have studied Marxism before coming to Russia and appeared reasonably intelligent from his understanding of the study. MC VICKAR stated OSWALD spoke as a trained communist as he repeated "the party line" and appeared independent and self reliant.

MC VICKAR said OSWALD came back to the Embassy in the Summer of 1961 and wanted his passport back and to make a deal regarding any prosecution he may have against him if allowed to return to the United States. MC VICKAR said he assumed the deal referred to the fact that OSWALD had told Soviet intelligence authorities he was willing to furnish them any information of value which he learned while in the United States Marines. OSWALD, at that time, had his wife and child, whom he wanted to bring back to the United States.

MC VICKAR said it was a Department of State policy to proceed slowly in processing anyone who desired renounce American citizenship in order to give the person time to "cool off" in that they were temporarily angered by something in the United States. He said OSWALD had not completely divested himself of American citizenship, had not taken up Soviet citizenship under Soviet law, when he was in the Embassy in 1961.

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MC VICKAR stated he recalled the case of ROBERT EDWARD WEBSTER, who had renounced his American citizenship after arriving in the Soviet Union but said he knew of no connection or association between OSWALD and WEBSTER. He said they lived and worked in widely separated cities in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).

MC VICKAR stated both OSWALD and WEBSTER were given employment in factories in the USSR and said WEBSTER was definitely a target of Soviet intelligence. He said he felt OSWALD and WEBSTER were both used by Soviet intelligence for

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interrogation only for what possible valuable information could be elicited from them and the Soviet authorities had no further use for them after such information, if any, was obtained.

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MC VICKAR said OSWALD stayed in the Metropole Hotel in downtown Moscow for about a week after first coming to the American Embassy in 1959. While there he was interviewed by PRICILLA JOHNSON, who was then a correspondent in Moscow for North American Newspaper Alliance. Miss JOHNSON reportedly had a lengthy interview with OSWALD regarding his being in the Soviet Union. Miss JOHNSON, according to MC VICKAR, is located at the Brattle Inn, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and on November 23, 1963, telephonically contacted a Mr. OWEN on the Soviet Desk, Department of State, to furnish him her recollections of the interview.

Cuba, Wash. D.C.
On November 26, 1963, Dr. GUILLERMO BELT, former Cuban Ambassador to the United States during 1945 - 1947, advised SA DONALD HOETING he had received information from JOSE ANTONIO LANUNZA concerning OSWALD. Dr. BELT indicated this information was received telephonically on November 25, 1963, and that LANUNZA's telephone number in Miami is HI 5-2753.

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According to Dr. BELT, LANUNZA had informed OSWALD appeared in Miami one or two months ago and attempted to "infiltrate" an anti-Castro organization known as the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE). OSWALD stated he could train DRE members in guerrilla warfare tactics to be used against CASTRO.

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Dr. BELT stated his information is OSWALD was later observed in New Orleans, Louisiana, passing out communist literature. OSWALD was therefore considered a communist and a CASTRO supporter and DRE had nothing further to do with him.

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Dr. BELT suggested that LANUNZA would possibly be in a position to furnish information regarding OSWALD's motive for assassinating President KENNEDY. He also said one Dr. AUGUSTINE CASTELLANO, who can be contacted through CASTELLANO's son in Miami, telephone number CA 6-1212, may also have information concerning OSWALD's activities.

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On November 27, 1963, Dr. WILLIAM ~~PRENDERGAST~~, Republican National Committee, Room 203, Cafritz Building, Washington, D. C., informed SAs STUART W. ANGEVINE and EUGENE C. GIES he had received information from sources available to him.

member LEE HARVEY OSWALD had approached CARLOS ~~BRINGUIER~~, Head of the Cuban Student Directorate (CSD), New Orleans, Louisiana, during approximately early August, 1963, and had offered a \$10 contribution toward the furtherance of the anti-Castro causes of that organization. Since he was a former United States Marine, he also offered to assist in the military training of members of this group. The CSD was suspicious of OSWALD, suspecting he was possibly a member of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) who was attempting to penetrate their organization. They forwarded his offer to CSD Headquarters, Miami, Florida, for consideration. In the meantime they placed OSWALD under surveillance.

Subsequently, OSWALD was discovered distributing pro-Castro literature on a street corner in New Orleans. When he was challenged by members of the CSD concerning this, he and these members became engaged in a fight which resulted in the arrest by the New Orleans Police Department.

As a result, a New Orleans Television station had OSWALD and members of the CSD appear on a television forum program scheduled for August 21, 1963. A filmed recording of this forum was made.

The particulars concerning this incident would be available to BRINGUIER and to JOSE ANTONIO LANUSA, National Head of CSD, Miami.

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Mr. DANIEL JAMES, Executive Secretary, Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba, Room 617, 1426 G Street, N. W., who resides at 827 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., was interviewed concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Mr. JAMES advised that he had caused a search to be made of his files which relate primarily to public releases made by the Senate Internal Subcommittee concerning the Cuban Fair Play Committee and these files contain no information concerning OSWALD.

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He advised that one JOSE LANUSA, Cuban Student Directorate, Miami, Florida, has information concerning OSWALD's attempt to infiltrate a student anti-CASTRO group last July in New Orleans, Louisiana. He advised that this information by LANUSA had been reported to the press on November 22, 1963. He stated that in a telephone conversation with LANUSA on November 22, 1963, LANUSA described OSWALD definitely a communist and a supporter of FIDEL CASTRO. He said at this time LANUSA also advised him that FIDEL CASTRO, in early September at a function at the Brazilian Embassy in Havana, remarked that if the United States causes him difficulty he has facilities to "knock off" United States leaders.

JAMES furnished the residence telephone number of LANUSA in Miami as CA 1-5701 and his office telephone number as FR 3-1476.

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JAMES further advised that on November 22, 1963, in a telephone conversation with ANDREW ST. GEORGE, a "Life" magazine photographer, ST. GEORGE told him that JOSE PARDO LLADA of Cali, Colombia, South America, knows of a plan of CASTRO to kill United States Ambassadors located in various countries. JAMES advised that he did not know when this information was received by ST. GEORGE, however, he believes it was sometime ago since ST. GEORGE has not visited South America recently. JAMES further commented that he did not know ST. GEORGE's current location since he thought he was passing through Washington, D. C., on November 22, 1963 in search of a new story.

On 11/23/63 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 89-75
by SA STUART W. ANGEVINE:nln Date dictated 11/26/63

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