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URGENT 11-29-63 2-06 PM CST JLT
TO DIRECTOR, AND SACS, DALLAS AND LOS ANGELES
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /89-69/ 3-P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

ASSOCIATES OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD;

KERRY WENDELL THORNLEY, MARINE CORPS SERIAL NUMBER ONE SIX

SEVEN THREE THREE FOUR ADVISED THAT HE KNEW LEE HARVEY OSWALD FOR A PERIOD OF THREE OR FOUR MONTHS IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE WHEN BOTH STATIONED AT EL TORO MARINE BASE, CALIFORNIA.

OSWALD DESCRIBED AS QUOTE LONE WOLF UNQUOTE TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL WHO NEVER ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF MARINE CORPS AND HAD FEW CLOSE FRIENDS. OSWALD NEVER DISCUSSED BACKGROUND OR FAMILY. OSWALD DID EXPRESS ADMIRATION FOR SOVIET FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND SPOKE RUSSIAN AND BELIEVED TO HAVE STUDIED RUSSIAN WHILE STATIONED IN JAPAN IN MARINE CORPS. THORNLEY STATED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH OSWALD AT MARINE BASE TERMINATED SUDDENLY WHEN HE TOLD OSWALD THAT HE /THORNLEY/ WAS QUOTE A COMMUNIST AND THAT THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT WHEN THE REVOLUTION CAME UNQUOTE. OSWALD MADE THE STATEMENT QUOTE NOT YOU TOO UNQUOTE, TURNED AROUND AND LEFT, THORNLEY NEVER ASSOCIATED WITH OR TALKED TO OSWALD AFTER THIS INCIDENT.

THORNLEY STATED BUD A. SIMCO, ORANGE, CALIFORNIA AND

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CHARLES WIER PAREN PHONETIC PAREN WHO WERE IN NINTH MARINE AIR CONTROL SQUADRON DURING NINETEEN FIFTY NINE MIGHT HAVE INFO RE OSWALD.

THORNLEY STATED ONLY KNOWLEDGE OF OSWALD SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY NINE WAS THROUGH NEWS MEDIA. HE STATED HE HAD MADE A DRAFT OF A BOOK CONCERNING A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO HAD GONE TO RUSSIA AFTER BEING DISCHARGED AND LATER RETURNED TO UNITED STATES. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE OSWALD IN MIND WHEN HE STARTED DRAFT OF HIS BOOK, BUT THAT IN VIEW OF RECENT ACTIVITIES OF OSWALD HE WAS THINKING ABOUT USING OSWALDS BACKGROUND AS THE CENTRAL THEME OF THIS BOOK.

THORNLEY STATED HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS, LA., MAY ONE LAST BY TRAILWAYS BUS, PROCEEDED TO WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA WHERE HE VISITED HIS PARENTS FOR SHORT PERIOD. HE THEN PROCEEDED BY BUS TO TIJUANA, MEXICO AND MEXICO CITY, WHERE HE STAYED FOR SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. HE RETURNED TO UNITED STATES BY BUS THROUGH MATAMOROS, MEXICO AND ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS ON AUGUST ONE LAST. THORNLEY STATED MADE TRIP ALONE AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED THAT OSWALD ACCOMPANIED HIM FROM NEW ORLEANS TO CALIFORNIA OR FROM CALIFORNIA TO MEXICO. OSWALD CAN BE PLACED IN NEW ORLEANS DURING THIS PERIOD. HE STATED HE DID NOT KNOW OSWALD WAS IN NEW ORLEANS IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND THAT OSWALD NEVER CONTACTED OR ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT HIM.

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