

Who Was Oswald?

Notes from DiEugenio's Contra Buggsie

Oswald and the Russian language. While in the Marines Oswald was required not only to qualify on the firing range but to take qualifying tests in Russian.

What do you make of that? Then he gets an early discharge from the Marines and "defects" to Russia. If he had brushed up on Swahili would he have defected to Liberia?

Oswald's proficiency in Russian. What we know is that he developed proficiency by attending the Monterey School of the Army of languages. (We know this because of Rankin's comment about his attendance at the 1/27/1963 WC Executive Session. The school is sometimes called the Defense Language Institute the linguistic West Point for US military and intelligence personnel who need to learn a language very quickly.

There is no record of Oswald ever attending the school according to the School.

Oswald was known by his fellow Jar heads in the barracks at Pendelton as "Oswaldskovich." Much to his delight.

Oswald's tours of duty at Atsugi Japan and Cubi Point, Philippines. Both were bases for the U-2. . . He had info about the U-2 . . . Was any of it of interest to the Russians? He had special knowledge of how high the U-2 was capable of flying. . . Did any of this assist the Soviets in shooting down the U-2 and Gary Powers in May 1960 that resulted in the breakup of the Paris Peace Summit, Ike's last ditch effort to reduce Cold War tensions and thereby reign in the runaway Defense spending. . . .

Note: Oswald's defection to USSR.

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Prior to 1960 when Oswald "defected" or appeared to defect there were only two US defectors to the USSR during the 1940s and 1950s. (Melanson citing NY Times story June 30, 1959.

One was Robert Webster and the other names Nicholas Petrulli.

Webster when he entered USSR as a defector he met with a 17 year-old Russian girl names Marina (soon to be Marina Oswald) who engaged him in conversation in English!!!!

By the end of 1960 the number jumped into the teens (Armstrong, p.306). Many followed the same route as Oswald. That is, to Finland and the 48 hour entry pass into the Soviet Union. This was the only Soviet embassy that issued visas in 48 hours. (How did Oswald know this?)

Historian Michael Kurtz, Dean of the Graduate School at Southeastern Louisiana University in New Orleans, was a long time resident in the Big Easy. He knew a lot of people. In a book he wrote entitled "The JFK Assassination Debates," (2006) he reports on a conversation or conversations with a Hunter Leake, who happened to be CIA New Orleans. Leake told him that the CIA used Oswald as a courier. He said that Oswald was summoned by the agency to New Orleans to be used in several agency operations.

He told Kurtz that after the JFK assassination Helms ordered Leake to box up all of the CIA's New Orleans' office files on Oswald and bring them to Langley HQers.

Leake said Oswald's files were voluminous enough that he had to rent a trailer to cart them to Virginia.

Oswald's efforts to reach a John Hurt the evening before he was murdered. He used his right to call a number. The operators manning the Dallas switchboard

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turned the number over to two plainclothesmen who were in the office. They wanted the phone number Oswald was trying to contact.

The number was never connected and the operators reported to Oswald that there was no answer at the other end. The number Oswald was calling belonged to a John Hurt.

When the HSCA followed up on this they discovered that John Hurt who turned out to be a former military counter-intelligence officer.

Why was Oswald trying to contact Hurt living in Raleigh, North Carolina? Because Naval Intelligence (ONI) operated a huge base near the coastal town of Nags Head. Since Oswald was a Marine he would have been under the control of ONI at the time he defected.

We know now that Nags Head base operated a training program for false defectors. The false defector was hopefully to be recruited by the Soviet's KGB. Double agent in place who could be called upon at some future date by his ONI control to do whatever. . . .

It appears that Oswald was trying to get in touch with a former handler to get him out of the crisis he found himself locked into. He was a spy caught out in the cold and wanted help to come in. . . .

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