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Date: April 13, 1964

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

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Reference is made to Office of Naval Intelligence memorandum, classified "Confidential," dated March 10, 1964, containing information furnished by Eugene J. Hobbs, one copy of which is enclosed.

As you can see from the enclosure, Hobbs reported that he was stationed at Atsugi, Japan, in 1956 and 1957 and possibly until January, 1958. Atsugi, Japan, at that time was the place where the Joint Technical Advisory Group, which maintained and flew reconnaissance U-2 airplanes, was based, according to the enclosure, and was a "closed" base. Hobbs stated it was common knowledge at the base that the U-2 airplanes were being used for reconnaissance flights and he believed Oswald, who he understood had been assigned there, would have given that information to the Russians.

A review of Oswald's Marine Corps file discloses that in 1957 and 1958 he was stationed in Japan and had the address of Marine Air Control Squadron 1, Marine Air Group 11, First Marine Air Wing, FMF, c/o FPO, San Francisco, California. His weapons firing record discloses that in May, 1958, he fired two courses on two different days at "NAS, Atsugi, Japan."

One of Oswald's former Marine Corps associates has advised that in August, 1957, he and Oswald were part of a 120-man overseas draft and Oswald went to a Marine base at Atsugi, Japan. Another of his former Marine Corps associates is - Dallas (100-10461) CONFIDENTIAL (Enclosure)

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has stated that Oswald was stationed at Atsugi, Japan, sometime in 1957 and 1958. Still another of Oswald's Marine Corps associates recalled that they left the United States on August 15, 1957, for Japan and Oswald was assigned to Marine Air Control Squadron 1, Atsugi, Japan. In January, 1958, this Squadron was at Cubi Point, Philippine Islands. This individual remembered that the gear of the Squadron was housed there in an airplane hangar which he says he now knows was the hangar for a U-2 airplane. He further recalled that in May, 1958, the Squadron was again back in Atsugi, Japan.

A former Marine Corps officer who was acquainted with Oswald while overseas has advised that during late August or early September, 1958, Oswald was assigned to Marine Air Control Squadron 1, Marine Air Group 11, First Marine Air Wing, Atsugi Naval Air Station, Atsugi, Japan.

As you know, Oswald was discharged from the Marine Corps in September, 1959, and shortly thereafter went to Russia, arriving there in October, 1959.

You may wish to analyze Hobbs' information in the enclosure as well as that set forth above and conduct such further inquiry as you deem appropriate to determine what data about the U-2 program may have been available to Oswald as a result of his Marine Corps assignments abroad. This Bureau would appreciate being advised of the results of your analysis and inquiry.

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Enclosure

NOTE FOR SAC, DALLAS:

There is enclosed one copy of referenced ONI memorandum. This is being furnished for your information.

NOTE:

Letter is classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information about the U-2 program, including some from the enclosure which was so classified. The enclosure was received 4-8-64 from Mr. G. R. Wilson, ONI, by SA J. W. Fitzgerald. On 4-8-64 Mr. Wilson advised he had no objection to the passing of this document to CIA. Former Marines furnishing

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information about Oswald's assignments abroad were Owen Dejanovich, Donald Peter Camarata, Donald Patrick Powers, and William K. Trail. Since the U-2 program was managed primarily by CIA, it is the proper Agency to handle this. Of course, even if it turns out Oswald was assigned at a base from which U-2 airplanes were flying reconnaissance missions in 1957 and 1959 and could have had knowledge of this, which he may have given the Soviets when he went to Russia in October, 1959, it is believed the Russians were aware of the U-2 flights several years before. Nevertheless, it should be run out. It is not felt it would be worthwhile to reinterview Hobbs since he possessed no direct information about Oswald and since the information he furnished regarding the base at Atsugi was from "gossip" he heard while stationed there.

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