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**SUBJECT:** LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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The Director has requested further analysis of the operations of SA Henry M. Wade while Wade was serving in the Bureau's Special Intelligence Service (SIS) in Ecuador. The requested information is set forth herein.

SA Wade entered on duty on December 4, 1939, and resigned September 1, 1943, to enter the Armed Forces. On June 1, 1942, he was placed on leave without pay after completing five weeks of SIS training. He left New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 3, 1942, and arrived in Quito, Ecuador, on August 16, 1942. He was in an undercover capacity as an employee of Transradio Press Service Incorporated, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City. He was assigned SIS Number 345 and used the code name "James" in signing communications. Within Ecuador, he was referred to as Confidential Informant Number 6. He left Ecuador 5/2/43 *9 months*

As an undercover man, Wade was not directly associated with the Legal Attache's Office in Quito but did submit his vouchers and reports through that office. He was also given a post office box in New York City through which he could communicate directly with the Bureau. While in training he received Spanish lessons, a course in coding and secret inks, and definite instructions regarding preparation of his expense vouchers.

Wade submitted vouchers twice monthly through the Legal Attache who reviewed and forwarded them to Bureau. They were then checked and approved and a check was transmitted to the SIS Office in New York City for Wade's account. The monetary unit in Ecuador is a sucre which was, during Wade's tenure, 7.3 cents or \$7.30 per hundred.

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File review shows Wade operated under a system of controls requiring him to furnish complete data identifying informants used and payments made. It was policy to insist that receipts be obtained whenever possible. In the few instances where informants refused to sign receipts, Bureau was furnished all other data and record was still made of payment and informant who received same.

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Wade handled a total of 11 informants. One was never paid. Two others accepted no money and one of these was taken to dinner on four occasions at total cost of \$27.08 with each expenditure identified and fully described in Wade's vouchers. The other was given a radio which cost \$43.80 and this item was clearly described in Wade's voucher and supported by the radio dealer's receipt.

Wade's vouchers clearly identified each expenditure as to informant paid and amount. Wade paid a total of \$1438.21 to his other eight informants and furnished full data on each payment in his vouchers. He separately provided summary data on all informants he was using, amounts being paid, and evaluation of services.

Regarding receipts, five of the eight paid informants were the most productive and these five received a total of \$1284.94 in 52 separate payments. Each of these payments was supported by a receipt from the informant and we have these in file.

Of the three remaining informants, two were paid only once by Wade and each received 100 sucres (\$7.30) but gave no receipts. The third received four payments from Wade, totaling \$182.50, and gave no receipts. However, the payments to all three of these informants were fully identified in vouchers submitted by Wade. There is attached a listing of Bureau funds spent by Wade on informants.

Wade, on July 6, 1942, received an advance from the Bureau of \$1075.00. This was for subsistence and travel in connection with his assignment and also provided him some money for operations. His passage from New Orleans to Guayaquil, Ecuador, cost over \$500. Wade was required to make full restitution of this advance and repaid \$402.47 immediately after arriving in Ecuador. The balance was repaid in three installments during June, 1943, after his return to this country. Wade also received per diem at \$7.00 per day until February 1, 1943, when this was discontinued.

Copies of Wade's vouchers and receipts received from informants have been prepared and are available for delivery to the Commission, if such action is desired.

OBSERVATIONS: Our records show that Wade was operating under a control system and adhered to it by advising the Bureau of payments made and informants being paid, supported by receipts in nearly

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every instance. Nevertheless, the emergency wartime conditions prevalent at the time did not permit the tight supervision of SIS informant operations which we now have. SIS men were necessarily developing and paying informants on the spot without prior Bureau approval, reporting such payments after they were made. We can say from records that if Wade did use and pay any other informants, contrary to instructions given him, they were not paid from Bureau funds and the transactions were never reported to the Bureau.

ACTION:

*This certainly was a "gap".*  
*J H J*

For information. There is, of course, no further proof available that payments were actually made to the informants listed by Wade in his vouchers, particularly those from whom receipts were not obtained. It is conceivable that even the receipts could have been forged and represent fictitious payments. However, we have absolutely no basis for questioning the honesty of Wade in his handling of these SIS informants.

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*W.C.S.*

PAYMENTS MADE BY SA HENRY M. WADE  
FOR INFORMANTS IN ECUADOR

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