

Chapter one

November 23, 1963

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20501

My dear Mr. President:

There are enclosed the results of our inquiry into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and background information relative to Lee Harvey Oswald. — Summary

*BORN OCT 18, 1939
NEW ORLEANS, LA*

Additional information with respect to this matter will be furnished to you when available.

*TEXAS
H.I.S.S.K*

Respectfully submitted,

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-104910) (P)
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
RE: NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, OCTOBER 22, 1963.
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Oswald was interviewed by Special Agents of this Bureau at Fort Worth, Texas, on June 26, 1962, at which time he was curt, sullen and arrogant. He declined to answer questions as to why he made the trip to Russia or his experiences while there. He indicated that he had been employed as a sheet metal worker in a television factory and admired the Russian form of Government. He claimed familiarity with the theories of Karl Marx, but denied being a member of the Communist Party or having renounced his United States citizenship. According to Oswald, the Soviets never attempted to obtain information from him nor did he make any deals with the Soviets in order to obtain permission to return to the United States. He disclaimed any affiliation with Soviet intelligence.

Upon reinterview on August 16, 1962, he acknowledged recently visiting the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., but indicated his visit was solely to register his wife's current address as required by Soviet law. He again denied requesting revocation of his United States citizenship or allegiance to the Soviet Government.

According to information developed by this Bureau, Oswald was arrested on August 19, 1963, for disturbing the peace in New Orleans, Louisiana, as a result of distributing a pamphlet for an organization known as "Fair Play for Cuba." He pleaded guilty and elected to pay a fine of \$10.

Oswald was interviewed on August 10, 1962, at which time he indicated he was unemployed and had been in New Orleans for approximately four months. While there he read literature distributed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee which he considered not to be communist dominated or controlled. He corresponded with the Committee at 799 Broadway, New York City, and paid a \$5.00 membership fee. He received a membership card in the New Orleans chapter dated June 6, 1963, signed A. J. Hidell.

The Fair Play for Cuba Committee is a pro-Castro organization founded during the Spring of 1960, whose function is to propagandize the Castro regime.

The Central Intelligence Agency advised that on October 1, 1963,

[redacted] an individual identified as Lee Oswald, [redacted] contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City.

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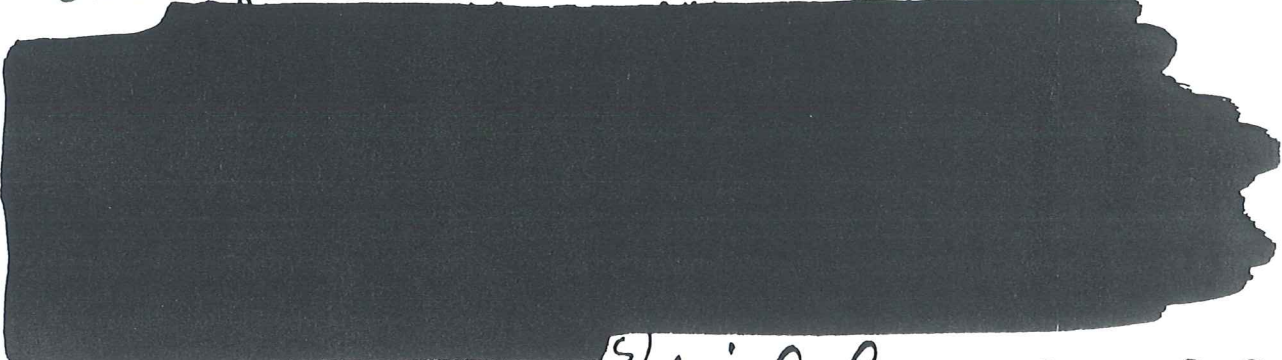
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Inquiring as to any messages. Special Agents of this Bureau, who have conversed with Oswald in Dallas, Texas, have observed photographs of the individual referred to above [redacted] (S)
These Special Agents are of the opinion that the above-referred-to individual was not Lee Harvey Oswald. (S) Info Bracketed in Blue

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Oswald during previous interviews with FBI Agents claimed to have married his wife, Marina Nikoleavna Oswald, nee Prusakova, at Minsk, Russia, on April 30, 1961. He likewise claimed an American passport, number D092526, issued at New Orleans, Louisiana, on June 25, 1963, for proposed travel of three months to one year as a tourist to England, France, Germany, Holland, USSR, Finland, Italy, and Poland. He indicated an intention to depart from New Orleans during the latter part of 1963.

Additional information developed by this Bureau indicated one Lee Oswald during September, 1962, was a subscriber to "The Worker" an east coast communist newspaper.

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