

RE: ALLEGATION THAT LEE OSWALD WAS IN WELCH,  
WEST VIRGINIA, November 11, 1963

On December 2, 1963, Mr. PAUL HARRISON, Superintendent, Susquehanna Toll Bridge, Perryville, Maryland, advised SA GLYNN W. EILAND, that on December 1, 1963, a former employee of his at the toll bridge, ODELL S. DANGERFIELD, had attempted to reach him via long distance telephone but was unable to do so. DANGERFIELD left the following message with an employee at the bridge and asked that it be given to Mr. HARRISON, "OSWALD, who killed the President, was reported to have been in Welch, West Virginia, on November 11, 1963, while Vice President JOHNSON was there".

Mr. HARRISON stated that he had fired DANGERFIELD in 1957 for being unreliable due to his drinking habits. He added that DANGERFIELD had returned to West Virginia. He had recently heard that DANGERFIELD was arrested for bootlegging at Iaeger, West Virginia, and that he was reported to be living there.

On December 2, 1963, Miss LEEDA KIPROW, Secretary to RUSSELL DAVIS, Personnel Director, State of Maryland, State Office Building, Baltimore, Maryland, advised SA J. STANLEY ROTZ that the only address they had for ODELL S. DANGERFIELD was that in 1957 when he resided at RFD 1, Box 176, Elkton, Maryland. DANGERFIELD was employed as a guard at the Susquehanna Toll Bridge, Perryville, Maryland, from April to September, 1957.

On December 4, 1963, the Pittsburgh Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised that on December 3, 1963, ODELL SYLVESTER DANGERFIELD had been interviewed by SA FRANCIS E. BURKE at Redbird near Iaeger, West Virginia. DANGERFIELD had advised that a coal miner, whose identity he could not recall, mentioned to him about December 1, 1963, that he had heard that LEE OSWALD, President KENNEDY's assassin, was seen in Welch, West Virginia, November 11, 1963, at a celebration attended by LYNDON B. JOHNSON, then Vice President.

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Chief of Police CLEVE HILTON, Iaeger, West Virginia, advised SA BURKE on December 3, 1963, that DANGERFIELD is a heavy drinker and totally unreliable. Chief of Police BUSTER DODSON, Welch, West Virginia, advised that no allegation of OSWALD's presence in Welch, West Virginia, as indicated by DANGERFIELD had been reported to Chief DODSON and he doubted the story.

Since previous investigation placed OSWALD in Dallas, Texas, on November 11, 1963, no further investigation was conducted concerning the foregoing allegation.