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Dear Sylvia,

I have a glossy photo of Oswald (CE2788) that bears the caption "photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald taken in late September, 1963". In the index to Volume 26 it says this photo was taken sometime after Oswald returned from Russia.

Could you tell me any more about this photo - where found, when taken and by whom?

I have a suspicion at this point that this photo, or another taken at the same sitting, was used to fabricate 133A and 133B.

Of course, some retouching would have been done on the facial shadows to make it acceptable. (Darken the eye shadows and extend the nose shadow, etc.)

From other work I've done, specifically with the foliage in the background of CE133A and 133B, I am convinced that these two pictures were not taken late March 1963, but approximately September-October of 1963.

There is a tree on the left side of the picture and a bush to the right of "Oswald", and when you plot the foliage structure of these two you can arrive at a pretty good guess as to when the snap shots were taken. You can use them as a "clock" to date the season when they were taken - if you have enough photos, taken at various times during a year to examine.

One of the reasons I went to Dallas last year was to check this point, but found I was at a loss to check this as the bush and the tree had been removed at some point after March 1967. I wanted to take leaf samples plus make photos of the area.

Anyway, if this photo CE2788 was taken as the caption says - in September 1963, then it would be interesting to know who took this and why. Also where this photo turned up in the investigation.

Could CE2788 possibly be one Oswald had taken when he applied for a passport in New Orleans in June of 1963?

I can't find any reports on CE2788 (FBI item 451-4) and would appreciate any assistance you could give me with this.

Regards,



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