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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis: Notation "Lee Oswald, Dallas, Texas, future man of destiny, Apr. 4, 1963", observed printed on inside of NYC Box Car #124475 on 12/2/63. Box car determined to have been in Vassar, Mich., from 11/22/63, to 11/27/63. RUSSELL NORMAN TORREY admits making notation while unloading the car at Vassar. JOE DYER, Flint, Mich., stated he knows five men responsible for assassination of President KENNEDY. He knows this because he, DYER, is two headed and a mind reader.

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DETAILS:

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1. INFORMATION CONCERNING OSWALD'S NAME IN NYC
DOX CAR NO. 124475

Date December 4, 1963

HAROLD P. MC CORMICK, 12737 Matthew Street, Carleton, Michigan, was interviewed at the Kahlbaum Brothers, Incorporated, 3546 Mill Street. He advised his home phone number was OL. 4-8171, and the number at the plant was LU. 6-2451.

He advised in addition to himself, who is Manager, there are three men working in the mill; EDWARD VAN WASHENOVA, ALLEN BRESSLER, GERALD MASSERANT.

He advised he had checked with Agent WILFORD SMITH of the New York Central at Trenton, Michigan, and was told by SMITH, New York Central Car #124475 was put at the siding alongside the mill on Friday evening, November 29, 1963.

MC CORMICK advised that writing on the inside of the car was noticed by BRESSLER and VAN WASHENOVA when they opened the Car December 2, 1963.

MC CORMICK stated the writing in yellow chalk was as follows:

"LEE OSWALD
Dallas, Texas"
Future Man of Destiny
Apr. 4, 1963.

He denied writing on the car himself and denied knowledge of who may be responsible for the writing.

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Date December 3, 1963

New York Central Boxcar number 124475 was examined at the siding next to Kahlbaum Brothers, Incorporated, 3456 Mill Street.

Inside the car on the west side, printed in yellow chalk, slanting upwards, was "LEE OSWALD, Dallas, Texas. There was a line under Dallas, Texas. The letter "D" was found to be seven feet from the base of the car. Printed to the right, also in yellow chalk, "future man of destiny, Apr. 4, 1963." Apr. 4, 1963, was found to be 5'8" from the floor of the car. On the same side in black ink was printed: "201 Southeast, 199 Portland, Oregon, U.S.A., North America, earth moyed, forward all mail to the moon, 632 SE Crater, Lunas as moon dark side. On the same side written in pencil appeared PHIL MC DONALD or MC-PONALD, Trenton, Nebraska, U.S.A. On the opposite side, the east side of the car were two diagrams written in yellow chalk consisting of interwoven triangles. There was also a yellow triangle written on the side of the door. On the outside of the car, the east side, written in yellow chalk were the notations:

WO/24
10/10
Market tiep
U.S. Rub Co
Tires
Ruck
D/P BF81
3/9 10-22

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ALIEN BRESSLER, 1894 Nadeau Road, Monroe, Michigan, telephone number CH. 1-7037 and a mill hand for approximately three years, was interviewed at the Kahlbaum Brothers, Incorporated, 3546 Mill Street.

BRESSLER advised he and VAN WASHENOVA opened New York Central Car #121475 at approximately 9:30 a.m. on December 2, 1963. Their purpose was to get the car ready to accept grain.

They both noticed writing on one of the sides of the car and notified MC CORMICK.

BRESSLER stated the car was shut but the seals were old and had been previously broken.

BRESSLER denied writing on the car or having any knowledge of anybody else writing on the car.

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GERALD MASSERANT, 6028 North Stoney Creek, Monroe, Michigan, and a mill hand for approximately fifteen years, was interviewed at the Kahlbaum Brothers, Incorporated, 3456 Mill Street.

MASSERANT advised he saw writing in the boxcar when he was told it was there by BRESSIER.

He denied writing in the car and denied knowledge of who may have written in the car.

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EDWARD VAN WASHENOVA, 9834 Swan Creek Road, Newport, Michigan, telephone number 586-3548, and a mill hand for approximately one month, was interviewed at the Kahlbaum Brothers, Incorporated, 3456 Mill Street.

He advised he was with BRESSLER at about 9:30 A.M. on December 2, 1963, when they together opened New York Central Car #124475.

They both noticed the writing on the side of the car and told MC CORMICK.

VAN WASHENOVA denied writing on the car or knowledge as to who may have written on the car.

He advised the car was closed when they opened it but it was an old seal that had been opened previously.

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On December 2, 1963, photographs were taken of the interior of New York Central Freight Car #124475 at Kahlbaum Brothers, Incorporated, 3546 Mill Street, Newport, Michigan, by SA JAMES E. CULLEN.

Photographs of the words "LEE OSWALD, Future Man of Destiny, April 4, 1963" were taken as well as other markings on the interior of this freight car.

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MARTIN HOWE, Manager, Freight Service Bureau, New York Central Railroad (NYC), 15th Street Terminal, Detroit, Michigan, advised that NYC Car #124475 is an old type of railroad car and because of its low height it is usually used to haul only heavy loads such as grain or feed.

Mr. HOWE advised that on November 22, 1963, NYC Car #124475 moved from Detroit to Vassar, Michigan, loaded with feed. While at Vassar it was located at the Super Food Company. He said the car then moved empty from Vassar to Detroit on November 27, 1963. It moved empty from Detroit to Newport, Michigan, on November 28, 1963.

Mr. HOWE was questioned concerning the following notations contained in yellow chalk on the outside of NYC Car #124475:

- WO/24
- 10/10
- Market tiep
- U.S. Rub Co
- Tires
- Ruck
- D/P BF 81
- 3/9 10-22

He advised that during the periods of time for which there is no information concerning the movement of the car, it was on the line of some other railroad, and NYC has no information concerning the movement.

- 3/14/63 - From W. Columbus, Ohio, to Hobson, Ohio - empty
- 3/16/63 - From Institute, W. Va. to Charleston, W. Va. - empty
- 3/17/63 - From Charleston, W. Va. to Dickinson, W. Va. - empty
- 3/22/63 - From Dickinson, W. Va. to Hobson, Ohio - empty
- 3/22/63 - From Hobson, Ohio, to W. Columbus, Ohio - empty
- 3/22/63 - From W. Columbus, Ohio, to Stanley Yard, Toledo, Ohio - empty
- 3/23/63 - From Toledo, Ohio, to Elkhart, Indiana - empty
- 3/26/63 - From Elkhart, Ind., to Englewood, Ill. - empty

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- 3/27/63 - From Englewood, Ill. to Chicago, Burlington and Quincy (CBQ) Railway (Ry) - empty
- 4/16/63 - From Milwaukee Ry to Great Northern (GN) - empty
- 5/5/63 - From GN to Spokane, Portland and Seattle (SPS) - loaded
- 5/20/63 - From Northern Pacific (NP) to Soo Line - empty
- 5/23/63 - From Soo Line to NYC at Chicago - empty
- 5/23/63 - From Chicago to Elkhart, Ind. - empty
- 5/24/63 - From Elkhart, Ind. to Englewood, Ill. - empty
- 5/25/63 - From Englewood to CBQ Ry - empty
- 6/11/63 - CBQ to NYC at Zearing, Ill. - empty
- 6/11/63 - From Zearing to Kankakee, Ill. - empty
- 6/12/63 - From Kankakee to Elkhart, Ind. - empty
- 6/13/63 - From Elkhart to Englewood, Ill. - empty
- 6/13/63 - From Englewood, Ill. to CBQ - empty
- 6/17/63 - From Denver, Rio Grand and Western (DRGW) to Western Pacific (WP) - loaded
- No record in July
- 8/29/63 - From GN Ry to Milwaukee Ry - loaded
- 9/13/63 - From Milwaukee to Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) - empty
- 9/13/63 - From IHB at Blue Island, Ill. to NYC - empty
- 9/13/63 - From Blue Island to Elkhart, Ind. - empty
- 9/14/63 - From Elkhart to Indianapolis, Ind. - empty
- 9/28/63 - From Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) at Cincinnati, Ohio - loaded
- 10/9/63 - From B&O to NYC at Youngstown, Ohio - empty
- 10/21/63 - From NYC to Pittsburgh and Lake Erie (PLE) at Youngstown, Ohio - empty
- 10/22/63 - From PLE to NYC at Youngstown, Ohio - loaded
- 10/23/63 - From Youngstown to Buffalo, New York - loaded
- 10/24/63 - From Buffalo to Syracuse, New York - loaded
- 10/25/63 - From Syracuse to Weehawken, New Jersey - loaded
- 10/27/63 - At Weehawken to Bush Terminal at Weehawken - loaded
- 11/13/63 - From Toledo, Peoria and Western (TPW) at Sheldon, Ill. - loaded
- 11/14/63 - Arrived Shell, Ind. - loaded
- 11/15/63 - Arrived Indianapolis, Ind. - loaded
- 11/15/63 - From Indianapolis to Bellefontaine, Ohio - loaded
- 11/15/63 - From Bellefontaine to Detroit, Mich. - loaded

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Mr. HOWE advised that the car was probably on the line of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad on April 4, 1963, the date contained on the notations inside the car pertaining to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, since it was transferred to that railroad from NYC at Englewood, Illinois, on March 27, 1963. He said the records of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago, Illinois, would have to be checked to determine the exact location of the car on April 4, 1963.

DAN CALLAGHAN, General Inspector, New York Central Railroad (NYC), 15th Street Terminal, Detroit, Michigan, was questioned concerning the following notations on NYC Freight Car #124475:

- WO/24
- 10/10
- Market Tiep
- U.S. Rib Co
- Tires
- Ruck
- D/P EF81
- 3/9 10-22

He said these notations appeared to refer to some type of legitimate markings placed on the car either by some railroad employee or by some employee of a terminal where the car was loaded or unloaded.

Mr. CALLAGHAN advised that the NYC in the Detroit area uses a yellow marker to make notations on railroad cars which marker has some sort of a wax base. He said this type of a marker leaves a notation that is very plain and will not easily weather away. He said that a dry chalk type marker would possibly weather away from the outside of the car very easily, and that is the reason such a marker is not used by NYC in the Detroit area.

Mr. CALLAGHAN advised that although the above listed notations appear to be legitimate markings, he could offer no explanation as to what they mean or where the car may have been when the markings were placed thereon.

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OLLIE BAUDINO, Chief Clerk, Car Department, New York Central Railroad (NYC), 3101 Central, Detroit, Michigan, was questioned concerning the following notations on NYC Car #124475:

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10/10
Market tiep
U.S. Rub Co
Tires
Ruck
D/P BF81
3/9 10-22

He said that these notations appear to have been made for a legitimate purpose either by some railroad employee or loading terminal employee at a location unknown to him. He said the notations are possibly somebody's initials and a date, and could refer to some maintenance or loading instructions or procedures.

Mr. BAUDINO said that such notations are commonly placed on freight cars by all railroads and the NYC in Detroit uses a yellow "lumber crayon" to make such markings. He furnished a crayon such as he used in making such notations by NYC in Detroit.

Mr. BAUDINO said that the notations were not familiar to him and did not appear to be of the type that would have been made by anyone in the NYC system in Detroit. He said, however, that the notations probably had some legitimate significance at the time they were placed on the outside of the freight car.

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Vassar, Michigan

Mr. FRANK W. STEVENSON, Division Manager, Super Foods, Incorporated, advised of the following information:

New York Central Railroad (NYC) Freight Car #124475 arrived at the Super Foods Warehouse on November 22, 1963. This car was kept outside of the warehouse until the afternoon of November 25, 1963, when it was put inside the warehouse. On the morning of November 26, 1963, this car was unloaded, and in the afternoon of November 26, 1963, it was taken back outside. Some time later in the day on November 26, 1963, the freight car was picked up by the NYC.

The above freight car contained a shipment of Quaker Oats cereal and was unloaded by RUSSELL TORREY, Receiving Clerk. The seal on the freight car was not broken until the morning of November 26, 1963.

STEVENSON advised that he has no knowledge of any writing on the inside wall of the above freight car, and has no information concerning JEE HARVEY OSWALD or the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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RUSSELL NORMAN TORREY, Receiving Clerk, Super Foods, Incorporated, with residence at Route #3, Vassar, Michigan, advised of the following:

His duties at Super Foods included unloading of freight cars in the warehouse. On November 26, 1963, he began unloading a New York Central Railroad (NYC) freight car filled with Quaker Oats cereal. Some time in the afternoon, before the car was completely unloaded, he stopped work for a few minutes and wrote on the inside wall of the freight car with yellow chalk that he uses to mark freight boxes. He printed the name "Lee Oswald, Dallas, Texas, future man of destiny, April 4, 1963". He stated that he had been listening to the radio constantly and heard the name of OSWALD and the location of Dallas, Texas. The phrase "future man of destiny" was either used by a radio announcer or some employee of Super Foods, Incorporated. TORREY stated that the date of April 4, 1963, is his birth date anniversary.

TORREY stated that he was merely doodling on the freight car wall. He stated that he does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and has no information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY. He stated that he did not intend anything malicious by writing the above on the wall of the freight car.

TORREY examined a photograph of the inside wall of the above freight car which included the name "Lee Oswald, Dallas, Texas, future man of destiny, April 4, 1963", and TORREY advised that that was definitely his handwriting and written by him.

RUSSELL NORMAN TORREY is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	April 4, 1938
Place of Birth	Millington, Michigan (not verified by records)
Height	6'2"
Weight	215 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue

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II. INFORMATION FROM JOE DYER, FLINT, MICHIGAN

JOE DYER, 1426 Oregon Street, Flint, Michigan, was interviewed on December 5, 1963, and advised that he knew five men who were involved in the shooting of President KENNEDY, and all five are presently in Dallas, Texas. He stated that the man who actually did the shooting was "the one dressed in the black suit", and all five were paid by Russia. DYER could not furnish the names of these men; however, stated that he knew where they could be located in Dallas. DYER stated he had resided in Dallas 14 years and is well aware of the situation and knows one of the five men involved in the shooting is a detective in the Dallas Police Department. DYER stated he knew all this information because he was "two headed" and "could read peoples minds".

It is noted that during the interview of Mr. DYER he was unable to get out of bed, and had two empty whiskey bottles on the floor by the bed. He appeared to be very intoxicated at the time of interview, and was very incoherent in his speech.

The following is a description of JOE DYER:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	May 1, 1892
Place of Birth	Covington, Georgia
Height	5'11"
Weight	178 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Retired from United States Post Office 1957 after five years as custodian
Arrest Record	Flint, Michigan, Police Department, arrested four occasions for drunk, three traffic arrests, and one arrest for statutory rape which was dismissed. All of these arrests subsequent to 1955.
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Mrs. THEO DYER, 1426 Oregon Street, Flint, Michigan, wife of JOE DYER, advised that they were watching television at the time of the President's assassination and JOE was actually last in Texas in 1961, and has never been to Dallas to her knowledge. She stated Mr. DYER receives social security check the third of every month, and since December 3, 1963, he has been constantly intoxicated. She stated Mr. DYER has no knowledge of the President's assassination other than what appeared on television and in the newspapers. She stated that when she left for her place of employment at 2:30 p.m., December 4, 1963, he was intoxicated and when she returned at approximately midnight December 4, 1963, he was still intoxicated.

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