

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NY (105-38431)

DATE: 4/1/64

FROM : ASAC J. L. SCHMIT

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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On 3/30/64 Mr. WILLIAM A. BRANIGAN called from the Bureau and stated that the Warren Commission referred to OSWALD's return to the US in June, 1962 and requested advice as to why the FBI waited until 6/22/62 to check his arrival with INS. Mr. BRANIGAN requested that the files of the NYO be checked to determine whether there was any effort made to contact INS prior to 6/22/64.

After checking our files I advised Mr. BRANIGAN that the NYO was requested to contact INS to determine the final destination of OSWALD and his family by Buairtel, 6/14/62. This was received in the NYO on 6/16/62, which was a Saturday. It was apparently routed to the supervisor's desk who instructed the CCO to open a case on 6/19/62. There is a notation that the New Case Desk in the CCO opened the case and assigned it to the Agent on 6/21/62. NYairtel, 6/26/62, reflects that INS was contacted on 6/22/62. I told Mr. BRANIGAN that it would appear, therefore, that this matter was promptly handled and there was no undue delay, and that this was being furnished pursuant to the Bureau's request.

Subsequently, Mr. BRANIGAN called in the same case and advised that [redacted] had told [redacted] that RUTH PAINE had apparently furnished five or six letters which had been received from Mrs. OSWALD to ISAAC DON LEVINE, the well known writer. Allegedly these letters had not been seen by any government agency. Mr. BRANIGAN requested that we contact [redacted] and obtain this information first hand.

I requested SA JOHN MULVIHILL to get in touch with [redacted] and [redacted] on the afternoon of 3/31/64, after receiving this information I called Mr. BRANIGAN and told him that [redacted] states as follows:

[redacted] that Mrs. PAINE did have five or six letters which she did exhibit to LEVINE, but which had been turned over to the Warren Commission at the time she testified before it. At this time Mr. BRANIGAN said that the Dallas Office has also interviewed Mrs. PAINE and she confirms this information. I told Mr. BRANIGAN that an airtel would be sent setting forth the results of our interview with [redacted]

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