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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

DATE: April 27, 1961

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FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16601)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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(OO: Dallas)

Re Dallas let 2/28/61.

A review of ONI 8th Naval District Records United States Naval Station, Algiers, Louisiana on April 18, 1961 reflected the following information which may be of assistance in connection with instant investigation.

File on OSWALD reflected an ONI Report by SA JOHN T. COX dated January 27, 1961, File 33-476, captioned JOHN EDWARD PIC (DOB 17, Jan. '32 S Sgt. AF 11313239 USAF Hospital TACHEKOWA, APO 323 Communist Matters). In brief this report reflected information concerning PIC'S reporting to ONI, that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was his half brother. Basis for PIC inquiry was that he had heard that OSWALD had turned in his United States Passport to the American Embassy at Moscow with intentions of removing his American Citizenship. This report containing some background information with respect to OSWALD and his family. There was only one copy of this report available in the file; however, it was noted that a copy had been furnished to Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas.

Also in this file was a photostatic copy of a telegram from the Department of State, Moscow, Russia dated October 31, 1959 at 7:59 AM carrying Control Number 20261 and another number 1304, which stated in part "LEE HARVEY OSWALD unmarried, age 20 pp/1733242 issued 9/10/59 appeared at Embassy to renounce his American Citizenship applied in Moscow for Russian Citizenship following entry USSR from Helsinki 10:15. Mother's address and his last address in United States 4936 Callinwood Street, Fort Worth, Texas; cSays, I have contemplated last two years. Main reason "American Marxist"; attitude - arrogant, aggressive; recently discharged Marine Corps. Says, has offered Soviets any information he has acquired as Enlisted Radio Operator." This dispatch was signed FREES and apparently directed to the State Department, Washington, D. C.

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The file also disclosed a photostatic copy of a memorandum report dated November 2, 1959 which was signed EDWARD F. FREES Charge d'affaires, ad iterim, American Embassy.

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report reflected an interview with OSWALD at the American Embassy at Moscow October 31, 1959; however, the quality of the photostatic copy was so poor that it was impossible to review.

Also in ONI'S file was a memorandum dated October 26, 1959 bearing a Control Number [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED]. This memorandum which was a photostat furnished information concerning [REDACTED], who appears to have defected to the Russians at about the same time as OSWALD. This individual was identified as having been discharged from the United States Navy [REDACTED] USN Serial Number [REDACTED]. Here again the photostatic copy was impossible to review because of the poor quality.

There appeared a photostatic copy of a November 3, 1959 article which appeared in a Fort Worth, Texas newspaper, which showed it was a UPI dispatch. It related to an interview with ROBERT L. OSWALD brother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Also was an automatic copy of a newspaper story from the "Washington Post", Washington, D. C. newspaper dated November 16, 1959 which indicated that subject had been informed by the Russians that he would not be granted Russian Citizenship but would be allowed to live in Russia as a resident alien. A picture of OSWALD accompanied this brief article. There was another photostatic copy of a story from the "Washington Post" dated November 1, 1959 in which had been dispatched by UPI and which related to the defection of subject.

A photostatic copy of a "Washington Evening Star" article dated November 26, 1959 appeared in this file entitled "U. S. Defects to Reds Determined Marxist at 15". This story related to subject and had been written by PRISCILLA JOHNSON for the "North American Newspaper Alliance". This article mainly reflected an interview with subject.

There was also found in ONI'S file a photostatic copy of a "Speed" letter dated March 8, 1960 to the Commander Marine Air Reserve Training Command, Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois from Commandant of the Marine Corps Headquarters United States Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. and signed A. LARSON was stated as follows:

"Arrangements being made with a Federal Investigation Agency to furnish you with report which relates to PFC LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Number 1653230 USMCR inactive, CMN, a member of your Command X, upon receipt CMI. You are directed to process PFC for discharge IAWPARA.10277.2.f MARCORMANX."

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In reviewing this file it appears that much of the above material had been furnished to ONI 8th Naval District by ONI 9th Naval District.

Since New Orleans does not have any background information with regards to this investigation, nor is aware of what investigation is contemplated, no leads are being set forth in this communication, other than it is suggested that Dallas at Fort Worth may desire to review ONI'S files at Carswell Air Force Base concerning subject.

The above investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN L. QUIGLEY.