

DR. ALEXIS H. DAVISON

Synopsis: Oswald's notebook contains the name and Atlanta address of the mother of Alexis H. Davison, who served at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow as a medical doctor and an assistant air attaché. He was barred from the USSR in May 1963 after being implicated in the Oleg Penkovsky espionage case.

Details: (This is just a tabulation of my information at this time -PLH, 9/23/69)

Oswald's notebook contains the following entry: "mother of U.S. Embassy doctor / Mrs. Hal Davison / 4047 Tuxedo Rd. / Atlanta, Georgia / (in Russian, and apparently part of this entry:) Natalia Alekseevna " (16H50; CD 205, p. 685 (listing of notebook))

CD 235, synopsis: "Mrs. HAL DAVISON, Atlanta, Ga., advised LEE HARVEY OSWALD unknown to her; stated her son was former American Embassy doctor in Soviet Union and may have examined OSWALD or his wife upon their departure from Soviet Union." (Report dated 12/26/63.)

From Synopsis of CD 409 (dated 2/5/64): "Dr. ALEXI S DAVISON (sic) formerly located at American Embassy, Moscow, USSR, stated examined attractive Russian female with two children a few months ago and woman was emigrating to U.S. He also conversed with woman's husband and gave address of his mother in Atlanta. He could not definitely state these people were the OSWALDs."

I have ordered the relevant parts of these CD's, and whatever else may be in the name files.

The November 1967 Atlanta telephone directory lists DAVISON ALEXIS H MD, with home and office numbers; the Yellow Pages indicate his specialty is internal medicine. Also, DAVISON HAL M 4047 Tuxedo Rd NW.

According to the State Department Foreign Service Lists, Captain Davison served as assistant air attaché (one among several) starting February 10, 1961.

On Davison's involvement in the Penkovsky affair, see Wise and Ross, Invisible Government, p. 268-9; New York Times, May 8 & 14 1963, p. 1 (Excerpts attached ?)

The following sources were checked on Davison, with negative results except as indicated above:

Indexes to the major CD's; WR index; Vol. 15 index; Sylvia's index; Manchester and Bishop books; Who's Who in America; Who's Who in ~~the~~ CIA; NY Times, 1960-1967; State Dept. Biographic Register (apparently does not include military attachés). (I couldn't find The Penkovsky Papers in English; the French version has no index. Did the Russians publish their version?)

As an applicant for an immigrant visa, Marina was required to take a medical exam at the Embassy (22H44). CE 2705 is a document dated May 24, 1962, and signed by Davison, "re clinical test for Marina Oswald." (As published, this CE looks incomplete.) It is noted that this was 18 months before the assassination, and that the Oswalds had only 1 child, age about 3 months (cf. CD 409).

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