

The Decoy Game

Oswalds Everywhere

In the late 1950s, a young man was arrested for driving through a small Ohio town without slowing down in a school zone.

Taken to the combination fire-police station and told he would have to post a \$50 bond, the young man fell to the floor, pounded his fists and blurted:

"I hate the United States. I hate every inch of it. I'll tell you one thing, officer: I've got one thing to do in this life. I'm going to get me a President."

The young man's name: Lee Harvey Oswald.

But the interesting item here: The Lee Harvey Oswald shot down by Jack Ruby in Dallas, the Lee Harvey Oswald the Warren Commission said was the sole assassin of President John F. Kennedy, did not know how to drive.

THE OHIO STORY, told recently by retired Donnelville, Ohio, Police Chief John Frank, appears to be another significant piece of evidence there was more than one — possibly several — men who were passing themselves off as Lee Harvey Oswald during the years before Nov. 22, 1963, when John F. Kennedy

became the fourth American President to be assassinated.

Frank reported the threat against the President, made by the man Lee Harvey Oswald, to the FBI, the 69-year-old retired chief told the Dayton Daily News recently. But the FBI, Frank said, brushed off the report with "...he just got mad and was blowing off."

But undoubtedly an FBI agent filled out a report of the threat — which could be the earliest entry concerning Oswald to go into the government intelligence files. This and other remarks by the hot-headed, embittered youth who was to become a U. S. Marine, a turncoat to Russia ready to reveal military secrets and an accused presidential assassin, could have been the start of a file to lead to Oswald becoming a patsy in Dallas.

Oswald, according to Frank, finally paid a \$10 fine in Donnelville and drove away. His

didn't have a car. He didn't know how to drive.

More inconsistencies in history's strangest assassination mystery that Warren Commission critics claim is the biggest and most comprehensive cover-up of all time?

They are just the beginning of the strange facts that indicate a small army of Lee Harvey Oswald.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover in 1960 subscribed to the two-Oswald theory, it was recently revealed after Hoover's death. A private researcher, prowling through routinely declassified documents in the National Archives, found a memo Hoover had sent to the State Dept. suggesting an imposter might be using Oswald's credentials in Russia.

Oswald had defected to Russia after gaining a strangely-expedited "hardship" discharge from the Marines because his mother was unable to work and support herself. Medical evidence later showed this not to be true.

HOOVER'S MEMO and two follow-up memos from the State Dept. were not given to the Warren Commission.

The Hoover memo, dated June 3, 1960, referred to a Foreign Service dispatch dated Oct. 31, 1959. That dispatch noted Oswald declared he had renounced his U. S. citizenship and had surrendered his passport.

A Dallas FBI agent, Hoover noted, reported on May 12, 1960, that Oswald's mother stated her son had taken his birth certificate with him.

Mrs. Oswald was apprehensive, the agent noted, because three letters she had written her son had been returned undelivered. (Incidentally, two of those returned are still unopened. The letters were purchased by Joseph C. Boulder of Ellicott City, Md., 10 years ago at a New York auction. He plans to keep them unopened for another 10 years.)

"Since there is a possibility that an imposter is using Oswald's birth certificate, any current information the Dept. of State may have concerning subject will be appreciated," Hoover wrote in the memo.

On June 10, 1960, the State Dept. sent a memo to the department's Soviet desk.

A Lee Harvey Oswald applied for a job with the Wiener Lumber Co. in Dallas. The first page of the application (as shown in blow up at the right) had the notation "has auto." Oswald didn't have a car and couldn't drive.

mother and a girlfriend were with him, the retired chief said.

Other motorists had stopped in the school zone, but Oswald almost struck a little girl, Frank recalled. He flagged a passing motorist's car and chased Oswald down.

Unfortunately, Frank said, the records of the Oswald incident have been misplaced in the police files.

Switch to Oct. 14, 1963, when Lee Harvey Oswald applied for a \$230 a month office job at Wiener Lumber Co. at Inwood and Mape in Dallas.

On the job application, filled out by a company official from an interview with Oswald, is the notation: "Has auto."

BUT A FRIEND drove Lee Harvey Oswald from Irving, a Dallas suburb, to the Texas School Book Depository in Dallas on the day Kennedy was killed. Lee Harvey Oswald

Another State Dept. memo was circulated in the passport office March 31, 1961.

THE LAST ONE called for a re-validated passport for Oswald's June 1962 return to America to be hand-delivered to Oswald so the embassy in Moscow could be satisfied it was dealing with the real Lee Harvey Oswald.

Switch now to late September and early October of 1963, when Lee Harvey Oswald visited the Russian and Cuban embassies in Mexico City - reportedly to seek permission to get passage inside Fidel Castro's Cuba.

The CIA, using hidden cameras, snapped three pictures of Lee Harvey Oswald just outside the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City.

The pictures have been de-classified by the National Archives.

Warren Commission documents describe the man as about 35 years old, with an athletic build, about 6 feet tall, and with a receding hairline.

This man obviously was not the Lee Harvey Oswald who was executed before millions of television viewers in the basement of the Dallas City Hall by strip joint owner Jack Ruby

THE BODY OF THE Lee Harvey Oswald killed in Dallas was identified by his mother and through fingerprints. Who, then, were the other Oswalds.

The theory of several Oswalds is not a new one, but the recent disclosures make the theory more plausible. More than one Oswald could explain various eyewitness reports that have put Lee Harvey Oswald in more than one place at the same time - such as being on the first, second and sixth floor of the Book Depository Building within a matter of seconds the day President Kennedy was killed.

The multi-Oswald theory could also explain the incredible variances in his height.

Lee Harvey Oswald's height in 1955 was listed as 5 foot, five inches when he was a student at the Beuregard High School in New Orleans. In 1962, an official post record showed his height at 5-6. A 1956 Marine Corps medical examination showed his height at 5-8. Eight sources, including passport records, military medical examinations and draft registration records, show his height at 5-11. And 11 sources, including the report of the autopsy performed on the Lee Harvey Oswald killed in Dallas, show his height at 5-9.

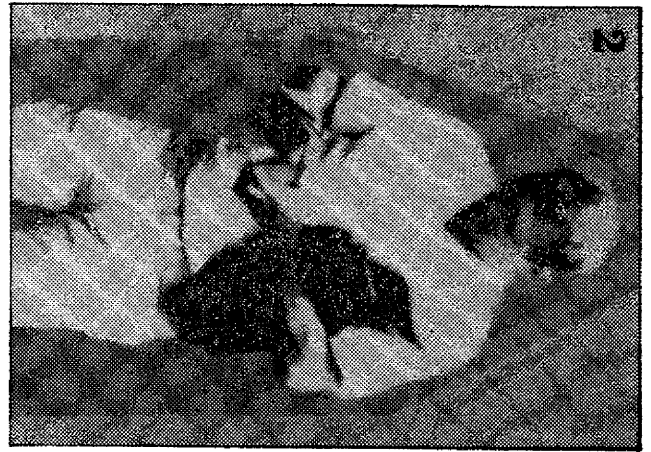
As one Warren Commission critic put it, if Lee Harvey Oswald was able to perform these physical changes, Lon Chaney would have envied him.

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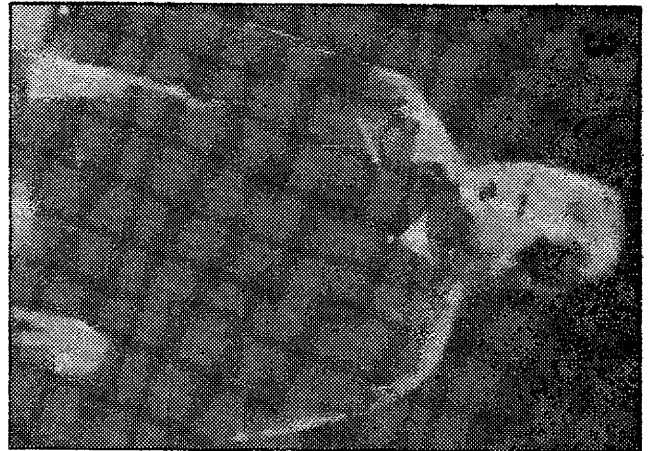
Three recently declassified photos (marked 1 through 3 above) were taken by the CIA of another Lee Harvey



Oswald in 1963. This Oswald, much heavier than the one Jack Ruby gun-



ned down, applied for a visa to visit Cuba. He applied at the Soviet Em-



bassy, which is why the CIA was snapping pictures there. The photo at the far right is of the real Lee Harvey Os-

