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Lee Oswald Urged End Of Marines

Lee Harvey Oswald once wrote that the U. S. Marine Corps in which he served should be abolished because of its "potential" to launch a military coup against the government.

In a draft of a proposed speech written by Oswald and included in the Warren Commission evidence just released, Oswald wrote:

"Americans are apt to scoff at the idea that a military coup in the U. S. . . . could ever replace our government. But that is an idea that has grounds for consideration. . . ."

He ruled out the Army as not a "fertile enough ground for a far-right regime to go a very long way. . . ." because of many conscripts, unwieldy size and numerous bases.

He added:

"Which service, then, can qualify to launch a coup in the U.S.A.? Small size, a permanent hard core of officers and few bases as necessary. Only one outfit fits that description, and the U. S. Marine Corps is a rightwing-infiltrated organization of dire potential consequences to the freedom of the United States. I agree with former President Truman when he said that 'The Marine Corps should be abolished.'"