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OSWALD-RADAR OPERATOR-STATE DEPT.
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In earlier discussions I mentioned Warren Commission documents which quote Lee Harvey Oswald as claiming upon his return from Russia that he had gone there in connection with his radar work to seek employment and that this had been with the State Department's approval. Attached are copies of documents which bear directly on this claim of Oswalds. To the best of my knowledge they have never been published before. Dick Russell of New York will be using them in his soon to be published book.

Following is a complete listing of all those Warren Commission documents I was able to locate at all connected with the Oswald repatriation, N.Y.C. welfare Dept. interviews, State Dept. letters, and F.B.I. investigation. None appear in the Warren Report.

- 1) Warren Commission document # 327
- 2) " " C.D. # 353 a
- 3) " " C.D. # 882
- 4) " " C.D. # 903 (complete file of H.E.W. repatriation- Oswald)
- 5) " " C.D. # 906

Briefly Oswald is quoted in C.D. 882 p.9 as having claimed upon his return to have gone to Russia with the State Dept's approval to accept employment as a radar specialist. In C.D. 75, p. 461, reference is made to correspondence from the New York Office of H.E.W. which mentions same. In C.D. 903 two 1962 Government memos on repatriation appear. Of possible interest is the name George H. Hasselton, Chief, Protection and Representation Division. He later figured as a Warren Commission source of information. The State Dept. Biographic Register for 1961-62 lists Mr. Hasseltons positions and various overseas assignments. A copy of that is attached.

In connection with Oswald's claim to be a radar specialist C.B.S. reported on their program in Nov. '75 that John E. Donovan, Oswald's Marine Officer Section Commander at El Toro Air Base, knew Oswald to possess " at least a SECRET level security clearance for his radar work ". That information was included in Donovan's Warren Commission interviews.

Attachments