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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Synopsis:

Subject's probable itinerary and expenditures while in NYC, 6/13-14/62, ascertained and set forth. BARRY CENY, NYC Radio Commentator, contacted re statements made on his radio program and results set forth. Results of interview with SERGE FIEGERS, Chief European Correspondent of Hearst Newspapers, re allegation that OSWALD, while in Soviet Union, trained as intelligence agent and received assignment to assassinate President KENNEDY, set forth herein. Interviews with STANLEY ROSS, Dr. CARLOS MARQUEZ STERLING and EVIDIO PEREIRA ACCOSTA re JACK RUBY's alleged presence in Cuba, set forth. Investigation concerning PASCUAL ENRIQUE RUEDOLO GONGORA set forth and PETER CASSISI, former Marine Corps associate of subject's, interviewed and results contained herein.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted in an effort to obtain information concerning subject's expenditures during the period June 13-14, 1962, while he was in New York City:

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were Ross acting for the CIA, he could have done no better than he did with his resuscitation of this nonsense once there was wide attention to the Garrison inquiry. That it was fiction made no difference.

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On April 8, 1964, JAMES M. JOSOFF, Public Relations Director, Travelers Aid Society, 204 East 39th Street, New York, advised that his records indicate that OSWALD and his family were met at the pier in Hoboken, New Jersey, on June 13, 1962, by a representative from their office and transported to the Port Authority Terminal at 41st Street and 8th Avenue, New York City. He stated that this transportation was via Travelers company limousine and was free of charge. He stated their limousine service only operates between the Port Authority terminals and the piers and that is the reason why OSWALD was not taken directly to the office of the New York City Department of Welfare. He advised that the record further indicates that their representative accompanied OSWALD and his family from the Port Authority Terminal to the office of Special Services, New York City Department of Welfare, 42 Franklin Street, New York City, and that they travelled via taxicab. He commented that inasmuch as OSWALD's file does not contain a request for reimbursement for this taxi fare, he would assume that OSWALD paid for the fare.

Mr. JOSOFF remarked that it would appear from the record that OSWALD and his family stayed at the Times Square Motor Hotel, 8th Avenue and 43rd Street, New York City. He also remarked that since OSWALD did have some money in his possession, any meals consumed during the period that he was in the company of the Travelers representative, OSWALD would have paid for himself.

In connection with the taxi fare from the Port Authority Terminal to the Department of Welfare, MAX WEISS, President of the Broad Street Taxi Owners Association, Inc., 44 Whitehall Street, New York, advised, on April 10, 1964, that the fare for this trip would have been approximately \$1.50.

On April 8, 1964, Miss DOROTHY DOWNING, Supervisor, Special Investigations, New York City Department of Welfare, advised that since their files do not reflect any expenditures by the department on behalf of OSWALD and his family, it can be assumed that any transportation to and from the

Ross suddenly was made over into a man persecuted by federal agents because he could have solved the assassination. He was hospitalized, not because he was insane, but to circumvent the law, which precludes incarceration without legal cause. A lawyer was found, habeas corpus proceedings instituted, radio, TV and the newspapers were flooded and dutifully responded. Ross's appearances were well publicized and well placed, as though a professional agency arranged for them. An interesting sidelight is that the cost of his time and travel alone greatly exceeded the possible benefit in new circulation to his Spanish-language paper. His approach and his appeal were not to potential subscribers but to the general public. It was a transparent effort

office of the Department of Welfare and any meals consumed during the period of OSWALD's association with the department, were paid for by OSWALD himself.

She stated that the file does contain a request from a Department of Welfare worker for reimbursement for himself for \$3.50 spent on transportation to and from Idlewild Airport, Queens, New York, aboard a Carey bus. She commented that it would appear that OSWALD, his family, and the Welfare worker proceeded to Idlewild aboard a Carey bus and that OSWALD paid his own fare.

Miss DOWNING stated that OSWALD left the Special Services branch office of the Department of Welfare, 42 Franklin Street, registered at a Times Square Hotel, and subsequently returned to the Special Services office on June 14, 1962, at which time he was accompanied to the Western Union office, 428 Broadway, which is only a few blocks from the Special Services office, where he obtained the \$200 sent by his brother from Texas.

In connection with the above itinerary, Miss DOWNING was unable to furnish any information concerning expenditures by OSWALD.

Although OSWALD's means of transportation from Special Services office, 42 Franklin Street, to his hotel at 8th Avenue and 43rd Street, on June 13, 1962, and his return trip to 42 Franklin Street on the following day are unknown, it is to be noted that if he, his wife, and their four-month infant child took a taxicab, the approximate fare each way would have been \$1.50. This estimate was furnished on April 10, 1964, by MAX WEISS, heretofore mentioned. As indicated above, the Western Union office where OSWALD received his \$200 is within walking distance from the Special Services office and in all probability, no transportation expenses were incurred in connection with this travel.

It appears from the Welfare file that OSWALD left the Western Union office and proceeded to the West Side Air Terminal to obtain his airplane tickets. Since there is

to offset the attention paid the Garrison investigation and an open attempt to change public thinking, to make people think that Oswald, rather than being connected with anti-Castro Cubans, as I had charged and Garrison was then indicating, was connected with an "assassination team" allegedly sent by Castro.

No paper, no radio or TV outlets, ever stopped to ask why Castro would have wanted Kennedy killed. It is Kennedy whose compact with Khrushchev guaranteed Cuba against invasion. Of all the people in the world, Castro most of all wanted Kennedy to live. At the time Ross

no information available regarding his means of transportation, it can only be assumed that if he travelled via taxi, the fare would have been \$1.50, according to Mr. WEISS.

The West Side Air Terminal is located at 10th Avenue and 42nd Street, and is within walking distance to the Times Square Hotel, 8th Avenue and 43rd Street, and in all probability OSWALD incurred no expense in connection with this travel.

On April 9, 1964, ETHEL ZALLIKEN, Chief Ticket Agent, Delta Airlines, West Side Air Terminal, advised that their files reflect that on June 14, 1962, OSWALD purchased two tickets totalling \$183.04 or \$91.52 for each ticket. She stated that there is no charge for an infant. She commented that OSWALD's flight number was 821, and was scheduled to land at Love Field, Dallas, Texas.

On April 9, 1964, JOHN HUBER, JR., Manager, Times Square Motor Hotel, 8th Avenue and 43rd Street, New York City, advised that their files reflect that L. OSWALD registered at their hotel on June 13, 1962, and checked out on June 14, 1962. He stated that OSWALD's bill, totalling \$15.21, included \$10.00 for the room, \$.50 tax and \$4.71 for telephone calls. He stated that the telephone toll cards are destroyed after six months and the only information available regarding these calls is that one long-distance call amounting to \$2.31 was placed on June 13, 1962, and one long distance call amounting to \$2.20 and one local call amounting to \$.20, were placed on June 14, 1962.

On April 10, 1964, EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Security Supervisor, New York City Telephone Company, advised that their records pertaining to the period June, 1962, have been destroyed and there is no information available concerning these records.

The Welfare file indicates that OSWALD left his hotel on June 14, 1962, and proceeded to the East Side Airlines (ESAL), First Avenue and 38th Street, New York City, via taxi. In connection with this taxi transportation,

surfaced again, this investigation disproving his spurious earlier accusations was public and available (22H860-7). Nobody bothered to check. The same people used him over again, the same falsities received wide dissemination. After really wide exposure, after a large part of the population and the media had been deceived, the incident petered out. The damage, however, was done. That this coincided with other such incidents is perhaps another of those "coincidences" we are asked to believe are nothing else. All were equally false, all had the same objective, to deceive and mislead, to undermine legitimate and accurate criticism of the Report and the government's predetermined decision, and to deprecate Garrison and his investigation.

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