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DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

At 3:15 p.m., November 22, 1963, Lt. Colonel ROBERT E. JONES, Operations Officer, 112th INCT Group, San Antonio, advised that through news broadcasts they had learned that Lee Harvey Oswald had been arrested after killing a Police Officer in a theater and that Oswald was a suspect in President Kennedy's death.

Jones stated Oswald reportedly is married to a Russian woman and has traveled extensively in Russia. When arrested today in Dallas, according to information Col. Jones has, Oswald was carrying a Selective Service card bearing the name of Alex Ridell. Jones stated that INCT records here reflect reference to an A. J. Ridell who reportedly had been distributing "Hands Off Cuba" literature.

Records of INCT in New Orleans reflect that Oswald has been arrested in New Orleans for distributing pro-Cuban literature.

The records of the Corpus Christi INCT Group contained the following newspaper articles:

Corpus Christi Caller, 1 November 1959.

"EX-MARINE DEFECTS TO RUSSIA

"Texan Asks Russia to Become Citizen.

"Moscow A.P.

"An ex-Marine from Texas told the United States Embassy Saturday that he was applying for Soviet citizenship.

"'I have made up my mind I'm through', said Lee Harvey Oswald, 20, of Fort Worth Texas, slapping his passport on the desk.

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"The Embassy suggested that he withhold signing papers renouncing United States citizenship until he is sure the Soviet Union will accept him.

"Oswald's decision on the suggestion was not known. He has been staying at the Metropole Hotel but he was unavailable when reporters tried to get in touch with him.

"Oswald is a third American in recent months to apply for Soviet citizenship upon arriving in Moscow.

"Nicholas Petrulli of Valley Stream, New York, filed a renunciation form then changed his mind and decided to keep his United States citizenship. Robert Webster of Cleveland, Ohio, completed formalities for adopting Soviet citizenship ten days ago. He went into the Marines October 24, 1956.

"He's just a kid", said a brother R. L. Oswald, milk route driver. "I don't know of any trouble he ever had in the Marines or before he went in."

"Mrs. James E. Taylor at whose Fort Worth home Oswald lived with his mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, said the youth seemed to prefer staying in his room instead of making friends and running around with boys and girls. His father died before he was born. The former Marine was described as a lonely boy 'who seemed tickled to death when anyone paid any attention to him.'

"His sister-in-law, Mrs. R. L. Oswald of Fort Worth said he had gotten out of the Marines about a month ago and returned to Fort Worth for a visit."

San Antonio Light, dated June 3, 1962.

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*Moscow UPI.

"A former United States Marine who once vowed he would 'never return to the United States for any reason' was reported Friday on his way home with his Russian wife and child.

"A reliable source stated Lee Harvey Oswald, 23, a one-time Fort Worth resident, had left the Soviet Union where he has lived for three years within the past ten days and was en route to the United States.

"Oswald was a third American in two months to grow disenchanted with the Soviet way of life and to decide to return to the United States.

"Robert E. Webster, Zelienople, Pennsylvania, who gave up his American citizenship, left for the United States as an Immigrant last month.

"Philadelphia railroad worker David Johnson and his wife and twin sons returned to the United States after disilluisioned in Russia where they had intended to settle.

"Oswald who came here in October 1959 shortly after being discharged from the United States Marine Corps, was reported to have been a student while in the Soviet Union.

"Unlike Webster, Oswald was believed to have retained his United States citizenship while here.

"When he first came here, Oswald told a news man, he was a worker and wanted to live in a worker's country.

"I would not want to live in the United States and be either a worker exploited by Capitalists or a Capitalist exploiting workers or become unemployed," Oswald said. "I could not be happy living under Capitalism".

"Oswald said he had studied Communism for five years before coming to the Soviet Union. His own personal experiences in civilian and military life he stated, had shown him the correctness of Communist theories.

"Oswald said he had joined the Marine Corps at the age of 17 because he felt he could not get a job and because he wanted to relieve the financial burden of his family.

"I saved my money -- \$15,000 -- to come to the Soviet Union and thought of nothing else. When I left America it was like getting out of prison."

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