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SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

12/6/63

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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The following are answers to questions as set forth in the memo of SAC SHANKLIN to the file, 12/5/63, at the request of Assistant Director JAMES H. GALE.

(1) The Dallas Office did not recommend OSWALD for the Security Index during period that he was in the Dallas Division because the subject's activities while in the Dallas Division did not appear to fit the criteria for the Security Index as set forth in the Manual of Instructions.

(2) The case on MARINA OSWALD was opened on a specific recommendation of this writer on 7/19/62, at which time it was noted that she fell within the criteria of the SOBIR program (Manual of Instructions, 105-E). By letter to the Bureau dated 7/25/62, Bureau was advised on a UACB basis that in view of the pending investigation on LEE HARVEY OSWALD this case would be put in a pending inactive status, to be re-opened at a later date for consideration or advisable action. This case was reactivated and in March of 1963 it was determined that the OSWALDS had just moved from their apartment on Elsbeth. It was determined that LEE OSWALD had been drinking to excess and had been beating his wife on numerous occasions. There had been many complaints from other tenants concerning this. The OSWALDS were located at another location on West Neeloy Street and a letter was sent to the Bureau advising the status of the case. Upon careful review of the Manual of Instructions, Section 105-E, it was noted that it would be necessary to utilize a friend or sponsor of MARINA OSWALD for interpreter and that the atmosphere of the interview would have to be conducted in such a manner as to not cause any undue emotional stress or strain on the person being interviewed. In view of the reported marital difficulties between the OSWALDS, it was decided to wait a suitable period to determine whether the domestic situation had been sufficiently clarified, so as to permit a proper interview as desired in Section 105-E of the manual. Upon recontact of the subject in May, it was determined that the subject had moved, leaving no forwarding address. Later, when the subject was determined to be in New Orleans,

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origin in this case was transferred to the New Orleans Office. Dallas Office obtained the forwarding address of MARINA OSWALD on 10/28/63, and on 10/29/63 verified her residence at 2515 W. 5th, Irving, Texas. One of the primary purposes of the interview of Mrs. RUTH PAINE on 11/1/63, was for the purpose of laying the necessary groundwork for interview of MARINA OSWALD; however, in view of the allegations concerning LEE OSWALD's contact with the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, it was decided not to conduct this interview until Dallas had been made origin in both the case on MARINA OSWALD and LEE HARVEY OSWALD, so that the Dallas Office could be certain that we were in possession of all facts concerning both MARINA OSWALD and LEE OSWALD. Change of origin was not received by the Dallas Office until 11/21/63, and not received by this writer until 11/22/63. *after the document*

(3) This phase of the investigation was handled solely by former SA JOHN W. FAIN.

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(6) In accordance with SAC Letter 62-48E, results of investigations in Espionage and Nationalistic Tendency cases may be recorded in memorandums to the SAC. It should be noted following the submission of Dallas letter to the Bureau, 3/25/63, such a memorandum was placed in the file covering the investigation conducted in Dallas in May of 1962, also setting forth leads to contact relatives and neighbors within the Dallas - Fort Worth area. It should be noted that subsequent investigation has determined the subjects left the Dallas area in May of 1963. In July of 1963, the New Orleans Office determined that the subjects were residing in the New Orleans Division, and origin was changed. After it had been determined that the subjects had left Dallas, the lead to determine LEE OSWALD's employment appeared unnecessary at the time. It should be noted that the subjects were not active in any subversive organizations at this time and had nothing to arouse any undue interest. The sole purpose of the investigation at this time was to locate and interview MARINA OSWALD in accordance with 105-E, Manual of Instructions.

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(7) After MARINA OSWALD moved to New Orleans Office, and serials furnished to that office, it was left to the discretion of the New Orleans Office how and when MARINA OSWALD should be interviewed. *airtel to New Orleans 11/1/63*

(8) On 11/1/63, following the interview of Mrs. RUTH PAINE, a teletype was sent requesting a change of office of origin from New Orleans to Dallas. The Dallas Office had previously received information that OSWALD had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. For this reason, the Dallas Office was awaiting a change of origin so that the Dallas Office would be in possession of all information before attempting an interview of the subject. It should be noted until such time as origin was changed the Dallas Office could not be sure that we were in possession of information and it was felt until such time this was certain, any interview would be decidedly premature. *Particular attention* *eg. CIA memo*

(9) The information that OSWALD subscribed to The Worker on [9/23/62] was received prior to the time this case was assigned to the writer and it was initialed for file when the case was closed. This case was not re-opened to the writer until 3/25/63, at which time this information was reported. *written - not known*

(10) The information concerning the whereabouts of LEE OSWALD was obtained in the late afternoon of 11/1/63, a Friday. This writer did not return to the Dallas Office until after 5 p.m. All security information must go Registered Mail. There is no Registered Mail sent out of the Dallas Office after four o'clock Friday and before the following Monday. This airtel was rough-drafted on 11/1/63, but could not be mailed until 11/4/63. *By R.M.*

(11) The Dallas Office received the WFO communication re contact with the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., on 11/22/63. (This communication was never routed to this writer.) *but I was not in Dallas at that time*

(12) The Dallas Office determined on 5/27/63 that the subjects had moved. Subsequent investigation reflects that they actually moved on 5/11/63. *moving on 5/11/63*

(13) The information concerning OSWALD's contact on 4/21/63 with the FPCC was not received by the Dallas Office until 7/1/63. The New Orleans Office was in receipt of information on 7/5/63 showing contact with FPCC in New York, by letter dated 7/5/63. At the time of the receipt of the infor-

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nation that OSWALD had been in contact with the FPCC on 4/21/63, it was known that OSWALD was no longer in Dallas and the primary concern was his location so a report could be submitted. *FPC activities information 11/63 to Dallas, etc.*

(14) The information received by the Dallas Office on 10/18/63, concerning the subject's contact with the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City was quite limited. INS, Dallas, merely advised that they were in possession of a communication indicating

Refer [REDACTED] communication was forwarded to the Dallas (S-1)(S) Office by airtel dated 10/24/63 and received 10/25/63. By airtel dated 10/25/63, received 10/28/63, the Dallas Office was advised of the address on West 5th St. in Irving, Texas. On 10/29/63, it was determined that this was the residence of RUTH PAINE, and MARINA OSWALD was residing there. On 10/30/63 and 10/31/63, background investigation was conducted on RUTH PAINE to determine whether or not it would be feasible to approach her. On 11/1/63, RUTH PAINE was approached and subject LEE OSWALD's whereabouts was determined and the New Orleans advised. It was deemed advisable, until such time as the Dallas Office had all pertinent information from the New Orleans Office, to await any further investigation. It should be noted that the subject had previously advised agents of the FBI that he would periodically be in contact with the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., regarding his wife's status.

(15) This office furnished U. S. Secret Service in Dallas, Texas, no information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to his arrest on 11/22/63. The Dallas Office furnished no information to the Dallas PD concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to his arrest on 11/22/63.

(16) The Dallas Office has been furnishing the Dallas Police information concerning racial matters and individuals belonging to hate and klan-type groups. In accordance with Bureau instructions, no information has ever been furnished to the Dallas PD concerning individuals with subversive backgrounds.

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