

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-10461)

DATE: 1/25/64

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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Section Chief WILLIAM BRANNIGAN of the Bureau telephoned and asked the following questions:

He referred to the report of SA GEMBERLING late December which listed a number of items appearing in OSWALD's notebook, but stated that in examination of this, it did not appear that we had reported the fact that HOSTY's name, the FBI telephone number and the license number of a car were in it. Question. (1) Why was this not included? (2) Has it been reported in subsequent reports? He desires a teletype re this on 1/26/63. (3) In the Nation Magazine article by HAROLD FELDMAN, it is indicated that "after the murder of the PRESIDENT, the police find in his room in addition to the wad of money, several expensive cameras and rolls of film. BRANNIGAN wants the answer to the following question in the same teletype. Was there any expensive cameras or rolls of film found?"

*Teletype submitted
to Bureau
re: summary above
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It should be noted that the Dallas Police Department inventory listing does not reflect a Minox light meter whereas the Bureau inventory listing does not reflect a Minox camera. Agents who actually viewed the material inventoried stated that there was one Minox light meter but no Minox camera. The report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/10/63, at Dallas, Texas, on page 76 reflects an interview with MARINA OSWALD on 12/2/63, at which time she stated that she and OSWALD had two cameras, one Russian and 1 American.

At approximately 9:00 AM on 1/28/64, SAC SHANKLIN contacted Assistant Director IVAN CONRAD telephonically and requested that the Laboratory furnish Dallas a current photograph of each of the two cameras being retained in the Laboratory and a clear photograph of the Minox light meter.

SAC SHANKLIN thereafter advised Inspector DON MOORE that upon receipt of the photographs from the Laboratory, contact would be had with the Dallas Police Department to correct their inventory listing to properly read Minox light meter rather than Minox camera. Inspector MOORE was further advised that investigation would be instituted to trace the source of the cameras determining their cost, etc.

LEADS:

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

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(1) Will question MARINA OSWALD for any information she may have concerning the two cameras which are described as one Siera (possibly stereo) realist, number A60979 believed to be an American made camera and a Cuera-2 serial number 627250, which may be a Russian Camera.

Lee
(2) Will make discreet inquiry at a reputable camera store (Marlow's Camera Store, 1807 Main Street) to determine any information they may have concerning cameras as described above, determining if possible any known sources for such cameras are available and whether tracing of such cameras by serial numbers can be made.

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Question
(3) Upon receipt of the photograph from the FBI Laboratory, will contact proper official at Dallas Police Department to get Dallas Police Department inventory corrected, with respect to item 375 to read as a one Minox light meter rather than one Minox camera.

(4) If it is determined that OSWALD may have had a Russian made camera, while in Russia, a lead should be set forth for U. S. Customs at New York to endeavor to check at that location to determine if OSWALD when he returned to the United States From Russia, in June, 1962, declared such a camera.