

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

DATE: 12/30/63

FROM : Suprv. KENNETH C. HOWE

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS - R - CUBA

Re memo from SA IVAN D. LEE, 12/28/63.

On 12/29/63, I recontacted Mrs. RUTH PAINE by telephone. She said the reporter involved was LONNIE HUDKINS of the Houston Post, and he did call back to her on the afternoon of 12/28/63. Miss PAINE furnished the following information.

Hudkins referred to an article which he said had appeared in the New York Times of either 12/27 or 12/26/63. This article conjectured that LEE OSWALD probably made a deal with the U. S. Government to work in its behalf in anti-subversive endeavors in return to being granted permission to return to the United States. The article reportedly goes on to bring out that OSWALD probably was not being watched any more closely than he was by the FBI because OSWALD was working for or on behalf of the Government.

In the same regard HUDKINS brought up that a "socially prominent woman" (not further identified), for whom OSWALD's mother had worked in Fort Worth about a year or so ago, was supposed to have been told at that time by the mother that LEE was doing important anti-subversive work for the Government.

HUDKINS' primary purpose in seeing RUTH PAINE was in an effort to get some confirmation, if possible, of the possibility OSWALD was actually working on behalf of the U. S. Government, prior to the assassination. Mrs. PAINE told him she knew of no such situation, and ventured the opinion to HUDKINS that the story was highly unlikely since she could not imagine anyone having that much confidence in OSWALD.

Mrs. PAINE does not know whether HUDKINS plans to publish anything on the above, but is of the opinion, lacking confirmation of the above story, he will not.

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Mrs. BETH PAYNE, Irving, Texas, telephonically contacted the Dallas Office of FBI and advised that she had just talked with a reporter from the HOUSTON POST and that this individual would be returning to her house later this same date. Mrs. PAYNE stated that the reporter had advised her that captioned subject's mother had been working for a party in Ft. Worth during Sept. and Oct., 1962, as a practical nurse. According to reporter, Mrs. OSWALD advised this party during her employment that her son was doing important subversive work. Mrs. PAYNE stated she wanted to know what answer she should give to the reporter concerning this statement.

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She was advised that any statement she would make to the reporter would have to be of her own knowledge of the matter and the FBI would not make any recommendations to her as to what information she should give to the reporter.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, HOUSTON (105-1091)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS R CUBA

This will confirm telephone call between SA EMORY E. HORTON of the Dallas Office and ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER of the Houston Office on 12-31-63.

LONNIE HUDKINS of the Houston "Post"

On 12-29-63, Mrs. RUTH PAINE, Irving, Texas, telephonically advised that she had been contacted by LONNIE HUDKINS of the Houston "Post" who was considering writing an article involving the OSWALD family.

HUDKINS referred to an article which he said had appeared in the New York "Times" of either 12-27 or 12-26-63. This article conjectured that LEE HARVEY OSWALD probably made a deal with the U. S. Government to work in its behalf in anti-subversive endeavors in return for being granted permission to return to the United States. The article reportedly continues that OSWALD probably was not being watched any more closely by the FBI because he, OSWALD, was working for or on behalf of the Government.

HUDKINS reportedly brought up that a "socially prominent woman" (not further identified), for whom OSWALD's mother had worked in Fort Worth about a year or so ago, was supposed to have been told at that time by the mother that LEE HARVEY was doing important anti-subversive work for the Government.

The Dallas Office is unable to identify the "socially prominent woman" referred to above, therefore, is asking Houston to contact LONNIE HUDKINS for the purpose of obtaining this person's identity so she can be interviewed by the Dallas Office.

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