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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN Chief's O/M 1/29/64 OFFICE El Paso, Texas FILE NO. CO-2-34

TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Protective Research	Closed	Harvey Lee Oswald
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	
Midland, Texas	2/18/64	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY		
SAIC Oscar G. Weisheit, Jr.		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Billy Joe Lord, U. S. Air Force No. 18649720, presently stationed at Bergstrom AFB, Texas. Lord has been interviewed by the FBI.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

This investigation is predicated upon receipt of Chief's request dated 1/29/64, captioned as above.

(B) GENERAL INQUIRIES:

On 2/18/64 an attempt was made to locate Billy Joe Lord at 701 East New York Ave., Midland, Texas. At Midland Post Office, Midland, Texas, the records did not indicate a change of address or forwarding address for Billy Joe Lord.

On 2/18/64 inquiries at Selective Service Office, Midland, Texas, developed the following information: Mrs. Vada Sikes, Selective Service employee, stated that she was personally acquainted with Billy Joe Lord, and stated that he was a nice young man, who, to her knowledge, had never been in trouble. She stated that his father was ill after suffering his third heart attack and that his mother, Lela Kathryn Lord, was an elevator operator in the Old First National Bank Building, Midland, Texas, (the same building as that in which Selective Service is located).

She added that shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy, Mrs. Lord came into her office and exhibited a letter she had received from her son. To her recollection Billy Joe Lord stated in this letter that he had been a cabin mate of Harvey Lee Oswald when he had traveled to France by boat. As Mrs. Sikes stated, Billy Joe Lord was worried about any implication and had gone to his commanding officer with his story. Mrs. Lord was also worried and told Mrs. Sikes she did not know what to do.

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At Mrs. Sikes advice Mrs. Lord had called SA Roy Dahl, FBI Resident Agency, Midland, Texas. Mrs. Sikes stated that from talking to Roy Dahl she knew that he had interviewed Mrs. Lord. She stated that Mrs. Lord had told her that the FBI had interviewed her son when he was stationed at an Air Force Base in North Dakota. Mrs. Sikes stated that Billy Joe Lord had recently been home on leave and had visited her. She further knew that he had been transferred to a base in Texas.

On 2/18/64 Mrs. Katy Lord, mother of Billy Joe Lord, was interviewed at her place of employment, First National Bank Building, Midland, Texas. She told the same story as did Mrs. Sikes, and furnished her son's AF serial number and stated that he had reported to Bergstrom AFB the previous Saturday and had not yet written to her with his new address.

On 2/18/64 SA Roy Dahl, FBI, Midland, Texas, was interviewed. He stated that he had talked to Mrs. Lord and determined that Billy Joe Lord had been a cabin mate of Harvey Lee Oswald. He further stated that he determined that Billy Joe Lord was at that time at an Air Force Base in North Dakota and that he immediately referred the information to the appropriate FBI office for an interview with Lord. He added that this was some time early in December, 1963. He also stated that the full text of the FBI interview with Lord should be available in the Dallas FBI Office and their Washington, D. C., Headquarters.

(C) DISPOSITION:

Case closed El Paso with the submission of this report.

Two copies of this report are being sent to the Dallas office with a request to review the FBI files in Dallas for information concerning Billy Joe Lord. This information should be reported as promptly as possible to the San Antonio office so that San Antonio can comply with the Chief's request to interview Lord.

ATTACHMENTS

San Antonio: Copies of Billy Joe Lord's passport application and photograph and Chief's O/M dated 1/29/64.

Dallas : Copy of Chief's O/M dated 1/29/64.