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Oswald- FBI interrogations

The Washington Post yesterday carried a story headlined, "U.S. Visitors to Soviet Union Probed by FBI". It says that this involves those who remain there a month or longer and the purpose is to determine whether or not an effort has been made to recruit them for espionage purposes. The third paragraph is rather provocative:

"A cursory check by the Washington Post showed that if such investigations are in fact made, it is rare for the subject to be interviewed or for him to learn of the investigation".

But we do know a conspicuous exception, if that is what it really was.

This is based on some of the Media theft and following publication of something in the Harvard Crimson. I do not know what other papers have carried.

I intend trying to carry this forward. I tried to phone the reporter, Morton Mintz, but he was not in.

HR is collecting Philadelphia clippings on this for me.

The inconsistency between this and the Oswald case is apparent. And I suppose there are arcane methods of learning whether someone has been recruited but not active yet, like by ESP.

I will try and carry this forward.

U.S. Visitors To Soviet Union Probed by FBI

By Morton Mintz
Washington Post Staff Writer

The FBI investigates students, teachers and scientists who spend a month or longer in the Soviet Union, according to an internal memo dated Nov. 17, 1969.

The purpose of the investigations, the memo says, "is to identify them and determine whether any of them have been approached for recruitment by the Soviet Intelligence Services."

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The document was one of those stolen from the FBI office in Media, Pa., and sent anonymously to The Washington Post on March 22.

At the time, on advice of counsel, portions of that document and of others, as well, were not published.

On Tuesday, the Harvard Crimson, saying it had received copies of the same documents from "Resist," a draft resistance organization, published them in their entirety, "except for the removal of the names and numbers in cases which might be harmful to those who have been spied upon."

The Cambridge, Mass., newspaper displayed the documents under the headline, "A Revealing Look at the FBI Spy Operation."

Yesterday, this reporter put several specific questions about the directive to investigate academic visitors to the FBI. A spokesman declined to comment.

The memo, addressed to FBI

Director J. Edgar Hoover, apparently was originated by the Washington field office. It told of a woman student who went to Moscow and registered with the U.S. Embassy "as an American citizen visiting the U.S.S.R."

The memo said her registration card "was received" from the State Department, "along with other registration cards classified 'Confidential.'"

The State Department was asked yesterday whether it has an arrangement with the FBI to forward such materials. The department had no immediate comment.

The memo recalled an earlier instruction "that students, teachers, and scientists who were in the U.S.S.R. at least one month who have not previously been investigated should be selected for investigation."

The memo gave no clear indication of how comprehensive such an investigation might be. It did note, however, an earlier instruction to check U.S. passport records and to forward results to the FBI "office of origin"—the office in the area where a person who visited the Soviet Union lives.

"The office of origin should consider the Soviet objective of recruiting American citizens who either now or at some future date, will likely be employed by the United States Government or strategic industrial facility," the memo said.

"Interviews of these individuals should only be done after

Bureau authority . . . has been obtained," the memo added.

In 1969, the State Department said yesterday, 254 Americans classified as senior scientists, students and graduate students and teachers went to the Soviet Union and, in most or all cases, stayed at least a month.

In those cases where the FBI authorizes special agents to interview a particular individual, "they should delineate to the individual the Bureau's responsibilities in the field of internal security, espionage and related matters," the memo said.

In some cases, at least, the FBI is known to attempt to learn from returned travelers such information as the identity of Russians they met and the nature of their relationships (a Russian's request for a book could be the nucleus of a recruitment effort, as the FBI is understood to see it), and whether the visitors, while in Russia, may have been entrapped in some embarrassing situation that Soviet intelligence might try to exploit some day.

The FBI memo went on to say, "Utmost care must be exercised in conducting these investigations to prevent any embarrassment to the Bureau and possibly jeopardize the Bureau's program in countering Soviet Intelligence Services recruitment of students. The motives of the Bureau in investigating American students, professors, and scientists must not be construed as infringements of the American educational system and

the pursuit of intellectual freedom."

In the academic community, a spot inquiry by The Washington Post indicated that the FBI directive for investigations was unknown, and that interviews of the kind described in the memo were rare or unheard of.

Bertram H. Davis, general secretary of the American Association of University Professors, emphasizing that he has no proof that the memo is authentic, "or that any action of the kind described in it has ever been taken," said his group is "in no position to express any judgment."

He added, however, "We would think it especially deplorable for particular groups such as students, professors and scientists to be singled out for investigation by a government agency."

Mathematician Jeremy J. Stone, executive director of the Federation of American Scientists, also was concerned lest academics were being singled out, but, speaking for himself, said he couldn't "work up much of a sense of outrage over the fact that the FBI does, in fact, question people."

In New York City, George W. Phillips, a junior fellow in Russian history at Columbia University's Russian Affairs Institute, said the FBI never contacted him although he was in Moscow from August, 1969, to July, 1970. He said he had been unaware of FBI procedures as stated in the memo but remarked "I can't say that I'm really all that surprised to hear about it."

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Embassy's D-806, May 26, 1961, same subject.

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FROM : Amembassy MOSCOW
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REF : Department's A-173, April 13, 1961;
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SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS: Lee Harvey Oswald

The Embassy received on May 25, 1961 an undated letter from Lee Harvey Oswald postmarked Minsk, May 16, 1961, in which he states in part that he is asking "full guarantees that I shall not, under any circumstances, be persecuted for any act pertaining to this case" should he return to the United States, that if this "condition" cannot be met he will "endeavor to use my relatives in the United States to see about getting something done in Washington. According to the letter, Oswald is married to a Russian woman who would want to accompany him to the United States. The text of the letter is contained in Enclosure 1.

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In view of the possibility that the Department may receive further inquiries from Oswald's mother or from other persons in his behalf concerning his case, the Embassy would be glad to have the Department's comments before replying to Oswald. The Embassy proposes to reply to Oswald, drawing upon the language of the third paragraph of the Department's A-173, that should he be found not to have lost American citizenship, he would be entitled to return to the United States under the laws and regulations applicable to all American citizens and that the Embassy is not in a position to advise him whether in the event of his return he may be subject to prosecution for possible offenses committed in violation of the laws of the United States or of any of the States. The Embassy's reply would also reiterate that the final determination of Oswald's claim to American citizenship could only be made on the basis of a personal interview and that he is free to visit the Embassy whenever he desires. The reply would include the Embassy's prepared information sheets explaining the requirements and procedures pertaining to his wife's intended immigration. Oswald would also be informed of the necessity for him and his wife to apply to the Soviet authorities for permission to leave the Soviet Union and would be invited to inform the Embassy if he had done so.

The reference in Oswald's letter to his present Soviet internal passport in which he is apparently designated as "without citizenship" is, if accurate, prima facie indication that the Soviet government does not regard him as possessing Soviet citizenship. It would appear on this basis that Oswald has not yet expatriated himself under Section 319(a)(1) of the Immigration and

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The Embassy has noted that the Department did not consider it prudent to forward Oswald's passport to him by mail. The Embassy also feels that it would be neither prudent nor appropriate in this case to return Oswald's passport to him without the normal physical and level safe-guards provided by the requirement that he appear at the Embassy for a personal interview. Should circumstances arise which make it desirable to provide Oswald with a passport or certificate of identity, under circumstances other than the foregoing, the Embassy will request the Department's prior advice. Does the Department consider that Oswald is entitled to the protection of the United States Government while he continues to reside abroad under present circumstances in the absence of reasonable evidence that he has committed an expatriating act?

For the Ambassador:

[Signature]
Minister Counselor

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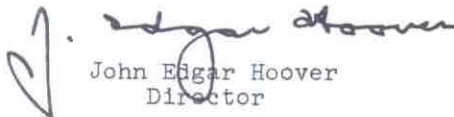
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Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
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Report of: JOHN W. FAIN
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Title: (1) LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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DBA-90073, DATED 17 November 1964).

Synopsis:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD reinterviewed by Bureau Agents on 8/16/62, and stated contact made with Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., for purpose of notifying Embassy as to wife's current address. OSWALD has established separate residence, and is currently employed as a machinist at Fort Worth, Texas. OSWALD stated upon arriving in Soviet Union, and prior to leaving, he was interviewed by representatives of MVD, a Russian secret police organization; however, continues to deny he made any "deals" with them or any other representative of the Soviet Union. OSWALD continues to decline to explain why he went to the Soviet Union in the first instance, stating he considers it "nobody's business." OSWALD agreed to report to FBI any information concerning contacts or attempted contacts by Soviets under suspicious circumstances. Background information on MARINA OSWALD reported. OSWALD and wife unknown to confidential informants.

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