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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF: DLIS-A

11 FEB 1976

Mr. Emory L. Brown, Jr.
Box 82 Squankum Road
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Dear Mr. Brown:

Your letter dated December 18, 1975 was received by this office on 28 January 1976. Delayed receipt was due to the address you provided on your certified letter (i.e., addressed specifically to Capt Kim A. Smallheer). Capt Smallheer was transferred from this installation on 12 December 1975 to Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL at which time he provided the Post Office with appropriate change of address cards. This caused your letter to be forwarded to his new command where it was held pending his arrival. In order to preclude future incidents of this nature when corresponding with military installations please address inquiries to military titles only, when known, or to the post commander when specific point of contact is unknown.

In response to your Freedom of Information Act request that research be undertaken to ascertain if the late Lee Harvey Oswald, a former Marine Corps private, received foreign language instruction at an Army installation, the following information is provided:

a. A records check was conducted by a staff member of this command. The check did, in fact, require in excess of 12 hours research time. This research included a class-by-class, name-by-name check of all academic language grade records for the period of time that Mr. Oswald was reported to be in the Marine Corps. Since the Warren Report did not specify a language training location, this check included the academic records of the Defense Language Institute, East Coast Branch, Washington, D.C. (now closed); Defense Language Institute, South-West Branch, Ft. Bliss, Texas (now closed); and Defense Language Institute, West Coast Branch, Monterey, CA. Further, those aliases used by Mr. Oswald, as reported in the Warren Report, were also researched. No record of Lee Harvey Oswald having attended any of these schools was found.

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b. No other records exist at this installation which could be cross-checked to verify this information, nor are any records held for other military installations which may have conducted a command language program.

This information is provided without charge of fees to you.

Sincerely yours,



P. J. HARRIS
CPT, USA
Adjutant

Copy furnished:
HQDA (DAAG-AMR-S (FOIA 75-266))
TRADOC (ATAG-FOIA)

Dear Emory,

2/18/76

Sorry I can't help much with your yesterday's letter, which came fast.

My mind has been taken up with other writing, as intensively as I think a post-phlebotic can write, suing, with three cases active, a monstrous consultancy in which I was deceived last year and now ~~xxx~~ current, and unrelieved medical problems.

I slept little last night, had to get up at 7:30 to go to Washington by bus because it is unwise for me to drive, they started wearing new and binding supports from the navel down, and the combination tired. Because I know the morning will start with this wretched business to which I'm committed - and can hope little about destinking a stinker - ~~xxxxxx~~ respond before bed not to let it go unnoticed. The stacks are many and great since October!

I don't know the answer on LHO's language training. I am inclined to think that it was not for real or if it were, his records went into the memory hole long ago, unless a copy escaped. But I have no idea how to find it.

I was not aware of the blood-type difference. I wish I could tell whether or not either was an accidental error. Or if O is given in emergencies when there is no time for testing and no record available.

Have you checked the Form 20 to see if it permits detached duty for the language study? Or whether he could have gotten their books or done it by mail?

It has been so long I don't recall now.

Thanks and best,