

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-10461)

DATE: 1/27/64

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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Section Chief WILLIAM BRANNIGAN called and stated that in connection with our teletype of 1/25/64 concerning cameras, the Laboratory had only two cameras; one a Sierra Realist, A60979, American made camera, item #378, and Cuera-2 camera, serial #627250, which they think may be a Russian camera.

BRANNIGAN advised Mr. BELMONT stated that if we had not run out the source of these cameras, we should immediately try to do so as to where, how, he had obtained them, the cost, etc.

He said that the Dallas Police Department property clerk's invoice or receipt of Nov. 26, item 375, shows one Minox camera, one pedometer, one compass, one Hansa self timer, one lense, one 15 power telescope - Wollensak, one stereo viewer, one pocket knife in leather container, one Minos light meter. He states that there is no Minox camera at the Laboratory, and he definitely wanted to try to determine from the Police if they actually picked up one.

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TO : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

DATE: 1/28/64

FROM : SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING - P -

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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Re memo for file by SAC SHANKLIN, 1/27/64,
concerning cameras.

The inventory prepared for the Dallas Police
Department on 11/26/63, reflects item number 375 as follows:

"1 Minox camera; 1 pedometer; one compass; 1
Hansa self-timer; 1 lense in hood; 1 - 15 power telescope -
Wollensak; 1 stereo viewer; 1 pocket knife in leather
container."

This inventory of the Dallas Police Department
reflects item number 378 as follows:

"1 stereo Realist camera; 1 Cuera-2 camera; 1
stereo view-master."

The Bureau shows on their inventory listing that
the items listed on the Dallas Police Department inventory
were checked against film submitted by the Dallas Office
and against the items themselves.

The Bureau's inventory describes item number
375 as follows:

"Minox light meter, pedometer; compass; self-timer;
sun chade (hood) with filter; 1 - 15 power telescope;
stereo viewer; pocket knife."

The Bureau's inventory describes item number 378
as follows:

"1 stereo realist camera; 1 Cuera-2 camera; 1
stereo view-master."

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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.

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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.