

HAROLD WEISBERG

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FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21702

Ed at NO

12/20/93

DEAR HAROLD,

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF 12/12/93.  
FIRST, RICK RUSSO HAS THE VIDEO TAPE  
YOU NEED (CNN CROSSFIRE POSNER/WECHT) AND  
I'VE ASKED HIM FOR A DUPLICATE ... SO I'LL  
GET THAT TO YOU AS SOON AS I CAN. OKAY?  
HE'LL BE VISITING HIS MOM FOR XMAS WHICH IS  
NEAR YOUR HOME. WE'LL WORK IT OUT ONE WAY  
OR THE OTHER.

2NDLY, I'VE INDIRECTLY HELPED JOHN  
NEWMAN SINCE I WAS THE FIRST RESEARCHER  
TO FORCE DECLASSIFICATION OF THE PRELIMINARY  
ROUGH DRAFTS OF NSAM # 273 OF THE ROUGH DRAFT  
NSAM # 273. HIS INSCRIPTION IS ENCLOSED. HE  
AND I SPOKE AT A RECENT JFK SYMPOSIUM AT  
HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. YES, HIS WORK IS SOLID,  
BUT I SHOULD INFORM YOU THAT HE IS VERY  
FRIENDLY WITH DAVID LIFTON.

ENCLOSED:

- 1) FOIA CARTOON — COMIC RELIEF, HAROLD!  
FINE LINE BETWEEN COMEDY AND TRAGEDY, TRUE?
- 2) WALKER OBITUARY STURGIS IS DEAD TOO.
- 3) BOOKLIST — SEPT 15, 1993 REVIEW.
- 4) FT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM SEPT 3, 1993 — POSNER!
- 5) JACK WHITE/FLETCHER PROUTY COLLABORATION

(3)

FOCUSING ON LOU CONEIN, WILD STUFF.

6) BOSTON MAGAZINE NOV, 1993 - RUSSELL/OLLEBY/  
MELANSON ARTICLE.

7) PER YOUR REQUEST, I AM ENCLUSING FOUR  
LETTERS TO ME FROM THE DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE.  
THE FIRST TWO 1/17/85 AND 3/7/85 ARE  
INTERESTING. THE FIRST IS THE USUAL MONTEREY  
DENIAL WITH LAKE CONJECTURE FOR A SIMPLE  
INNOCENT EXPLANATION FOR THE MYSTERY. THE  
SECOND LETTER IS AN ADMITTANCE THAT NO  
CORRESPONDENCE WAS RETAINED WITH THE WARREN  
COMMISSION OR HSCA WHICH IS WHAT I WAS SEEKING.

DENNIS OFSTEIN WAS AT D.L.I. I HAVE A  
CLASS ROSTER OF HIM PRESENT, BUT MUCH EARLIER  
THAN D.L.I WAS WILLING TO CHECK. I HOPE  
THIS HELPS. I WOULD HAVE SENT THIS INFO TO  
PUSHER, BUT HE NEVER RESPONDED TO MY LETTER  
OFFERING THEM. CASE ENCLOSED.

MERRY XMAS.!!

Ed Tatro

EDGAR F. TATRO  
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PS DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDRESSES/ PHONE #S OF  
ANYONE, FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBERS, DAUGHTER OF  
RITA MUSGROVE?



**DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE  
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PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA 93944-5006

January 17, 1985

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:  
Public Affairs Office

Mr. Edgar F. Tatro  
51 Edgemont Road  
Braintree, MA 02184

Dear Mr. Tatro:

In response to your letter of Jan. 10, your query concerning Lee Harvey Oswald is not new to us; we receive at least one such query a year concerning Oswald's military language training.

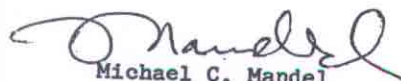
We have no records that indicate that Lee Harvey Oswald was ever a student here. This question was thoroughly researched in the 1960's, and we can state positively that Oswald was never enrolled as a resident student at DLI.

No records have been destroyed, nor is there a repository elsewhere where such records might exist. Like any other academic institution, our registrar maintains the academic records of all past students, and there is no file for a Lee Harvey Oswald.

While purely conjecture on our part, there is the possibility that the books mentioned by Rankin were DLI nonresident self-study publications widely distributed and available at post libraries and education centers.

We thank you for your interest in the Defense Language Institute.

Sincerely,

  
Michael C. Mandel  
Major, U.S. Army  
Public Affairs Officer



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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

March 7, 1985

Public Affairs Office

Edgar F. Tatro  
51 Edgemont Rd.  
Braintree, MA 02184

Dear Mr. Tatro:

As I explained in my previous letter, there has never been nor is there now any record that Lee Harvey Oswald attended DLI. We did not retain any correspondence concerning this subject.

Thank you for your interest, but there is nothing further we can contribute to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mandel", is written above the typed name.

Michael C. Mandel  
Major, U.S. Army  
Public Affairs Officer



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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February 3, 1986

Public Affairs Office

Mr. Edgar F. Tatro  
51 Edgemont Road  
Braintree, MA 02184

Dear Mr. Tatro:

We have conducted a check of our academic records going back to 1967 for Dennis Ofsteln or Ralph Meyers. There were no listings for either name.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Mandel  
Major, U.S. Army  
Public Affairs Officer



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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19 February 1986

Public Affairs Office

Mr. Edgar F. Tatro  
51 Edgemont Road  
Braintree, MA 02184

Dear Mr. Tatro:

— Records prior to 1967 are maintained by class number. Without a class number there is no way of determining if Mr. Ofstein or Mr. Meyers ever received language training here.

We do not maintain any records other than academic records.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Mandel  
Manor, U.S. Army  
Public Affairs Officer