

Oswald - Atsugi

Dear Jim,

4/15/88

With the enclosed CIA letter I received today about an inch of assorted junk, interesting to me in how the CIA manages to say nothing while pretending to be collecting and distributing information as well as what it did not do. Most of this crap is duplicated or provided in even more duplicates, some disclosed long ago, one set stamped "carded," etc. It is mostly paraphrases or condensations of press accounts, mostly the WxPost and the N.O. papers, to which meaningless and some times deceptive comments are added. They comment of a few FBI records, etc., but the comments are self-serving and exceptionally brief. If you and Bud want copies you are welcome. They are on legal-sized paper, although the one record and one incomplete record I also enclose I copied on letter-sized paper.

The CIA states they are responding to my ~~1877~~<sup>8/77</sup> request and they apologize for the delay because they have so many requests! 11 years it took, and they don't say that they claim compliance is complete. And as I say, there is nothing new that I can spot, except possible what I enclose. Some, by the way, have no document numbers. and the date stamps are illegible.

The Garrison investigation memo, where I've omitted all but the single page after the first, #16, supposedly addresses Oswald at the Atsugi air base, where the CIA had U2 planes. They pretend that Oswald had no connection by a lie and a misrepresentation. The lie is that he was there merely and exclusively for training. He was a base radar operator, on the secret stuff, and they knew it. Thus that the marine training area was removed from the U2 area is a deliberate deception because Oswald was not there for training. Whether or not the marines had access is entirely irrelevant to Oswald's knowledge of the U2, which he handled by radar.

Their standards are no higher for the President, the full memo to him enclosed. With regard to Nosenko, and this is clearly dated 1968, they say they are still trying to determine his bona fides. The fact is that that question was resolved two years earlier, and at the direct order of the signer, CIA Director Helms. He had for two years at the time of this memo been on the CIA's payroll. It was merely another of their tricks, this time to keep Nosenko away from the press and the Congress, which they had already accomplished with the Commission.

If you want these records, they'll be with the other CIA records here.

Best,

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28 SEP 1967

(A) MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Garrison Investigation:  
Queries from Justice Department

1. By routing slip of 18 September 1967 the General Counsel has forwarded questions prepared by the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and one of his aides.

2. The first set of questions concerns Clay Shaw. The questions are as follows:

a. During the 1948-1956 period of his association with CIA, what services did Clay Shaw perform for the Agency? Our records show that Shaw submitted to the New Orleans office of the Domestic Contact Service information which was incorporated in eight reports. These reports all concerned international trade. One dealt with an East German directory of firms engaged in such trade. Another concerned the establishment of a Czechoslovakian Trade Exhibit. Still others contained information about foreign exchange problems in Peru, opposition to the Peruvian government in early 1949, highway construction in Nicaragua, politics in Argentina, and similar subjects.

b. What was his remuneration? Our files do not contain the answer. It is requested that DCS supply this information.

c. What were his contacts? Shaw was in contact with a DCS representative in New Orleans seven times in 1949, twice in 1950, five times in 1951, nine times in 1952,

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11. Were there any CIA employees or operatives among the White Russians with whom OSWALD was associated in Dallas? No. CIA's information on this score is summarized on pp. 716-723 of the Warren Report.

12. Is there any CIA association with George de MOHRENSCHILDT? No.

13. Is CIA tapping Garrison's phone? No.

14. If indeed the CIA did photograph visitors to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, how would Garrison know? Presumably he learned of the photograph in question from the Warren Report.

15. Who is the J. Garrett UNDERHILL referred to in Garrison's Playboy interview as a former CIA agent? UNDERHILL was born 7 August 1915 in Brooklyn, was graduated from Harvard in 1937, and committed suicide on 8 May 1964. He served with the Military Intelligence Service from 8 July 1943 to May 1946 as an expert in photography, enemy weapons, and related technical specialties. He was in infrequent contact with the New York office of the Domestic Contact Service, of CIA from late 1949 to the mid-'50s. The contact was routine. Mr. UNDERHILL was not an employee of CIA.

16. What is CIA's interest in the Atsugi AF Base in Japan? U-2's were based there. The fact that OSWALD underwent marine training there is coincidental. The marine's training site was removed from the U-2 area, to which the marines did not have access.

17. What is the CIA's interest in or contact with some of the lawyers for figures involved in the probe: ANDREWS, ZELDEN, WEINER, DYMOND, WEGMANN brothers, BALDWIN, etc? Garrison has stated that they are all on the CIA payroll.

We know of no lawyers involved in the probe who are on the CIA payroll or who have received funds or other assistance from CIA. The following lawyers have been checked, all with negative results.

a. Dean ANDREWS, convicted of perjury.

b. Ernest COLVIN, Jr., attorney for Sergio ARCACHA Smith.

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