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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis: Captain ROBERT E. BLOCK was Operations Officer when OSWALD was stationed at Marine Corps Air Force Lighter Than Air Station, Santa Ana, California, from approximately February to May, 1959. OSWALD subscribed to "People's World" and had "leftist" literature in his barracks. Master Sergeant VERNON H. SCHICK had no personal contact with OSWALD.

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DETAILS:

1Date December 5, 1963

Captain ROBERT E. BLOCK, U. S. Marine Corps, MACS No. 9, Lighter Than Air Station, Santa Ana, California, advised that he was former Operations Officer during the time that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Force Lighter Than Air Station, Santa Ana, California, from approximately February to May, 1959.

OSWALD was one of 60 men assigned to BLOCK. BLOCK had only one or two personal contacts with OSWALD. One of the contacts was in connection with a complaint that BLOCK had received to the effect that OSWALD was subscribing to the "People's World" and had other "leftist" literature in his barracks. When BLOCK questioned OSWALD concerning his subscribing to the "People's World," and having "leftist" literature in his barracks, OSWALD said that he was only trying to indoctrinate himself in Russian theory in conformance with Marine Corps policy. BLOCK was unable to recall the names or titles of any of the "leftist" literature mentioned above.

Other than this, BLOCK had no particular problems with OSWALD and considered him normal in his performance ratings. BLOCK was unable to furnish any other information concerning OSWALD.

The "People's World" is a West Coast communist weekly newspaper.

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Master Sergeant VERNON H. SCHICK, MACS No. 9, Marine Corps Air Force Lighter Than Air Station, Santa Ana, California, advised that he was at the El Toro Marine Base, El Toro, California, at the same time that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was stationed there. SCHICK does not recall OSWALD personally; had no personal contact with him, and had no information to furnish concerning OSWALD.

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