

Dear Paul and Gary

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Herewith

CD956:16-18 (also O Pre R 8), interview with Peter Cassisi. It is often vague, but has a few interesting things, among them being the manner of housing at Atsugi, the fact that LHO did drink to excess and was a noisy drunk, had a friend of whom I recall no other reference, "Cyr", and a rather odd way for the bees to have (pretended) to learn of the Life article on LHO.

CD1161:1-2, Robert Allen Felde, wrong one

CD1227: 1-2 (also LHO Pre R 6), right one

CD1229: 1-4 (also Other Ind Org)

Interesting that Felde did not volunteer any information, to press or government, when he had been with LHO. Also interesting is his assignment to "pe locks, which, at least at a later date, figured in intelligence activities (Bay Pigs). Of further interest is it that no letters were produced from Senator "Thurman"'s files. Doesn't the FBI communicate with Thurmond? Or doesn't he volunteer, either:

In some ways his account of LHO and Tijuana/ LA trips are consistent with Pelgado's, in some ways inconsistent. In this period, there is here no reference to any drinking by LHO. If the "exact nature" of the books he carried is not known, it would be perhaps interesting to know what, if inexact, was.

CD 127:8 (also O Pre 6), consistent with Donovan's testimony, as I recall it, and also with the suggestion LHO had less than the usual interest in women. However, without knowing more about Quinn, what she looked like and how she talked, how she struck LHO, this is really without meaning.

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On May 1, 1964, PETER CASSISI, 12 Pleasantville Avenue, Ossining, New York, a former Marine Corps associate of OSWALD's, was interviewed by SA JAMES E. GORDON at Bronxville, New York. CASSISI, a Patrolman with the Bronxville, New York, Police Department, stated that he was born November 28, 1937, in Ossining, New York, and served in the United States Marine Corps from September 14, 1955, to January 18, 1960, MSN number 1568496. He stated that he was court-martialed on July 31, 1958, for assault and inciting to riot for which he was found guilty and served four months and six days in the stockade. He added that the charge resulted from a brawl in a bar.

CASSISI advised that he was attached to Marine Air Control Squadron Number 1 at Atsugi, Japan, and served there from about November 4, 1956 to December 10, 1958. He recalled that OSWALD was attached to the same unit and he had a recollection that OSWALD was with the unit in November, 1957, and he believed OSWALD was still with the unit in December, 1958, when he, CASSISI, left Japan to return to the United States.

CASSISI stated that he was assigned to a Transportation Unit as a mechanic and driver, while OSWALD was in a Radio Unit. The Radio Unit serviced radios used for radar sets and operated a radio relay station.

CASSISI pointed out that the men in the unit usually were close and stayed together both on duty and off duty.

CASSISI remarked that he lived in a barracks which housed 72 men and that OSWALD lived in the same barracks. The barracks was divided into cubicles by the arrangement of wall lockers. CASSISI stated that he was one of eight men in a cubicle and that all of these men were assigned to Motor Transport. He does not recall the men who shared a cubicle with OSWALD but would assume that they were men from the Radio Section.

CASSISI stated that he had limited contact with OSWALD. He advised that members of Motor Transport drove

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radio men to duty in the radio shack and brought them back at the end of their shifts. They also brought food to the radio shack from the mess hall. CASSISI probably drove OSWALD and others to the radio shack and occasionally saw him when he delivered food from the mess hall.

CASSISI stated he had absolutely no contact with OSWALD during off duty hours and had no recollection of ever having spent any time with him or associating with him in any way.

CASSISI had no recollection that OSWALD had any associates. He described him as an "odd" type, who appeared to like being alone. CASSISI had the impression that OSWALD used to go to Yokohama occasionally during his off duty periods. On a few occasions, OSWALD returned to the barracks, after being on leave, in a completely drunken condition.

CASSISI said that he was sure of this because when someone came in and woke up every man in the barracks with his drunken shouting there was no doubt as to the identity of the person.

Other than this, CASSISI had no information as to OSWALD's activities during his off duty time. Other than on a few occasions when OSWALD appeared to be drunk, he was a very quiet person. CASSISI had no recollection that OSWALD was a fighter or was ever involved in any difficulties getting along with other men.

CASSISI said that OSWALD was very thin while in service. CASSISI did not immediately recognize OSWALD as a former Marine associate when his pictures were published after the assassination. It was only later that he realized that OSWALD was the same man he had served with in the United States Marine Corps.

CASSISI had a vague recollection that an individual (First Name Unknown, possibly RICHARD) CYR, might possibly have associated with OSWALD in the Marine Corps. He pointed out that this was a very vague impression but it was the only

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name that came to his mind as a possible associate of OSWALD. He had no information as to the present whereabouts of CYR.

CASSISI stated that after an article appeared in "Life" magazine in February, 1964, in which his name was mentioned, he received a letter from a former associate in the United States Marine Corps, SIDNEY S. ROBINSON. ROBINSON, in the letter, without being specific, indicated that he had some recollection of OSWALD. ROBINSON, according to his letter, was to attend the Federal Aviation Agency's Academy in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and would be there until either June 20th or July 4, 1964.

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On December 13, 1963, Miss ROSALEEN QUINN, 214 East 84th Street, Apartment 2D, New York City, New York, advised SA ROGER H. LEE that she has been a stewardess for Pan American Airlines for the past seven years. She stated that during the summer of 1959 she took a leave of absence from Pan American and accompanied her nephew, HENRY ROUSELL, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Santa Anna, California. She remained in Santa Anna for approximately one week and resided in a private boarding house. She stated that during the period that she was in Santa Anna she would occasionally visit her nephew, who was in the Marine Corps and stationed in Santa Anna. She remarked that her nephew had arranged two dates for her and the first one of these dates was with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, who was an acquaintance of her nephew's and also a member of the Marine Corps. She advised that her nephew had told her that OSWALD was studying the Russian language and since she had taken a Berlitz course in this language her nephew felt that it would give both of them an opportunity to practice speaking the language. She stated that on the night of the date with subject her nephew brought subject to the boarding house where she was residing, introduced subject to her and then both subject and she had dinner and attended a movie.

Miss QUINN recalled that OSWALD was a quiet individual and that it was difficult to converse with him. She commented that she thought OSWALD spoke Russian well for someone who had not attended a formal course in the language. She stated that she could not recall any statement made by OSWALD which indicated that he was dissatisfied with the United States Government or the United States Marine Corps. She stated that in her opinion the evening date with subject did not prove to be a very interesting one and in fact she could not recall whether OSWALD accompanied her back to her boarding house or whether she returned alone. Miss QUINN stated that the only other date she had while visiting at Santa Anna was with one Lieutenant DONOVAN, described as OSWALD's Company Commander. She concluded by stating that she has never seen nor heard from OSWALD since the above-described meeting and was unable to furnish any additional information regarding him.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA DENNIS W. SHANEAN  
Date: 6/2/64

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 62-6115

Bureau File #: 105-32555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY -R-CUBA

## Synopsis:

ROBERT ALLEN FELDE, date of birth 6/1/38, enlisted in United States Marine Corps at Chicago on 7/17/56 at age 18. Took "Boot" training at San Diego from July to October, 1956; at Camp Pendleton, California from October, 1956, to discharge in July, 1958. Did not know OSWALD and has never been interviewed by any press representative regarding OSWALD. Did not know an ALLEN FELDE in Marine Corps but has younger brother named ALLEN FELDE, age 17 at present, who enlisted in Marine Corps one month ago and is now at Camp Pendleton.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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ROBERT ALLEN FELDE, 4448 North Mobile Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 1, 1938. He said he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, at Chicago, Illinois, on July 17, 1956, at which time he was 18 years old.

FELDE said he received his "Boot" training at the Marine Corps station at San Diego, California, from July to October, 1956. He was then transferred to Camp Pendleton, California, where he served until his discharge in July, 1958.

FELDE reiterated that he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD as a fellow Marine nor did he know any other Marine whose name was ALLEN FELDE and who served with him in the Corps. He added that his younger brother, ALLEN FELDE, age 17, enlisted in the Marine Corps last month and is now stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

FELDE advised that he has never been interviewed by anyone from "Life" Magazine or by any press representative concerning OSWALD or his Marine Corps Service.

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by SA DENNIS W. SHANAHAN/mjs Date dictated 6/1/64

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Report of: SA JOHN P. MC HUGH  
Date: June 24, 1964

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File #: SF 89-58

Bureau File #: 105-82555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Synopsis:

DONALD JACKSON, Reporter, "Life" magazine, advised that he did not personally interview ALLEN FELDE in connection with an article he wrote in the 2/21/64, issue of "Life" wherein FELDE, a Marine Corps associate of OSWALD, remarked on the latter's behavior while in the U. S. Marine Corps.

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DETAILS:

On June 23, 1964, Mr. DONALD JACKSON, Reporter for "Life" magazine, was interviewed at his parents' residence where he is temporarily staying at 532 Maple, San Mateo, California, and furnished the information set forth below to SAs DOUGLAS G. ALLEN and JOHN P. MC HUGH:

JACKSON stated that he was the author of an article regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD which appeared in "Life" magazine in its edition of February 21, 1964, indicating that OSWALD attended boat training and advanced infantry training with one ALLEN FELDE in 1956 in the U. S. Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, California.

In the above-mentioned article, according to JACKSON, certain remarks regarding OSWALD's behavior in the Marine Corps were attributed to FELDE.

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JACKSON advised that while he personally interviewed many individuals who are quoted in instant article, he did not personally interview ALLEN FELDE in connection with the article's preparation. He advised that his best recollection at the present time is that he secured the material regarding FELDE from an "Associated Press" story date lined Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which appeared in the "New York Times" three or four weeks following the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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Report of: SA ROBERT E. SCHORNECKER      Office: MILWAUKEE  
 Date: June 26, 1964  
 Field Office File #: WI 62-1178      Bureau File #: 105-82555  
 Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Synopsis: ALLEN R. FELDE, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised that he served in the U.S. Marine Corps from October, 1956 to September, 1957 with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. FELDE described OSWALD as continually discussing politics and writing to U.S. senators, particularly Senator THURMAN. OSWALD condemned people of wealth and championed the cause of the working man. OSWALD impressed FELDE as being "left winged." OSWALD condemned U.S. participation in Korean War. He spent much of his time reading at Marine base libraries and also in his quarters. OSWALD did not associate with other Marine recruits.

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DETAILS:      AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On June 25, 1964, PAUL SALSINI, a newspaper reporter for the "Milwaukee Journal," Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised SA ROBERT E. SCHORNECKER that he recalled interviewing ALLEN R. FELDE, 3307 North 22nd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for a newspaper article which he wrote and which appeared in the "Milwaukee Journal" on November 24, 1963. SALSINI stated he had been assigned to this interview by his supervisor in view of the fact that some anonymous caller had contacted the "Milwaukee Journal" and had stated that ALLEN R. FELDE had been acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD during the period of time that FELDE had served in the United States Marine Corps. SALSINI stated that he had no further information outside of that already reported in the newspaper article

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ALLEN R. FELDE 3307 North 22nd Street, advised that he had enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at Milwaukee, Wisconsin in October, 1956 and had met LEE HARVEY OSWALD as a United States Marine Corps recruit about October 23, 1956, while both of them were assigned to Platoon 2060, 2nd Battalion, M.C.R.D., San Diego, California. Both men were stationed at San Diego until January, 1957, at which time FELDE stated that they were transferred to Camp Pendleton for combat training. This combat training lasted until May, 1957 and during this time FELDE was assigned to the same squad of eight men, all of whom shared the same tent. During May, 1957, OSWALD and FELDE were transferred to the A & P School at Jacksonville, Florida and in approximately July, 1957 they were both sent to Aviation Electronics School in Memphis, Tennessee. During September, 1957 FELDE transferred to the Marine Corps Air Station at Opa Locka, Florida and did not see OSWALD after this date.

During his association with OSWALD, FELDE recalled that OSWALD continually discussed politics in which topic none of the young Marines had any interest. OSWALD was an argumentative type of person and would frequently take the opposite side of an argument just for the sake of a debate. OSWALD was not popular with the other recruits, and his company was avoided if possible.

According to FELDE, OSWALD continually wrote to United States Senators about certain issues in which OSWALD believed strongly but which were not known to FELDE. One senator in particular who was in receipt of a number of OSWALD's letters was Senator THURMAN. FELDE remembered that OSWALD had expressed a dislike for people of wealth and that he championed the cause of the working man. On frequent occasions OSWALD found fault with EISENHOWER and TRUMAN and had been against the United States participation in the Korean War since OSWALD stated that one million men were killed in this war and nothing was accomplished. OSWALD had condemned EISENHOWER because of EISENHOWER's poor tactics in the utilization of a tank unit at the time of the invasion of Europe. FELDE had the impression at the time of his

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association with OSWALD that OSWALD was "left winged."

According to FELDE, at the time that the eight-man squad was assigned to Camp Pendleton and was permitted to take their first weekend leave, the entire group took a taxi cab to Tijuana, Mexico, at which point OSWALD left the squad and was seen again only when the squad returned to Camp Pendleton. FELDE said this was also true of at least four weekend leaves that the men took in Los Angeles. OSWALD would ride with the group to Los Angeles in a bus but would leave the rest of the men at the bus depot and would not be observed again until the squad returned to Camp Pendleton.

FELDE recalled that OSWALD spent much of his time reading in Marine base libraries as well as in his quarters. During the time that he was at Camp Pendleton and also Jacksonville, Florida as well as Memphis, Tennessee, OSWALD was observed with a brown leatherette covered book with gold, Old English type letters about 250 pages thick, and a small blue book about 100 pages. FELDE did not know the exact nature of these books. FELDE stated that although he had been on the rifle range with OSWALD, he could not recall if he was a good shot or not. FELDE described OSWALD as being a good talker and having an excellent vocabulary.

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NY 105-38431 Involved or Interviewed

DETAILS:

Re: Inquiry at "Life" Magazine, New York City

On June 23, 1964, DONALD JACKSON, reporter, "Life" Magazine, was interviewed by Special Agents of the San Francisco Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding his article on OSWALD which appeared in the February 21, 1964 issue of "Life". A portion of this article attributed certain remarks concerning OSWALD to one ALLEN FELDE, an alleged Marine Corps associate of OSWALD in Camp Pendleton, California. JACKSON was contacted to determine the present location of FELDE so that he could be interviewed regarding OSWALD. Upon interview, however, JACKSON advised he did not personally interview FELDE but believed he obtained data from newspaper article in "The New York Times". JACKSON suggested contacting his "Life" headquarters in New York City where, he stated, this article could be located in his OSWALD file.

On June 24, 1964, Miss DIANA LURIE, reporter, Human Affairs Section, "Life" Magazine, New York City, furnished a newspaper article captioned "OSWALD was 'Loner', Ex-Marine Recalls". Beneath this caption appeared the notation, "Special to the New York Times", and the article was datelined "Milwaukee, December 1". The article read as follows:

"LEE H. OSWALD was a 'loner' who did not have friends in the Marines, a Milwaukee man who served with him said here today.

"ALLEN R. FELDE, 24 years old, said he went through boot camp and combat training with OSWALD in California in the winter of 1956.

"Although they were together 26 weeks, including one stretch in a tent housing eight recruits, Mr. FELDE said, he never knew OSWALD well.

"'He was not my friend', he said. 'He was pretty hard to understand'.

"He remembers OSWALD as quiet, serious and 'trying to find himself', Mr. FELDE said.

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"The rest of us used to wrestle and horse around, but he would have his bunk in the corner and stay there, reading a book', he said. 'He didn't have any friends.

"I didn't know the names of Senators or where they were from, but he could rattle them off, and he knew their ideals and what they stood for.

"We called him a yardbird--someone who's a loner and was always getting latrine duty.'

"Mr. FELDE said he did not know if OSWALD had corresponded with anyone. He also said he did not recall that OSWALD had been exceptionally good on the rifle range."

On June 24, 1964, JOHN CORY, National Desk, "The New York Times", New York City, advised that the above article was written by PAUL SALSINI, a reporter for the "Milwaukee Journal", who is also a "stringer" correspondent for "The New York Times".

Re: Inquiry at Travelers Aid Society (TAS), New York City

On June 25, 1964, inquiry was conducted at TAS, New York City, to determine the source of information contained in files of TAS to the effect that OSWALD alleged Marine Corps membership and assignment at American Embassy, Moscow. Mrs. JEAN JETER, assistant to Mr. JAMES JOSOFF, the Director of TAS, New York City, advised that Mr. JOSOFF was on vacation and unavailable for interview at this time.

Mrs. JETER stated, however, that the information contained in TAS file which reads, "Mr. OSWALD has been a member of the Marine Corps and while on duty with the United States Embassy in Moscow, got involved with a Russian girl, whom he married, and renounced his U.S. citizenship", was part of data submitted by SPAS RAIKIN, who was formerly employed by TAS and who interviewed subject at the New Jersey pier on June 13, 1962. She stated that RAIKIN, therefore, was the source of the above information.

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