

- 8. Details regarding their securing permission to leave the Soviet Union.
- 9. Details concerning events leading to their marriage.

By communication dated November 26, 1963, information was received from the Savannah FBI Office that one "HOOBY" SMITH had telephonically advised ... an employee of a television station in Columbia, South Carolina, on November 9, 1963, he knew President JOHN F. KENNEDY was going to be killed. This same individual again contacted the employee on November 26, 1963, and said he had tried his best to keep the President from being shot but was too busy. This caller also claimed he had "protected WILSON with his life as far as he could go" and indicated he was a good friend of DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER and had written many letters to him. The caller indicated he goes by the name of "HOOBY" SMITH but this is not his real name.

The above information was furnished to SAC ROBERT I. BOUCK, Protective Research Section, U. S. Secret Service, on November 27, 1963. SAC BOUCK advised his files reflect no record of "HOOBY" SMITH.

A review of information in WFO files reflects one "HOOBY" SMITH, also known as JAMES EARL SMITH, 253 Oakland Avenue, Spartanburg, South Carolina, was known as a chronic complainant in 1949.

By communication dated November 26, 1963, Los Angeles FBI Office, advised Lieutenant HICKEY DEBARD, who was formerly assigned to U. S. Marine Corps, Air Control Squadron Number 5, Marine Corps Air Facility, Santa Ana, California, in 1958, had been upset by literature received by LIZ HARVEY OSWALD, who was a member of this unit in early 1963. OSWALD reportedly told DEBARD such literature was being received so he could practice his 'an.

On November 27, 1963, IC HICKEY WINNOM DEVOLO determined from U. S. Marine Corps files the services record for DEBARD, which would contain his home address, was presently stored at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

WF T-4 was interviewed on November 26, 1963, by SAs ROBERT H. HUBER and JOHN J. CORRY. WF T-4 advised he was in Washington, D. C., to attend activities surrounding the funeral of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

WF T-4 stated he has associated with various types of persons during his lifetime and included among these persons he would consider to be members of the underworld. He said that he has received no indication or information indicating any such persons were involved in the assassination of President KENNEDY; however, he offered the following observations, which he stated were his personal opinions.

WF T-4 related the only information he has regarding this assassination is that which he has been able to obtain from watching television, listening to radio reports and perusing various news articles. He said it is inconceivable to him that JACKINICH, who has been charged with the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, had actually killed OSWALD as a result of his being for the slain President or his family. He indicated it was hard for him to imagine the operator of a night club having such feelings.

WF T-4 said he is at a complete loss to understand how HUBY could have been present in the basement of the Dallas Police Department at the time OSWALD was being transferred from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail, unless he was there with the knowledge of at least one Dallas Police Department officer. WF T-4 indicated the possibility exists HUBY had paid for such a privilege; however, he positively stated he has no such knowledge this was the case.

WF T-4 also remarked he considered it somewhat unusual the members of the Dallas Police Department who were escorting OSWALD from the jail did not intercept their bodies between HUBY and OSWALD when they saw HUBY approach with the gun to shoot OSWALD. WF T-4 said he said the duty of the Dallas Police Department officers would have been to protect their prisoner at all costs. He indicated their failure to do so was possibly planned; however, he again remarked he has absolutely no knowledge indicating such was the case.

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Mr. DE PALMO was recontacted on May 20, 1964, at which time it was explained to him that three enlisted men who were stationed at the Marine Corps station at El Toro, California, with him, have mentioned he had been upset by the literature which OSWALD had been receiving and he, DE PALMO, had questioned OSWALD concerning the literature.

Mr. DE PALMO affirmed he did recall the Marine Corps enlisted men named BERRY ALLEN SIMCO, NELSON DELGADO and FERRIS DONALD LUTTS.

Mr. DE PALMO was informed that BERRY ALLEN SIMCO, upon interview on November 25, 1963, said he vaguely recalled OSWALD subscribed to some Russian literature which he received through the Squadron S-3 Operations Office at the Marine Corps station and that Lieutenant DE PALMO, being upset by the literature which OSWALD was receiving, asked him why he subscribed to the literature and OSWALD replied that it was to practice Russian.

Mr. DE PALMO stated following his interview in this matter on November 28, 1963, he had made considerable effort to recall OSWALD on any incidents involving OSWALD which might have occurred while he, DE PALMO, was stationed at El Toro during the period December, 1956 to March, 1959.

He said he definitely had no recollection of an incident wherein he contacted anyone for possession of Russian literature. He pointed out he was a radar officer and unlike a Marine Corps officer in the inventory, he did not have close contact with the enlisted men who worked in the area facility. He said he now recalled that there was an enlisted man named OSWALD, who worked in the Combat Air Control Squadron Center at El Toro. He explained

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that the enlisted man assigned at this center engaged in radar scanning and plotting of aircraft positions on a large transparent map of that area of California. He further explained that the map actually formed a wall between the scanning room and the room in which DE PALMO was stationed as radar control officer. He said he seemed to recall an individual whom he believed was OSWALD, who used to work with the radar scopes in the scanning room. He recalled this individual as being very thin, possibly 5'10" or 11", with blond crew cut hair and fair complexion. He has his recollection this individual was left handed and that he was talented in drawing, and had drawn a square emblem which DE PALMO and another officer had discussed for the squadron.

Mr. DE PALMO stated he could recall nothing further which might relate to his knowledge of OSWALD.

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