

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. TOLSON

Secret DATE: December 10, 1963

FROM : J. H. GALE *JHG*

*Dallas FO*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Classified by 6690  
Exempt from GDS, Category 2-3  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

Dallas, Texas

*Walt*  
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*Moore*

Director instructed that complete analysis be made of any investigative deficiencies in Oswald case and analysis made concerning any necessary changes in our procedures re handling cases of this type -- analysis re procedure changes and dissemination policies handled separately.

### RESULTS OF FINDINGS RE INVESTIGATIVE DEFICIENCIES:

It is definitely felt subject Oswald should have been on the Security Index (SI) based on following facts: (This is based solely on information in our files, at time of and prior to assassination and does not take into consideration information subsequently developed.) (1) Subject's defection to Russia and statement that he never would return to United States for any reason. (2) Stated he was Marxist and advised Department of State he would furnish Soviets any information he had acquired as Marine Aviation Electronics Expert. Also affirmed in writing allegiance to Soviet Union and said service in Marine Corps gave him chance to observe American imperialism. According to State Department Oswald displayed air of new "Sophomore" Party liner at that time. (3) Upon returning to the United States Oswald displayed cold, arrogant, general uncooperative attitude and refused to take Bureau Polygraph test to determine if he had cooperated with the Soviets or had current intelligence assignment. (4) On 9/28/62 it was learned Oswald was subscribing to "The Worker," east coast Communist newspaper. (5) In April, 1963, learned he had been in contact with Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New York, and passed out pamphlets and had placard around neck reading "Hands Off Cuba - Viva Fidel." (6) Wrote letter June 10, 1963, to "The Worker" asking for literature saying he was forming Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans and he sent honorary membership to "those fighters for peace" Mr. Gus Hall and Mr. B. Davis (Ben Davis). (7) Arrested August 9, 1963, New Orleans, passing out Fair Play for Cuba pamphlets on street. Shortly thereafter interviewed on radio and said Russia had gone soft on Communism and Cuba only real revolutionary country in world today. (8) Contact with Soviet Embassy, Mexico, September and October, 1963.

Field and Seat of Government employees who handled instant case maintain subject did not come within SI criteria. Inspector does not agree, believing that Oswald came within following category: "Investigation has developed information that an individual though not a member of or participant in the activities of subversive organization, has anarchist or revolutionary beliefs and is likely to seize

1 - Mr. Callahan

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PLH # 412

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI  
 Attn: Assistant Director James H. Gale

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (100-16601)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
 IS - R - CUBA

DATE: 11/26/63

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Re telephone call from Assistant Director JAMES H. GALE of the Bureau to New Orleans on 11/26/63.

Enclosed are Xerox copies of the following described serials which New Orleans file indicates are not in the Bureau's possession:

- 1) Dallas letter to New Orleans 2/28/61;
- 2) New Orleans letter to Dallas, 4/27/61;
- 3) Dallas letter to New Orleans, 4/28/61;
- 4) New York letter to New Orleans, 7/5/63;
- 5) New Orleans letter to Dallas, 7/17/63;
- 6) New York letter to New Orleans, 7/17/63;
- 7) Dallas letter to New Orleans, 7/29/63;
- 8) Memo of SA Stephen M. Callender to SAC, New Orleans, 8/9/63;
- 9) New Orleans letter to Dallas, 8/13/63;
- 10) Memo of SAC H. G. Maynor to file, 8/21/63;
- 11) Memo of SA JOHN LESTER QUIGLEY to SAC, New Orleans, 8/27/63;
- 12) FD-9 dated 8/27/63 re LEE HARVEY OSWALD;
- 13) New York airtel to New Orleans, 9/18/63;
- 14) Appendix re Emergency Civil Liberties Committee;
- 15) New Orleans airtel to Dallas, 10/2/63;
- 16) Enclosure to item #4 above - letter to "The Worker" from OSWALD.
- 17) Enclosure to item #6 above - change of address card for OSWALD.

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Enclosures - 17

- 3 - Bureau (Enclosures - 17)
- 2 - New Orleans

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PH- the extra copy is so you can note on this one anything that appears to be now or anything you believe is withhold or should be followed up on. Return this copy with any notes, please, for my subject file on Oswald in New Orleans.

NOTHING  
WARRANTED.

It appears strange to me that the inquiry of the NO FO was from the Inspector of the FBI, Gale, and that Maynor, NO SAC, who dictated this memo himself, did not direct any copy to the OO, or Dallas.

Whether or not it means it the suggestion is that there was an FBI internal investigation or a self-investigation.

And whether or not omitting Dallas is significant, it is a fact that by means ~~xxxx~~ not reflected in any record I've seen FBIHQ was aware that Oswald had gone to the Dallas office and left a note interpreted as a threat. That FBI HQ knew is kept as close to secret as possible.

SURE - WE HAVE  
A COUPLE OF  
GALE'S MEMOS -  
WOULD BE nice  
TO HAVE THE  
WHOLE FILE -  
THE FAMOUS GALE  
MEMO IS  
67-798-3050  
(P. 1 ENCL.)

Ref. to Hasky memo on LHO's ~~visit~~ visit to DL //  
in 67-798-3048