MEMO RE: DR. LEONARD REISSMAN & CONNECTED LEADS

FOR: REISSMAN FILE AND LEAD FILES

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During the early stages of our investigation we noted the possible involvement of DR. REISSMAN but passed over it because N.O.P.D. and federal evaluations referred to him as a left-wing activist and it has been apparent from the outset that this is not a relevant area with regard to this case. However, it has become increasingly apparent to me that the CIA as well as organizations at the opposite end of the spectrum used individuals and set up organizations whose left-wing nature is more apparent than real. For example, it is entirely possible that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is a CIA contrivance designed to draw out individuals siding with Castro. Similarly, it is entirely possible that recent agitation, while undoubtedly left-wint oriented for the most part, may also be instigated in special situation by individuals of reactionary persuasion in order to accomplish immediate objections of their own.

I have come across a fact which indicates, in view of the above possibilities, that we should re-evaluate DR. REISSMAN and re-examine the possibilities of a more significant role having been played by him. It appears that DR. REISSMAN left Tulane toward the end of summer, 1963, and transferred to Stanford University, which is just outside of San Francisco. Consequently, as of November 1963, DR. REISSMAN, who apparently did know OSWALD, seems to have been in the vicinity of San Francisco. (Note: Reasonable leads in N.O. area)

Following is a brief summary of relevant factors in connection with this individual:

1. In May 1963 when RUTH PAINE arrived at the house of MRS. MURRET (OSWALD's aunt) with MARINA and the child, she and MRS. MURRET had a brief conversation. MRS. MURRET mentioned that a DR. REISSMAN, a professor at Tulane, was a friend of OSWALD's. (C.E. 3119)

2. MRS. MURRET advised that OSWALD had also mentioned that he knew DR. REISSMAN. (C.E. 3119)

3. When OSWALD was arrested in New Orleans on August 9, 1963, during the course of his interview by the New Orleans Police Department he was asked where meetings for members of the Fair Play for Cuba organization were held. He replied that they were held at various places in New Orleans. When asked if the meetings were held on Pine Street he replied in the affirmative. When asked if he knew DR. REISSMAN he again replied in the affirmative. It might be added that OSWALD refused to furnish the names of the "35 members" of the group and, in this regard, I think it is fair to say that the group never existed.

4. DR. REISSMAN in 1962 and in 1963 was a research assistant at Tulane and lived with his wife ETHEL at 1121 Pine Street.

5. REISSMAN had been a subject of some interest on the part of the New Orleans Police Department Intelligence Division because FPCC pamphlets were once found on the 1100 Block of Pine in the vicinity of his house and a complaint was once made to the New Orleans Police Department that an FPCC pamphlet once blew out of the window of his car.

6. On December 4, 1963, DR. REISSMAN, when interviewed at his home near Stanford University, advised that he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD at all.

7. However, a Secret Service report (CE 3094) dated December 6, 1963 states the following, with regard to an interview of DR. M. E. LAPHAM the Provost of Tulane:

> "DR. LAPHAM was not informed that we had established a connection between OSWALD and DR. LEONARD REISSMAN, a professor at Tulane, the latter reportedly being active in the New Orleans Council for Peaceful Alternatives, also known as Ban the Bomb.
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> "DR. LEONARD REISSMAN, referred to in report dated 12/3/63 by SA A. G. Vial, is of record in the subversive files of the FBI, New Orleans. ASAC Joseph Sylvester, FBI, has requested that this office not interview REISSMAN because of their interest in him. It is understood that the FBI office desires to interview him and that he has been out of the city recently."

8. It is to be noted that a lead furnished us by BILL TURNER indicates the possibility of CLAY SHAW having been at Stanford on November 22nd.

9. Also a professor at Tulane University at the same time as REISSMAN was H. WARNER KLOEPFER. The 1962 City Directory indicates that KLOEPFER lived at 306 Pine Street. He subsequently moved, either in late 1962 or 1963 to 3033 Louisiana Avenue Parkway. It is to be noted that this is several blocks from the residence of DAVID FERRIE at 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway. Also living in the latter vicinity at 3694 Louisiana Avenue Parkway as DR. AGUSTINE GUITART the uncle of SYLVIA ODIO.

10. With further regard to H. WARNER KLOEPFER it is to be noted that his wife RUTH KLOEPFER has stated that she visited the OSWALDS at 4907 Magazine Street on several occasions. The reason for the visit according to RUTH KLOEPFER, was because RUTH PAINE, a Quaker, located the KLOEPFER name in a Quaker registry, called them and requested that they visit LEE and MARINA OSWALD. It is also to be noted that on August 6, 1963, in applying for a job with the Cosmos Shipping Company, then located in the Balter Building, OSWALD gives as his references: RUTH KLOEPFER (in addition to his uncle, MURRET) and CHARLES LeBLANC (apparently the LeBLANC he knew with the Reily Coffee Company). On page 46 of OSWALD's address book (CE 18,p.54) OSWALD lists the following names:

RUTH KLOEFER (sic)
306 Pine Street
New Orleans 18

H. WARNER KLOEFER
Un-6-0389
Un-5-2741 ex. 276

11. The 1967 telephone book lists one other KLOEPFER in the City of New Orleans. This is WILLIAM KLOEPFER (presently living at 5500 Bancroft Drive, 288-9802. However, in 1963 WILLIAM KLOEPFER was living at 724 Governor Nichols in and apartment building owned by CLAY SHAW. KLOEPFER was a recent arrival from California where he had obtained his degree as a specialist in Cryogenics. The name of the University in California from which he graduated and the location of his home in California should be obtained within the next few days.

12. RUTH KLOEPFER is employed by the Parish Prison as a Social Worker. We have confirmed that CLAY SHAW has talked to RUTH KLOEPFER in the Parish Prison on at least one occasion in connection with his interest in CHARLES DANIELS, who was once an inmate there (and who is also presently listed in SHAW's address book). Also a Social Worker in the Parish Prison is JANE LEMANN, whose husband is an instructor in architecture at Tulane University. She is a Quaker. Her husband is also related to STEPHEN LEMANN who is (a) the General Counsel for W D S U -TV, and (b) according to information given us, the local paymaster for the CIA with regard to the attorneys attempting to block the inquiry.

NINA SULZER is the third Social Worker in the Parish Prison and completes the trilogy of persons engaged in that profession there. Her husband is DR. JEFFERSON SULZER, a Professor of Social Psychology at Tulane. NINA SULZER is the lady who went to our witness VERNON BUNDY, in the Parish Prison and informed him that he was "on the losing horse". She told him further that she would not want to be in his shoes and suggested that someone was going to kill him on the outside. She presented him with the copy of Newsweek which contained a particularly vicious attack on the office and told him he should read it. NINA SULZER has admitted that SHAW has been over to her house and that she has been to his house. Approximately 3 weeks ago she was followed and she went to the residence where SHAW was staying and spent approximately 3 hours with him.

JIM GARRISON

* P.S. Re WILLIAM KLOEPFER: Information source advises that in his college days he made several trips to Cuba (about 1958 or 1959), that since his arrival at the Michoud (VAFA) plant in March, 1963, he has made about four trips (vacation) to Mexico City of two weeks duration each time. Kloepfer is from California (San Diego, L.A. or La Jolla). College: Citrus Junior at Glendora, San Diego State or U. of Cal (L.A.)

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# APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

(117 Cryogenics)

WHICH PLANT OR OFFICE: CHRYSLER SPACE DIV., P.O. BOX 29200, NEW ORLEANS 26, LA.

DATE: 3 Dec 1962

INSTRUCTIONS: Please furnish complete and accurate information. All applications are verified. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Use additional sheet if necessary.

## PERSONAL HISTORY

| FULL NAME | SEX | SOCIAL SECURITY NO. | TELEPHONE NO. |
|---|---|---|---|
| William Wesley Kloepfer | ☒ M ☐ F | 545-42-1938 | AC 26127 |

| PRESENT ADDRESS | CITY-ZONE | STATE | HOW LONG AT THIS ADDRESS? |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1203 Sunset Cliffs Blvd | San Diego 7, Calif. | Calif. | 1 YRS. MOS. |

| IF PREVIOUS ADDRESS | CITY-ZONE | STATE | HOW LONG AT THIS ADDRESS? |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5204 Chelsea St. | La Jolla | Calif. | 2 YRS. MOS. |

| BIRTH RECORD | PHYSICAL DATA | MARITAL STATUS | DEPENDENTS | MILITARY SERVICE HISTORY - U. S. ONLY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AGE: 28 | HEIGHT: 5ft 9 | ☒ SINGLE | (CHECK ONE) ☐ WIFE ☐ HUSBAND | BRANCH OF SERVICE |
| DATE OF BIRTH: Aug 9, 1934 | WEIGHT: 170 | ☐ MARRIED | CHILDREN (NUMBER) | FROM MO. YR. / TO MO. YR. |
| U.S. CITIZEN? ☐ YES ☐ NO | COLOR OF HAIR | ☐ WIDOW OR WIDOWER | PARENTS (NUMBER) | TYPE OF DISCHARGE OR RELEASE / RANK |
| | COLOR OF EYES | ☐ DIVORCED | OTHERS (NUMBER) | RESERVE STATUS ☐ ACTIVE ☐ INACTIVE / PRESENT SELECTIVE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION: 2-A |

| NAME OF HUSBAND, WIFE OR PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY | ADDRESS | CITY | STATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| William Wesley Kloepfer | 428 Duell Ave | Azusa | Calif. |

HAVE YOU ANY PHYSICAL DEFECT OR CHRONIC ILLNESS? ☐ NO ☐ YES (IF YES, DESCRIBE)

HAVE YOU EVER EMPLOYED BY CHRYSLER CORP. OR SUBSIDIARIES? ☐ NO ☐ YES (IF YES, LIST LAST PLANT OR OFFICE)

HAVE YOU BEEN ILL OR INJURED IN THE PAST 5 YEARS? ☐ NO ☐ YES (IF YES, GIVE NATURE & LENGTH OF DISABILITY)

HAVE YOU BEEN ARRESTED OR convicted of violating any law or municipal ordinance? ☐ NO ☐ YES (IF YES, GIVE DETAILS)

REASON FOR ARREST AND DISPOSITION / WHEN (DATE) / WHERE (CITY AND STATE)

- DELETED - ANSWER QUESTIONS ON ATTACHED SUPPLEMENT

HAVE YOU EVER USED ANY OTHER NAME? ☐ NO ☐ YES (IF YES, WHEN AND WHY)

HAVE YOU EVER APPLIED FOR A GUARANTEE BOND? ☐ NO ☐ YES — IF YES, WERE YOU ACCEPTED AND WHAT AMOUNT? ☐ NO ☐ YES AMOUNT $

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PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS

REFERENCES CHECKED

Date Checked: Signature

WHEN (DATE) POLICE CHECKED WHERE (CITY AND STATE)

Positive Negative

WERE YOU EVER BONDED? ☐ NO ☐ YES

## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

| NAME OF GRADE OR HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TRADE, TECHNICAL, BUSINESS SCHOOL OR OTHER | LOCATION CITY | LOCATION STATE | YEARS COMPLETED | ATTENDANCE FROM | ATTENDANCE TO | MAJOR OR COURSE | DIPLOMA OR DEGREE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible]-Junior College | Glendora | Calif. | 2 | | | REVIEW COMPLETED | |
| [illegible] Diego State College | | Calif. | 2 | | | mechanical engineering | B.S. |
| University of Calif (L.A.-S.D.) | Los Angeles San Diego | Calif. | additional courses | | | engineering | |
| [illegible] Diego State College | | Calif. | | | | business | |

Date 3/1/63 Signed

| POSITION DESIRED | WHEN CAN YOU BEGIN | EXPECTED SALARY OR RATE |
|---|---|---|
| Group Engineer | Aprox. Jan 1 | $ 1200.00 / mo. |

ARE YOU QUALIFIED FOR AND INTERESTED IN

WOULD YOU RELOCATE? ☒ YES ☐ NO

USE THE SPACE BELOW TO LIST SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE OR ABILITIES, INCLUDING LANGUAGE SKILLS, HOBBIES OR SOCIAL INTERESTS IN WHICH PROFICIENT (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

Research project on the application of semiconductors to cryogenic measurement problems.

BACKGROUND CHECKED PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE

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PLEASE LIST ALL EMPLOYMENT STARTING WITH PRESENT OR MOST RECENT EMPLOYER. ACCOUNT FOR ALL PERIODS, INCLUDING SERVICE WITH U.S. ARMED FORCES & CHRYSLER EXPERIENCE. USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY.

| FROM MONTH & YEAR | TO MONTH & YEAR | EMPLOYER NAME & ADDRESS | UNDER WHOSE SUPERVISION | POSITION AND DUTIES | BASE PAY (RATE OR SALARY) | REASON FOR LEAVING |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4/61 | 11/ | Cryometric Company 5055 N. Harbor Dr. San Diego 6 Calif. | NONE | Head of Engineering | unsalaried self employed | company organization completed |
| 3/58 | 3/61 | General Dynamics Astronautics P.O. Box 1128 San Diego, Calif. | George Wood | Research Engineer | $750 | to organize Cryometric |
| 6/55 | 3/58 | U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station 3202 E. Foothill Blvd. Pasadena Calif. | C. R. Nisewanger | Mechanical Engineer | $600 | interest in missile&space |

Salary as his self employment was estimated at 1000 dollars to start with Cryometric. An increase during this time to 1100 is expected. Per Wilson with P Engler 1-8-63

PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT

| FROM MONTH & YEAR | TO MONTH & YEAR | REASONS | FROM MONTH & YEAR | TO MONTH & YEAR | REASONS |
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NAME AND LOCATION OF ACQUAINTANCES EMPLOYED AT CHRYSLER CORPORATION

NONE

INTERVIEWER'S COMMENTS

1-7-63

Left office [illegible]

INTERVIEWED BY | EMPLOYMENT DATES VERIFIED BY | SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKED BY

I certify that the statements herein contained are true. If employed, I understand that any false statements or answers contained herein or any failure to completely and fully answer any question contained herein will be grounds for immediate dismissal from Chrysler Corporation or any of its subsidiaries.

I understand and agree that Chrysler Corporation may make a thorough investigation of my past employment and activities and I release from liability or responsibility all persons and organizations supplying such information. I also understand and agree that the information obtained may be used by the Corporation in any way connected with my employment status. I further understand that employment is also dependent upon the results of a physical examination to be conducted at the request of the Corporation.

PLEASE READ THE ABOVE CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

William W Wilson — 1/3/63

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT — DATE