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INVESTIGATION MADE AT New Orleans, La.	INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA Gorreto and SAIC John W. Rice	

DETAILS

SY.CABIS

Kerry Thornley, who served in U. S. Marine Corps with Oswald at El Toro Marine Base, Santa Ana, California, in 1959, was interviewed at request of Dallas Office. He said E. A. (Bud) Sinco, of Orange, California, also served with Oswald and may know other friends of the subject.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

At 7:30 P.M. on 11/23/63 long dist rec telephone call was received from SA Robert A. Stewart, Dallas, requesting that Kerry Thornley, white, male, age 24, a waiter who resides at 1324 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, be interviewed. He advised that Thornley served in the Marine Corps with Oswald at El Toro, California, and that he had been in Mexico recently.

Inquiries at 1324 Dauphine Street by SAs Anthony L. Gorreto and A. C. Vial during the evening of 11/23/63 disclosed that Kerry Thornley had been residing at that address for only approximately two weeks. He was reported to be a waiter at an unidentified restaurant in New Orleans and wears a tuxedo when working.

Canvass of numerous restaurants finally disclosed that Thornley is presently employed at Arnaud's Restaurant, 813 Bienville Street, where he was interviewed during the late evening by SA Gorreto and SAIC John W. Rice.

Thornley advised that he had served with Oswald in Marine Air Control Squadron #9, El Toro Marine Base, Santa Ana, California, for a few months during the early part of 1959. He said that Oswald was very intelligent and extremely well read; that he spoke Russian, which he understood he had learned while stationed in Japan;

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that he subscribed to "Pendo" and had also read books written in Spanish. He said Oswald professed to be an atheist or the Communist party, mentioned publicly, although he felt at that time that Oswald was not a Communist. He said he had not seen Oswald since 1950, but said he had heard about his connection to Cuban subversives. He said he and Oswald had conversed in 1950 in both English and Spanish without difficulty. He said Oswald was very much interested in George Orwell's book entitled "1984" which is said to be a satire written in 1949 concerning total totalitarianism. He further advised that Oswald apparently was anti-American, pro-Soviet, and that his strong anti-American feelings indicated that he hoped that Oswald had never been on the land or a vessel serving the United States. He said Oswald was very much aware of history, was very highly educated in communism, and that he knew the best in a crowd; that he had a good sense of humor.

He said that Oswald criticized the capitalist system, and once mentioned that the leaders of the two ideologies might at one time be a personal basis.

He said he had never heard the name A. J. Sidell, and did not know if Oswald had used that name as an alias.

Thornley further advised that he had written a draft of a novel, the principal character being a former Marine who defected to Russia. He said that he had considered looking up Oswald in order to obtain information concerning his participation in writing the draft material for the final chapter of the novel, but that he had not done so.

Thornley was questioned concerning his visit to Mexico. He said that he left New Orleans in May, 1963, and went to the home of his friend, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, 2001 South Carroll, Agee 9, which was, unfortunately, that in Mexico in Monterrey and vicinity, and remained there until June 10, 1963, via Mexico. That he was in Mexico for approximately six days - three days in Monterrey - at a summing time. He indicated that he knew nothing about Oswald having been in Mexico.

Thornley said that he is (was) present, who resides on Mayfield Street, Ormond, California (listed in telephone directory), also served with Oswald in the Marine Corps, and that he may be able to furnish further information, and possibly the alias names of other friends of Oswald. He said that Alice and Oswald were on friendly terms. He also said that a Colonel Paulkster was the commanding officer at the base the early part of 1960.

Following an interview with Thornley, he was interviewed by a newspaper reporter in New Orleans, and a lengthy article appeared in the New Orleans Star Sunday on 11/27/63. He was also interviewed by Bill W., New Orleans.

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and the FBI (FBI) Office, Sacramento, California, for information in their, respective
files. It is the purpose of this letter to advise you that it may be necessary to furnish additional
copies to the San Francisco FBI Office or to the Los Angeles Police Department
locally, or to the Honolulu office due to the nature of the offense.

Further investigation is being made in New Orleans in an effort to develop other
evidence and a more detailed report will be furnished when such evidence is obtained.

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