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ORIGIN	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
TYPE OF CASE Assassination of President	Continued	Lee Harvey Oswald Assassination of President Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE AT New Orleans, La.	PERIOD COVERED 11/23/63	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA Corrots and SAIC John W. Rice		

DETAILS

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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) Simco, of Orange, California, also served with Oswald and may know other friends of the subject.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

At 7:30 PM on 11/23/63 long distance telephone call was received from SA Robert A. Stewart, Dallas, requesting that Kerry Thornley, white, male, age 24, a writer 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 E. Corrots 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 Corrots 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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