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Paul and Gary only,

After typing the enclosed note on CD 131:2, it suddenly seemed familiar. I checked and find I have it but filed it without making any analysis or notes, I do not know how long ago. So, I decided to make a brief, quick check on Oswald's service record. His assignments are 19E658. Immediately after his Jacksonville basic, as I'd suspected, there it is but there it isn't. The next two items read: "CASCO HQEN HQMC. The dates are not exactly as in the FBI report, the beginning date being two days later, May 4 rather than May 2. The ending date is in both cases identical, June 19.

This is a deceptive record. It makes no reference to either a school or a post or anything like that. While Keesler is, I believe, an Air Force post, and he was a Marine, this one seems to indicate his assignment was headquarters Battalion (HQ EN) of the Marine Corp Headquarters (HQ MC) I'd rather not guess on CASCO, but it could be communications air school company. Under "Primary Duty" is "DUINS", again I do not know, but is it stretching too far to take the ending, INS, to be an abbreviation for Intelligence School? Shades of Devison! P. 662 lists this as A C & W Opr course, and confirms Keesler is an AFB. 665, no "administrative remarks" relevant.

Most of the file deals with the discharges. But on p. 753 is the cryptic form for OSWEAD (sic) that says this was an Aircraft Warning and Control School in which he was 7th in a class of 30. and the next page indicates the class was convened 4/24/57, when he was still in Jacksonville. 756 names five others with him, not the name of the FBI report. His position of 48th in a class of 54 at Jax (757) would hardly seem to be a usual basis for selection for the more advanced training.

This is but a hasty examination of the Folsom exhibit. It is enough to cast doubt on the purposes of the FBI report and to leave no doubt of its error. Why it was needed to begin with is also a question, and why it was restricted to this very short part of his military career is still another.

But let us suppose that it suddenly appeared to someone that this might have been an out of the ordinary Marine, perhaps an agent of some kind, and it was desired to learn what the records might show bearing on this. The only item from that long record relates to Keesler, where I cannot prove it but I do believe certain extra skills and techniques are taught. This FBI report on what is available in the depot is reassurance that the slip doesn't show.

And in the course of getting it, the FBI establishes that the supposedly full file on Oswald's marine history is not full, not complete.

Incidentally, the guy he was suspected of having killed is one of the six referred to above. Shrand.

I think Jim's talents could well be spent in this area and I'd certainly like to have anything that might turn up for GENT OSWALD.

CD 131

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Date December 5, 1963

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Personnel, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, advised a photostatic copy of "Summary Student Record of Technical Training" for LEE H. OSWALD, Serial-Number 1653230, Marine attached Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, which indicated OSWALD attended course entitled "Aircraft Control and Warning Operator," Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, and reflected the phase title as "Instruction and Familiarization," "Procedures and Operations Part I," and "Procedures and Operations Part II." The total hours attended were shown as 180 with a grade of 60 (above average). The date of entry to the above school was shown as May 2, 1957, with graduation date shown as June 13, 1957. The records failed to name any personnel assigned or attending above school with OSWALD.

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CD131:2 Oswald-Keesler Field Training

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