

FBI Interest In Oswald
SA Milton Kaack

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Re-examination of CD12: 1-3 discloses what I do not recall from earlier examination. This report is dated 10/31/63, prior to the assassination.

The FBI was then satisfied he had left N.O. 9/25/63, for Texas.

The N.O. FBI office had the "identification record" from hq under date of or by September 5, 1963. Of course, this could have been triggered by the Wasp incident, but it was before he got arrested.

The reflection of Oswald's ended employment by the Reilly Coffee Co. is not that he was fired but that Oswald himself "terminated his employment".

If Oswald left N.O. 9/25, it would seem that some explanation is required for his having "sent" his forwarding address "on September 26", the next day, when he was en route somewhere or had gotten there.

The Garners knew of FBI interest in LHO by August 5, when Mrs. G was interviewed. She knew of their continuing interest when she was interviewed October 1, which should have fixed things about him and Marina in her mind.

It is clear that the reason the Oswald's left New Orleans was known to the government. It is consistent with the "Marina-Paine correspondence and was simply for childbirth, where Marina could communicate with someone.

Unless a new file was at the time of this report established, or had been August 5, the earliest other date of interest disclosed in this report, the designation under "Character" seems strange, for it includes "Cuba". The original Oswald file, from the time of his defection, could not, ordinarily and from what is known, have included "Cuba". Here it is "INTERNAL SECURITY-R-CUBA".

When Kaack says "subject admitted being a Marxist in radio broadcast" and doesn't say "tape enclosed", I think he is actually saying or acknowledging the tape had earlier been obtained. If the FBI had it, there is no indication in the WC material. I am inclined to think they had it. It is the kind of thing they'd want and would get. Especially because they had an ongoing investigation, NO T-1 having reported 7/23 of his box rental and NO T-2 having "advised on June 26" of Oswald's June 10 letter to the Worker. If NO T-2 is a New Orleans source, this means the FBI had a watch (or some agency did) on Oswald not less than six days prior to the Wasp picketing.

All of this makes even more interesting the absence of any affidavit saying he had no connection with LHO by Kaack.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Other Individuals and Organizations
Involved or Interviewed

Copy to:

Report of: SA MILTON R. KAACK
Date: October 31, 1963

Office: New Orleans

File Number: NO 100-16601

Bufile: 105-82555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Synopsis:

Orleans Parish Board of Health records show subject born 10/18/39 at New Orleans. Subject wrote letter to "The Worker", 6/10/63 requesting literature. Subject arrested by NOPD 8/9/63 for distributing literature of Fair Play For Cuba Committee in business district of New Orleans; charged with disturbing the peace by creating a scene. Pleaded guilty 8/12/63 and paid \$10.00 fine. Subject admitted being a Marxist in radio broadcast. Moved from New Orleans with wife and child on 9/25/63 ostensibly for Texas. Unknown to informants.

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DETAILS:BACKGROUNDBirth

Mrs. STEPHANIE A. HENNEL, Orleans Parish Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Hall, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised on October 24, 1963, that Book 207, Folio No. 1321, recorded the birth of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, white male, on October 18, 1939, New Orleans, Louisiana. The child's father was shown as ROBERT E. LEE OSWALD, and his mother as MARGUERITE CLAVERIE.

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Identification Record

The Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished the following identification record of the subject on September 5, 1963, under FBI Number 327 925 D:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Marine	LEE HARVEY OSWALD #1653230	10/24/56		
PD, New Orleans, La.	LEE HARVEY OSWALD #112-723	8/9/63	828 MCS 42-22 dist the peace by creating a scene	8/12/63, pleaded guilty a sentence \$10 or 1 Elected fine.

Employment

Mrs. MARY BERTUCCI, Personnel Secretary, William B. Reily Coffee Company, 640 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised on August 5, 1963, that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was employed as a maintenance man on May 15, 1963. His address at the time of employment was 757 French Street.

ALVIN PRECHTER, Personnel Manager, William B. Reily Coffee Company, 640 Magazine Street, New Orleans, advised on October 1, 1963, that subject terminated his employment on July 19, 1963.

Residence

Confidential Informant NO T-1 advised on July 23 1963, that Post Office Box 30061 was rented by L. H. OSWALD on June 3, 1963. He furnished as his address 657 French Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. T-1 advised on October 25, 1963, that the subject sent a forwarding address for P. O. Box 30061 on September 26, 1963, of 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas.

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Mrs. JESSIE JAMES GARNER, 4909 Magazine Street, New Orleans, advised on August 5, 1963, that the subject and his wife have resided at 4905 Magazine Street since about June, 1963.

Mrs. GARNER advised on October 1, 1963, that the subject and his wife vacated their apartment on September 25, 1963. She said that Mrs. OSWALD and the child departed in a station wagon bearing Texas license plates and driven by the same woman who brought Mrs. OSWALD to New Orleans from Texas. Mrs. GARNER said that LEE OSWALD told her that his wife was going to have a baby and that she was going to Texas for her confinement. She remarked that OSWALD left New Orleans owing her \$17.00 rent for the apartment.

Mrs. CHARLES F. MURRET, 757 French Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised on October 1, 1963, that she was LEE OSWALD's aunt and that when the subject's wife originally came to New Orleans a woman driving a station wagon brought her and the child from Texas. She said that this woman spoke the Russian language and apparently was well known by Mrs. OSWALD. Mrs. MURRET thought that Mrs. OSWALD had resided with this woman in Texas while LEE OSWALD was here in New Orleans seeking employment. Mrs. MURRET stated that LEE OSWALD never resided at her residence but that he requested that he be permitted to use her address while he was seeking employment so that he could furnish her telephone number to prospective employers.

CONNECTIONS WITH THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

A Confidential Informant, NO T-2, advised on June 26, 1963, that LEE H. OSWALD, Post Office Box 30061, New Orleans, Louisiana, wrote a letter on June 10, 1963, to "The Worker", 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York. OSWALD claimed in the letter to be a long-time subscriber to "The Worker" and stated that he was forming a "Fair Play For Cuba Committee" in New Orleans and requested that he be sent some of "The Worker's" literature. He also forwarded honorary membership cards for "those fighters for peace, Mr. GUS HALL and Mr. B. DAVIS".

GUS HALL is General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA.

- NO T-3
(May 7, 1962)