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RONALD A. SCHWINGHAMMER, Route 1, Albany, Minnesota, made available the following information:

SCHWINGHAMMER stated that in 1960 he had been assigned to the United States Marine Air Control Squadron #1, Atsugi, Japan. Shortly before he arrived at Atsugi, Japan, LEE OSWALD, who had been assigned to the same squadron, had been sent home. OSWALD had a reputation for being an odd ball, a radical, and there was a lot of talk about him even after he left the squadron. He was not personally acquainted with OSWALD, but one RICH THORNLEY, who was gathering material for a book, eventually published under "The Idle Warrior," was acquainted with OSWALD, since THORNLEY had also lived in New Orleans, Louisiana.

SCHWINGHAMMER advised that if the book written by THORNLEY had to do with the personnel of the Marine Air Control Squadron #1, it may possibly have some reference to OSWALD.

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CD39:9. There is much of this that cannot be right, the question being
is it the usual FBI garbling. One: If Oswald "had been sent home". The inference
is disciplined, which is inconsistent with his SA work assignment. The "lets
oftalk about Oswald undoubtedly after the "defection", which, of course, was
after he "was sent home" but unrelated to it. Unless Thornley (not known as
"Rick", to my knowledge) began writing the book while at Oswald, there is here
a pretty strong inference KT later and reason to believe Sch...
things about LHO, for LHO had left around Dec 13 or 14 for the... about 11's
job put him in such a position (His book function is not indicating the...)

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