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HEW help to LHO

This account, assuming its accuracy, shows that the government was quite anxious to help LHO on his return to the US, and that Oswald, himself, seems to have had little interest in such help. It is not, however, consistent with Reikin's account as represented in the confidential Emory Brown file, eliminating what LHO said of his government relations.

Dragging in that unnamed NY Times reporter on the second page is also interesting. It may indicate coverage of LHO's return and a story on it there.

This would also seem to indicate that the HEW ~~Wichita~~ Ft. Worth office is not the only one alerted or that it extended itself.

The absence of any reason for this interview is also interesting. It was not until five days after Reikin says he recognized and recalled LHO.

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SPAS THEODORE RAIKIN, Assistant Professor, Social Science Department, Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio, was interviewed at his residence.

Mr. RAIKIN said that he was a case worker for Travelers Aid in New York City in 1962 and resigned in September of 1963. He worked under the supervision of Mrs. EDNA NORMAN, 204 E. 39th Street, New York City.

On Friday, November 22, 1963, he saw a television program concerning the assassination of the Late President KENNEDY and during the program, observed a picture of LEE OSWALD and recalled that he had talked with OSWALD when he, RAIKIN, worked as a case worker.

As Mr. RAIKIN now recalls, he was assigned by Mrs. NORMAN to meet the Holland-American Ship "Maasdam", which docked at Hoboken, New Jersey. In his capacity as a case worker, he regularly met persons arriving on ships who needed financial assistance and OSWALD was in this category. It is his recollection that OSWALD came to the attention of Travelers Aid from the Health, Education and Welfare Department, who probably learned of OSWALD through the State Department of the United States.

Mr. RAIKIN went to the Holland-American Pier in Hoboken, New Jersey, on June 13, 1962, which date he learned from the television program, where he boarded the above referred to ship, "Maasdam". As was his custom, he immediately went to the Immigration and Naturalization Service to request them to refer OSWALD to him. At that time, he learned that OSWALD had already been cleared since he was a citizen of the United States. He next attempted to contact OSWALD by having him paged some three or four times over a period of approximately one hour over the ship's paging system. He feels confident that OSWALD heard the paging but OSWALD did not respond and he does not know why. Being unsuccessful in locating OSWALD through this medium, he next went to the Customs baggage collection point, where the baggage is assembled alphabetically, and located

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OSWALD's baggage, where he waited until OSWALD arrived with his wife and child. Mr. RAIKIN said that he spoke to OSWALD's wife in Russian, which language RAIKIN speaks, and that she greeted him, but that she stayed in the background and did not speak further. He then talked with OSWALD and recalls asking him why he returned to the United States and OSWALD replied in general terms something that now Mr. RAIKIN recalls as having to do with OSWALD being disillusioned with life in Russia. This point was not pursued further. Mr. RAIKIN said he was primarily concerned with furnishing OSWALD financial assistance to his destination, which he now recalls to have been Ft. Worth, Texas, where he was to live with his mother or brother. OSWALD told RAIKIN that he had some money, but not sufficient to get to his destination. Mr. RAIKIN did not recall the amount, but said that a reporter from "The New York Times" had suggested to him the amount of \$46.00, which he feels is possibly accurate.

He filled out his reports and assisted OSWALD and Family to board the Holland-American Bus, which took them from the Pier in Hoboken, New Jersey, to the Port Authority Building in New York City, where they were met by his fellow case worker, Mr. F'PIERRE. He believes that Mr. F'PIERRE would then have either taken or arranged for transportation of the OSWALDS to the New York City Welfare Department.

Mr. RAIKIN said that he made a complete report at that time, he feels certain, and that this report would be on file at the Travelers Aid Office at the above address. As he recalls, the reports are normally destroyed after one year except in special cases and he believes that this was that type of case since it was referred to Travelers Aid by the Health, Education and Welfare Department, and that this report should still be on file.

Mr. RAIKIN never met or heard of OSWALD prior to the date on which he met him at the Hoboken, New Jersey, Pier, never saw him or heard of or from him since that time. He does not know any members of his family or any of his associates, nor does he have any information concerning the political affiliations or philosophy of OSWALD.