



20 February 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief,

SUBJECT: Documents Available in OSWALD's 201 File

1. A machine listing of documents officially recorded as being in OSWALD's 201 file was requested and is attached. The actual machine work of this type was begun in 1963, but a few items of previous dates were also recorded.

2. A comparison of the documents physically available in the 201 file and those recorded as being in the 201 file has shown that 37 documents which should be in the 201 file are not available in it. This total is made up of:

- 2 dispatches
- 7 memoranda from the FBI
- 1 CSC1
- 2 State Department documents
- 25 cables.

3. Machine inquiries for the location of these documents have not been made.

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*Handwritten notes:*  
 the ~~document of~~  
 Oswald's  
 records in 201  
 file

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Chief,  
Chief,  
Chief of Section,

- Lee Harvey OSWALD

For information

For the record we forward herewith a memorandum by *William J. ...* in which he gives his recollections of *interest in Subject's activities* Subject's return to the United States from the USSR. *See 201 file*

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SUBJECT: Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald  
TO :

1. It makes little difference now, but had at one time an interest in Oswald. As soon as I had heard Oswald's name, I recalled that as/ I had discussed — sometime in Summer 1960 — the lay-out of interview(s) through/ or other suitable channels. At the moment I don't recall if this was discussed while Oswald and his family were en route to our country or if it was after their arrival.
2. I remember that Oswald's unusual behavior in the USSR had struck me from the moment I had read the first STATE dispatch on him, and I told my subordinates something amounting to "Don't push too hard to get the information we need, because this individual looks odd." We were particularly interested in the info. Oswald might provide on the Minsk factory in which he had been employed, on certain sections of the city itself, and of course we sought the usual that might help develop foreign personality dossiers. ~~Biographic information~~
3. I was phasing into my U.S.A. cover assignment at the time. Thus, I would have left our country shortly after Oswald's arrival. I do not know what action developed thereafter.

Appendix

4. As an afterthought, I recall also that at the time I was becoming increasingly interested in watching develop a pattern that we had discovered in the course of our bio and research work: the number of Soviet women marrying foreigners, being permitted to leave the USSR, then eventually divorcing their spouses and settling down abroad without returning home. The case was among the first of these, and we eventually turned up something like two dozen similar cases. became interested in the developing trend we had come across. It was partly out of curiosity to learn if Oswald's wife would actually accompany him to our country, partly out of interest in Oswald's own experiences in the U.S.S.R., that we showed intelligence interest in the ~~Harvey~~ story.

Mr. GOLDSMITH. The first page of JFK exhibit F-524 is a letter from Mr. Breckinridge to Professor Blakey of this committee. I would refer your attention—why don't you read both pages.

Mr. HELMS. I have had a chance to read not only Mr. Breckinridge's covering memorandum to Mr. Blakey but also the attached memorandum which is unsigned and just says "To Chief." I don't know what.

Mr. GOLDSMITH. Does this memorandum make reference to 37 documents being missing from Oswald's 201 file?

Mr. HELMS. Yes, it does. It says that:

In 1964, February 20, a comparison of the documents available in 201 file and those recorded as being those in the 201 file has shown 37 documents which should be in the 201 file are not available in it.

And there is a breakdown of what seems to be missing.

Mr. GOLDSMITH. Was this document ever brought to your attention?

Mr. HELMS. I can never remember it having been brought to my attention.

Mr. GOLDSMITH. Were you ever informed that at some time there were at least 37 documents missing from Oswald's 201 file?

Mr. HELMS. No; I doubt that would have been brought to my attention. I would assume somebody in charge of the registry would have gone looking for the documents.

Mr. GOLDSMITH. Is the information contained in this document particularly sensitive?

Mr. HELMS. You mean sensitive operationally or in a security sense?

Mr. GOLDSMITH. Sensitive in the sense that the Agency normally attributes to that term.

Mr. HELMS. I wouldn't have thought so.

Mr. GOLDSMITH. In light of that, why would this document have carried the classification of "secret" and the restriction "for eyes only" prior to its declassification?

Mr. HELMS. Sir, I am sorry but I don't see "eyes only" on it nor do I see "secret" on it.

Mr. GOLDSMITH. I understand that. I said prior to its declassification.

Please reread the letter to Professor Blakey from Mr. Breckinridge.

Mr. HELMS. I don't know. Maybe it was overclassified. A lot of documents in the agency were.

Mr. GOLDSMITH. Thank you, Mr. Helms. I have no further questions.

Mr. GOLDSMITH. Mr. Chairman, there are a number of other exhibits which relate generally to the subjects of Mr. Helms' testimony, but with respect to which there was not sufficient time to ask specific questions. They have been marked for identification as JFK F-513 through F-517, F-519, F-521, F-525, F-528, F-530, and F-533. May they be admitted into evidence at this time?

Mr. PREYER. Without objection, they may be admitted into evidence.

[The exhibits referred to above follow.]