

(ZNS) A NEWLY-RELEASED GOVERNMENT TRANSCRIPT INDICATES THAT PRESIDENT GERALD FORD -- WHILE A MEMBER OF THE WARREN COMMISSION 11 YEARS AGO -- SUSPECTED THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD MAY HAVE BEEN A SECRET UNDERCOVER INFORMER FOR THE F.B.I.

THE NEW TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY ASSASSINATION RESEARCHER HAROLD WEISBERG FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES. THE 13-PAGE DOCUMENT OF A JANUARY 22ND, 1964, MEETING OF THE WARREN COMMISSION WAS THOUGHT, FOR THE PAST DECADE, TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. WEISBERG, HOWEVER, DISCOVERED A STENOGRAPHER'S TAPE OF THAT MEETING IN THE ARCHIVE FILES, AND THEN COMPELLED THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE HIM A COPY OF THE MISSING TRANSCRIPT.

THE TRANSCRIPT DETAILS HOW THE WARREN COMMISSIONERS, INCLUDING FORD, DISCUSSED RUMORS THAT OSWALD MAY HAVE BEEN SECRETLY WORKING FOR THE F.B.I.

FORD THEN PARTICIPATED IN A DISCUSSION ABOUT OSWALD'S REPEATED USE OF POST OFFICE BOXES -- A PRACTICE, THE COMMISSIONERS WERE TOLD, THAT IS COMMON AMONG UNDERCOVER F.B.I. INFORMANTS. IN ADDITION, FORD ALSO VOICED CONCERN ABOUT OSWALD'S INFORMER-LIKE ACTIVITY IN ATTEMPTING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH DIVERGENT FACTIONS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. FORD STATED: (QUOTE) "HE (OSWALD) WAS PLAYING BALL -- WRITING LETTERS -- TO BOTH ELEMENTS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. I MEAN HE'S PLAYING BALL WITH THE TROTSKYITES AND THE OTHERS. THIS WAS A STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCE TO ME."

IN THAT SAME MEETING, THE COMMISSION'S CHIEF COUNSEL, J. LEE RANKIN, TOLD FORD AND THE OTHER COMMISSIONER'S THAT THE F.B.I.'S BEHAVIOR IN THE OSWALD CASE WAS UNUSUAL. RANKIN STATED THAT THE F.B.I. WAS ATTEMPTING TO CLOSE THE CASE WITHOUT CHECKING OUT NUMEROUS LEADS INTO OSWALD'S ACTIVITIES.

THE FINAL PAGE OF THE NEWLY-DISCOVERED TRANSCRIPT INDICATES WHY IT HAS NEVER BEEN MADE PUBLIC BEFORE. AT THE END OF THE DISCUSSION, COMMISSION MEMBER AND FORMER C.I.A. DIRECTOR ALLEN DULLES PROCLAIMS: (QUOTE) "I THINK THIS RECORD OUGHT TO BE DESTROYED" -- ZODIAC

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