

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-16601)

DATE: 3/31/64

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.
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At approximately 2:45 p.m. Supv. KEN HOWE of Dallas furnished the following answers to questions 5 and 6 of President's Commission letter of 3/26/64 and also results of interview with former SA JOHN W. FAIN on 3/31/64.

Question #5

Administrative pages of report of retired SA JOHN W. FAIN dated 7/10/62 reflect OSWALD was curt and short in answers to some questions, cold, arrogant and generally uncooperative. SA FAIN said set out a lead for himself to reinterview OSWALD thus appearing to indicate his dissatisfaction with OSWALD's attitude during and the results of the interview, however, SA FAIN's report does not reflect he had reason to believe OSWALD a dangerous person. Dallas supervision after review of report concurred and approved it with lead for reinterview.

Question #6

There is no special reason apparent in Dallas file as to why OSWALD interviewed "so soon thereafter". The second interview of OSWALD was conducted on 8/16/62 and not 8/14/62 as set out in letter. Daily reports of SA FAIN do show he made attempts to contact OSWALD on 8/14 and 15 but he was not successful in doing this until 8/16/62 as shown in his daily report of that date and on FD-302 covering interview in his report of 8/30/62. Evaluation of FAIN as result of second interview, based on result of it in his report of 8/30/62, would appear to have some continued dissatisfaction with OSWALD's responses, attitude and cooperativeness although no concern apparent indicating he considered him dangerous. Case placed in closed status by SA FAIN with report of 8/30/62, however as brought out in Dallas airtel 12/8/ this was done with arrangements made for reopening it when pending inactive case on MARINA OSWALD was reopened.

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Other than as brought out above there is no material in file specifically reflecting anything remarkable about OSWALD's demeanor noted by SA FAIN during second interview.

SA BROWN advises he knew little about background of OSWALD or of case and recollection is now vague. Can only state OSWALD in some ways seemed a little evasive but not belligerent and in the course of interview of OSWALD, BROWN did not note anything "remarkable" or indicative of possible dangerousness. SA BROWN is not a security agent.

Interview of SA JOHN W. FAIN (retired)

Former SA JOHN W. FAIN interviewed Houston, Texas., 3/31/64, by SAC WRIGHTMEYER and SA DAHLRIMPLE and furnished following comments concerning interviews of OSWALD in June, 1962 and August, 1962.

FAIN recalls interview on 6/26/62 conducted in Fort Worth FBI Office with SA B. TOM CARTER present. Throughout OSWALD curt and abrupt and when questioned for details became arrogant and stated to effect did not want to relive past. OSWALD generally uncooperative throughout interview. Investigations at that point and results of this interview developed no apparent basis for believing OSWALD represented potential for acts of violence. FAIN recalls setting out lead for reinterview of OSWALD at later date. FAIN recalls second interview on 8/16/62 was conducted with assistance of SA BROWN. Interview conducted in Bureau automobile and lasted approximately one hour. Subject was intercepted as he approached his residence at 2703 Mercedes, Fort Worth, in order to insure privacy of interview. This was in nature of follow up interview. No particular reason for date selected for this interview. During August, 1962 interview FAIN noted nothing remarkable about OSWALD during interview but subject continued to play down possibility Soviet government would be interested in him. OSWALD promised to advise FBI in event he should be contacted by representative of Soviet Intelligence. Nothing OSWALD said during this interview gave any reason to believe subject was potentially violent or dangerous person.