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(When Applicable and Appropriate)

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DETAILS:

RE: Inquiry at "Life" Magazine, New York City

On June 23, 1964, DONALD JACKSON, reporter, "Life" Magazine, was interviewed by Special Agents of the San Francisco Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding his article on OSWALD which appeared in the February 21, 1964 issue of "Life". A portion of this article attributed certain remarks concerning OSWALD to one ALLEN FELDE, an alleged Marine Corps associate of OSWALD in Camp Pendleton, California. JACKSON was contacted to determine the present location of FELDE so that he could be interviewed regarding OSWALD. Upon interview, however, JACKSON advised he did not personally interview FELDE but believed he obtained data from newspaper article in "The New York Times". JACKSON suggested contacting his "Life" headquarters in New York City where, he stated, this article could be located in his OSWALD file.

On June 24, 1964, Miss DIANA LURIE, reporter, Human Affairs Section, "Life" Magazine, New York City, furnished a newspaper article captioned "OSWALD was 'Loner', Ex-Marine Recalls". Beneath this caption appeared the notation, "Special to the New York Times", and the article was datelined "Milwaukee, December 1". The article read as follows:

"LEE H. OSWALD was a 'loner' who did not have friends in the Marines, a Milwaukee man who served with him said here today.

"ALLEN R. FELDE, 24 years old, said he went through boot camp and combat training with OSWALD in California in the winter of 1956.

"Although they were together 26 weeks, including one stretch in a tent housing eight recruits, Mr. FELDE said, he never knew OSWALD well.

"He was not my friend', he said. 'He was pretty hard to understand'.

"He remembers OSWALD as quiet, serious and 'trying to find himself', Mr. FELDE said.

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"The rest of us used to wrestle and horse around, but he would have his bunk in the corner and stay there, reading a book', he said. 'He didn't have any friends.

"I didn't know the names of Senators or where they were from, but he could rattle them off, and he knew their ideals and what they stood for.

"We called him a yardbird--someone who's a loner and was always getting latrine duty.'

"Mr. FELDE said he did not know if OSWALD had corresponded with anyone. He also said he did not recall that OSWALD had been exceptionally good on the rifle range."

On June 24, 1964, JOHN CORY, National Desk, "The New York Times", New York City, advised that the above article was written by PAUL SALSINI, a reporter for the "Milwaukee Journal", who is also a "stringer" correspondent for "The New York Times".

Re: Inquiry at Travelers Aid Society (TAS), New York City

On June 25, 1964, inquiry was conducted at TAS, New York City, to determine the source of information contained in files of TAS to the effect that OSWALD alleged Marine Corps membership and assignment at American Embassy, Moscow. Mrs. JEAN JETER, assistant to Mr. JAMES JOSOFF, the Director of TAS, New York City, advised that Mr. JOSOFF was on vacation and unavailable for interview at this time.

Mrs. JETER stated, however, that the information contained in TAS file which reads, "Mr. OSWALD has been a member of the Marine Corps and while on duty with the United States Embassy in Moscow, got involved with a Russian girl, whom he married, and renounced his U.S. citizenship", was part of data submitted by SPAS RAIKIN, who was formerly employed by TAS and who interviewed subject at the New Jersey pier on June 13, 1962. She stated that RAIKIN, therefore, was the source of the above information.

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