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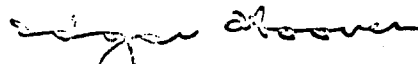
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2420 E Street, Northwest  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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... who was ... and ...  
... and who was ...  
... have been given no ...  
... name ...

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MR. [NAME] ...

...

... information ...  
... following information:

... who had been ...  
... lived at ...  
... North, Texas, where ...  
... United ... of 17 in October, 1933.

On June 20, 1941, Mr. James H. ... Collingwood Street, Fort Worth, Texas, stated the subject ... mother resided in a partly furnished ... Collingwood Street, from July 1, 1933, to May 17, 1937, except that subject remained during the ... in the ... Irvine lived at the age of ... that subject's brother, Robert Charles, also ... Collingwood until the time of his marriage.

On April 10, ... voluntarily furnished the information ... 1932 who was ... 1612 Harley Street, Fort Worth, Texas. ... returned to Fort Worth about April 1, 1931, ... where she had operated a ... of ... account of ... during January, 1931, and had ... the purpose of contacting the ... data in an effort to ... She stated that she had ... other possession of information ... she had ... subject was ... in her under- ...

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G. Employment:

MR. SMITH advised on April 2, 1950, that subject had been employed in the office of the State of Texas, New Orleans, Louisiana, as a clerk for in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1948. In 1949, he worked at the Fort Worth High School at the time he worked in the U.S. Army Camp in October, 1949.

H. Military Service:

According to information received from MR. SMITH on April 2, 1950, subject was employed as a clerk in the office of the U.S. Army Camp in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1949. His father is a private in the U.S. Army and subject was born in Texas.

MR. SMITH mentioned the fact that subject had been in the U.S. Army Camp in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1949.

I. Educational Background:

No information available.

J. Attention:

MR. SMITH advised on April 2, 1950, that subject was attending high school at Fort Worth, Texas, and was in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was not a member of any school.

On June 10, 1949, subject advised that he had been in the U.S. Marine Corps and was in the U.S. Marine Corps from May 3, 1947, to June 19, 1947. He was a radio operator and as a radio operator.

In April, 1950, subject had informed her by letter that he had been in the U.S. Marine Corps from May 3, 1947, to June 19, 1947. He was a radio operator and as a radio operator.

On January 23, 1952, subject advised that he had been in the U.S. Marine Corps from May 3, 1947, to June 19, 1947. He was a radio operator and as a radio operator.

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of the Albert Einstein College of Science in Switzerland although he had  
paid a \$50.00 deposit in 1940. The college had not  
found from subject's deposit in his deposit during 1940 or  
1941.

2. *[Illegible]*

On 12/15/41, T-1 was advised that the subject, [Illegible], was  
born in [Illegible] and was in the U. S. Marine  
Corps at [Illegible] in 1940. The subject  
was discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps  
in 1941. The subject was a private first class in the  
U. S. Marine Corps.

By communication dated January 11, 1941, the District  
Attorney General, New Orleans, Louisiana,  
advised that subject had been given an honorable discharge from  
the U. S. Marine Corps on August 17, 1941.

3. *[Illegible]*

On 1/15/42, T-1 was advised that [Illegible] stated  
that [Illegible] was in the U. S. Marine Corps, and  
was discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps in 1941.  
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4. *[Illegible]*

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J. Identification Record

On February 21, 1951, the following advised they had no record in their files identifiable with the case:

S. Y. DUBANN, Identification Division, St. Louis  
J. J. Central Records Division, Fort Worth, Texas, Dallas  
Department, and W. J. Walsh, Identification Division, Tarrant  
County, Sheriff's Office.

K. Photo Search

On April 11, 1951, Mr. J. J. Walsh advised  
a photograph of subject had been retained in the Dallas  
file.

L. Investigation of Relatives

Investigation on 4/11/51, Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that  
Texas, was on April 27, 1941, a member of the Tulsa  
Brick Company of Fort Worth. Subject advised that he  
is a brother of subject and resided at 1234 N. W. 10th  
Avenue, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Subject advised that his brother  
obtained an honorable discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps in September,  
1939, and after receiving no notice in Fort Worth for a period  
of about three days left Fort Worth with the expressed intention  
of going to New Orleans, Louisiana, to resume his former employ-  
ment in coast-import work. Subject stated that the entire family  
was later shocked to learn that subject had gone to Russia where  
he had reacquired his Russian citizenship and had applied  
for citizenship in the Soviet Union.

ROBERT L. GUNN stated that he has never known  
the subject to have had any contact for or connection with  
communism before this incident occurred.

ROBERT GUNN stated that he has had no contact in any  
manner or form with any individual known by him to be a Soviet  
official or affiliated in any way with Soviet or Communists.  
He also stated that he has no knowledge, neither as brother nor  
any other member of this family have had any contact whatsoever  
with Soviet officials or with Soviet organizations.

ROBERT L. GUNN stated that he has had no contact  
with the FBI in the past and has no contact with Soviet officials.  
He also stated that neither he nor his family have been asked  
to furnish any items of identification or records in  
Russia and that in the event he needs to receive a passport he  
would immediately contact the FBI.

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On April 28, 1960, Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD, who was then employed at Methodist Orphans Home, 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas, volunteered the following information:

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she has been very much upset and uneasy concerning her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, since she learned during the Fall of 1959, with much to her surprise that he had gone to Moscow, Russia, where he had renounced his United States citizenship and had apparently bought Soviet citizenship. She stated that following his discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps in September, 1959, he visited her for a few days in Fort Worth and left town stating that he was going to New Orleans, Louisiana, to resume his employment with an export-import company at New Orleans. She stated that subject had engaged in export-import employment for a brief period of time prior to his enlistment in the U. S. Marine Corps. Mrs. OSWALD also stated that subject had mentioned something about his desire to travel and said something also about the fact that he might go to Cuba.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that shortly after subject arrived in New Orleans, she received the following letter postmarked at New Orleans, Louisiana, from subject:

"Dear mother:

"Well I have booked passage on a ship to Europe. I would of had to sooner or later, and I think its best that I do now. Just remember above all else that my values are very different from Roberts or yours.

"It is difficult to tell you how I feel. Just remember this is what I must do. I did not tell you about my plans because you could hardly be expected to understand. Lee."

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she was very much shocked and surprised later to learn that he had gone to Moscow, Russia. She stated that she had no idea as to how he arrived there but that she does know that he had saved up about \$1600 from his services in the U. S. Marine Corps. She stated that he did not previously discuss with her any intention to go to Moscow, Russia. She also stated that he had never shown any proclivities for the ideologies of communism. She stated that he had never expressed any sympathy for Russia or the communist system. She stated that subject was always a studious type of individual and that he read books that were considered "deep." Mrs. OSWALD stated that she would not have been surprised to have heard that subject had gone to, say, South America or Cuba, but that it had never entered her mind that he might go to Russia or that he might try to

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become a citizen of Russia. Mrs. OSWALD stated that she felt strongly that subject had a right as an individual to make his own decisions, however, she stated that she was very greatly surprised and disappointed that he had taken this action.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she made application on January 22, 1960, at the First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, for a foreign draft and upon payment of \$36.65 she was issued a "foreign money transfer No. 142,586" by which instrument she sent \$35.00 by air mail to subject, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, in care of Hotel Metropole, Moscow, Russia.

Mrs. OSWALD explained that she was indebted to subject in the amount of \$100 as a result of a loan which he had made to her previously.

She stated that on December 14, 1958, she had mailed a personal check of \$20.00 by way of part payment on this debt to "LEE OSWALD, Metropole Hotel, Moscow, Russia." She made this check payment to LEE OSWALD. However, on or about January 5, 1960, this check was returned to her by mail containing a note scratched on a piece of paper in pencil by subject, stating he "could not use the check, of course." In this note he requested her to put \$20.00 in cash in an envelope and send it to him inasmuch as he was "also short of cash and needed the rest. LEE." She stated that she then mailed a \$20 bill and expressed her reluctance in sending cash through the mail. In this letter to subject she requested him to let her know if he received the \$20 bill and also to furnish her with his correct address. She stated that she added in this letter her hope that he liked Russia. She added "if you don't and want to come back, I believe it can be arranged. Are you working?" She stated that she addressed this letter to Mr. LEE H. OSWALD, Metropole Hotel, Moscow, Russia. She also advised that the envelope containing the \$20 was returned to her on February 26, 1960, stamped, "Retour Departl." She stated that on the reverse side of this envelope was stamped "Moshan Noytant, Moscow, Russia," January 18, 1960," and also the following lettering "МЕРЯИПОРКО."

Mrs. OSWALD advised that since January 22, 1960, she had sent three different letters to her son but that all had been returned to her undelivered. She stated that she feared that he might have become stranded and in danger. She stated that she has had correspondence with reference to subject with her Congressman and with the U. S. State Department inasmuch as she has been very much alarmed for fear that something might have happened to subject.



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Mrs. OSWALD stated that she would gladly report any contacts made with her by Soviet officials. She volunteered her eagerness to cooperate in any way possible. She stated that she had not been requested to furnish any items of personal identification to subject in Russia. She volunteered the information that subject had taken with him his birth certificate when he left Fort Worth. She promised to advise the FBI immediately in the event any contacts were made with her by Soviet officials or by Soviet establishments in this connection.

A check of the files of Office of Naval Intelligence, Eighth Naval District, U. S. Naval Station in Algiers, Louisiana, on April 18, 1961, revealed that this file contained a Photostat of a telegram from the Department of State, Moscow, Russia, dated October 31, 1959, at 7:59 A.M. This telegram stated in part that subject who was twenty years of age and unmarried, carrying passport No. 178742, issued September 1, 1959, had appeared at the Embassy to renounce his American citizenship and had applied in Moscow for Russian citizenship following his entry into the USSR from Helsinki. This telegram advised further that subject's mother's address in the United States was 4936 Collingwood Street Fort Worth, Texas. This telegram quoted subject as having said he had contemplated this matter during the last two years. Main reason "American Marxist"; attitude arrogant and aggressive. Subject had recently been discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps. Subject was further quoted as having offered the Soviets any information he had acquired as enlisted radio operator.

On June 28, 1961, Mrs. JAMES E. TAYLOR, 4936 Collingwood Street, Fort Worth, Texas, stated that on or about July 1, 1956, she rented her upstairs west, partly furnished, apartment, to Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD. With Mrs. OSWALD were her two sons, ROBERT and the subject of this case. Mrs. TAYLOR stated that she had never known the third son. Mrs. TAYLOR stated also that she had never known any member of this family prior to July 1, 1956.

Mrs. TAYLOR stated that subject was a student in Arlington Heights High School and was only about 16 or 17 years of age when the OSWALDS moved to this address. She stated that ROBERT later married and moved with his wife to another address. Mrs. TAYLOR stated that subject was a peculiar boy inasmuch as he read a great deal and kept very much to himself. She stated that she has heard Mrs. OSWALD state that subject read books which were "over his head." Mrs. TAYLOR explained this to mean that the books he read were 'deep' books. She stated that she does not know the titles of any of the books which he read. Mrs. TAYLOR stated that subject obtained some of this reading material from the library. Mrs. TAYLOR stated that she actually

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felt sorry for the subject inasmuch as it appeared to her that he had few if any friends and no social life. She stated that she pitied the boy because he had never known his father who had died before his birth. She stated that Mrs. OSWALD worked continuously in an effort to support her two boys. Mrs. TAYLOR remarked that she has never seen any one stay at home more closely than did the subject. She stated that Mrs. OSWALD often quarrelled at him for staying at home so closely and on occasion urged him to get out and seek employment but that he preferred to sit at home and read.

Mrs. TAYLOR stated that Mrs. OSWALD was in poor health and extremely nervous and that she often quarrelled very loudly with both ROBERT and the subject.

Mrs. TAYLOR stated that the OSWALDS came to Fort Worth from New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. TAYLOR stated that both ROBERT OSWALD and Mrs. OSWALD were extremely shocked and hurt by the action which subject took disavowing his United States citizenship and claiming citizenship in Russia.

Mrs. TAYLOR stated that subject enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps while he was residing at 4936 Collingwood Street. She advised that Mrs. OSWALD moved from this address on or about May 1, 1957, and that she has had no contact with the OSWALDS in recent years.

On June 30, 1961, JAMES P. MEEK, 3120 West Fifth Street, Fort Worth, stated that for a period of several months three or four years ago Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD resided at 3124 West Fifth Street. He stated that so far as he knows subject had never resided at 3124 West Fifth and MEEK was unable to furnish any information of value to this investigation.

On June 23, 1961, Dallas Confidential Informants T-3 and T-4 advised that their knowledge of subject is limited to newspaper accounts reporting subject's defection to Soviet Russia. Dallas T-3 and T-4 advised that subject was not a member of the Communist Party (CP) at Fort Worth and that they have never heard his name mentioned in connection with CP membership.

It is noted that the Communist Party, USA (CP), has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 9835, 2450.

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A review on May 9, 1961, of the files of the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C., revealed that on or about January 26, 1961, Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, mother of subject, appeared at the U. S. Department of State in Washington, D. C. She advised that she had come to Washington to see what could be done to help her son, the subject. She expressed the thought that perhaps her son had gone to the Soviet Union as a "secret agent" and that the State Department was not doing enough to help him. She was advised that such was not the case and that efforts were being made to help her son.

On February 13, 1961, the U. S. Embassy in Moscow, USSR, received an undated letter from LEE HARVEY OSWALD postmarked Minsk, February 5, 1961. In this letter OSWALD indicated that he desired the return of his U. S. passport as he wished to return to the United States if "we could come to some agreement concerning the dropping of any legal proceedings against me." He also said that he could not leave Minsk without permission and therefore was writing instead of visiting the American Embassy.

On March 20, 1961, the U. S. Embassy in Moscow received a letter from OSWALD postmarked Minsk, March 5, 1961. In this letter OSWALD said he found it inconvenient to come to Moscow for an interview at the American Embassy and that he could not leave Minsk without permission. He asked that in place of a personal interview he be sent a questionnaire.

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Reference  
**Report of SA JOHN W. FAIN, Dallas, 7/3/61.**

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