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CIA releases 34 Oswald documents

The CIA Wednesday released 34 documents detailing the spy agency's interest in Lee Harvey Oswald before the assassination of President John Kennedy in November 1963. It is the first of what could become a flood of JFK-assassination material to be released in the coming months.



OSWALD: CIA kept track of travels

The CIA material relates to when Oswald, an ex-Marine Corps radar technician familiar with U-2 spy flights, defected to the Soviet Union in 1959, returned to the USA in 1962 and traveled in Mexico a few months before the slaying.

"This should put to rest a lot of the speculation about the agency's knowledge or involvement with Oswald prior to the assassination," said the CIA's Peter Earnest.

But conspiracy buffs said questions remain. The CIA has 33,000 pages on Oswald, most from other agencies after the assassination.

The Warren Commission said Oswald acted alone in shooting Kennedy in Dallas. A 1979 U.S. House committee report said evidence pointed to a second gunman.

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