missing link card may be Oswald II

By Ray LaFontaine and Mary LaFontaine SPECIAL TO THE HOUSTON POST

Army Intelligence Group at Fort Sam Houston transmitted a con-fidential priority message to the U.S. Strike Command at Flort-da's McDill Air Force Base. ning of Nov. 22, 1963, the 112th DALLAS - On the tenue eve-

Alart following that morning's assaustication in Dallas of President John F. Kennedy, identified arrested suspect Lee Harvey Onwald as a "card carrying member of (the) Communist Party."

He was not, but 19 years ago McDill, which remained on Red The cable from San Antonio to

card that suggests he may have today Oswald was carrying a

been an employee of an organization much closer to home.
Found by Dallas police in Oswald's wallet — along with a
photograph of his wife, Marina
— was a U.S. Department of Defense "Uniformed Services Identilication and Privilege Card," or more simply, a DD Form 1178. It's a card officials today say

Oswald should not have had.

But why he had it and what it might have meant is one of a Oswald - as the Warren Comdeath. Also in question is whether tions surrounding Kennedy's lengthy list of unanswered ques-

> card creates more speculation OSWALD: Postmark on ID

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Ed Oct. 23, 1963, less than a partment of Defense, and what DD 1173 bears Oswald's photo, the circular seal of the U.S. Deup over the past three decades. spiracles that have been offered clear, crisp day in Dallas, or was in shooting the president pission concluded — acted alom he part of any one of several conippears to be a postmark — dat-

er, Marguerite, then : living in Sept. 11, 1959, nine days after his equest was to support his moth request for a dependency dis-charge from the corps was ap-proved. His stated reason for the eard by the U.S. Marine Corps on nonth before the assassination. Oswald was issued the identity

his intention to defect to the Sovi-Two weeks later, he amounced border on his way to Moscow. Blation, Santa Ana, Calif., Os-wald crossed the Finalsh-Soviet and issued at El Toro Naval Air Five weeks after receiving the

(RES), reflecting his new status PRAM, would have been a 2MC Oswald, as stipulated by the propriate card for the discharged not apply to a DD 1173. The ap-USMC member cards and does However, this paragraph per-lains only to the issuance of becordance with paragraph cords and Accounting Manual)." 3014.5 PRAM (Personnel Rethe identity card was issued "In Oswald's military record notes

> cause he was a civilian employee him to medical privileges, or bewhile on active duty extilling reasons; because of an injury sued a DD 1173 for one of two raid Oswald could have been isspokeswoman for the Marines, Lt. Kim Miller, a Washington

overseas needing a military ID. fary book." have been annotated to his milli playment, she adds, "would not jury to Oswald, and civilian em-But records do not show an in

military dependents "and civilcipients of such cards largely to card. These guidelines limited rejean who require military identifemme Department guidelines at the time Oswald received his he time Oswald received Penn. He notes issuance of brian of the U.S. Army Military History institute of Carlisle, 1373 was regulated under De-A similar finding was reached by Dennis Velock, reference his-7.

changed or revoked." cial attention would have been diately upon being called to offidrar, says Vetock, "it wouldn't have been authorized, and Imme-If such a card was issued to

provide military secrets to the after he defected, threatened to identity card was revoked, even Rossians and received an unde-There is no evidence Oswald's

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sirable discharge from the Ma rine Corps in 1969, Oswald's card did not expire until Dec. 7, 1962

the head-on photograph, of Os-wald on DD 1173 is the same as on Kennedy's assassination. in the photographic evidence of the Warren Cammission's report two other Oswald photes includ-Oswald's card was not printed

ed in the report.
One is Warren Commission
Exhibit 2892, identified by the The "Minsk" photo has a white hand corner corresponding to the overlapping postmark on the De-tense Department card.) circular culout in the lower right

available to its members by the cause the card was not made wald's trip to Russia occurred afthe commission, apparently beter the issuance of the DOD idenlity card — was not evident to The Minsk contradiction - Os-

thing is gone," she said. "Yo couldn't use it to show anything. card to the National Archives, it arrived "nearly obliverated by FBI testing," according to archi-FBI finally released Oswald's Reference Branch. "The color, vist Sue McDonough of the Civi Defense Department Identity he image, the printing, every In December 1968, when the

(McDonough) know it was tested by the FBI? Does she have a resertion, FUI spokesman Bill Car-ter of the Fablic Affairs Office in Washington asks, "How does she Challenging the archivist's as-

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sponds. She adds that there are have done 117" McDonough reobliterated state at the archives. no pictures of the card in its un-"Who else but the FBI could

anendion of DD 1178 in any FBI lesting reports he has reviewed writer David Litton, there is no summary reports to the Warren commission documents, PBI Dal-These include non-published Commission. las field office reports and FBI According to assessination

DD 1173 also appeared in the Warren Report (Cadigan Embilist classification card found in Ossupposedly used to purchase the Alek James Hidell, the name he wald's possession with the name assassimation rifle by mail order. 15) on a phony Selective Service The sauve photo of Oswald on

gence Group at Fort Sam Houswas carrying a fraudulest Selectary knew this has never been the Service card. How the million that notified the FBI that he It was the 112th Army Intelli-

explained. other is a photograph — known by its commission designation of major links between Oswald and graph of Oswald, was one of two the assassination weapon, The 133A - allegedly taken of Os-The Hidell card, with its pholo-

wald brandishing the weapon in Oak Cittl area of Dallas. the back yard of a home in the

mission publication acknowreport of FBI agent Manning Oswald's military record and the of Oswald's wallet on the right of Clements, who listed the contents identity card in only two places: ledged the existence of the DOD telligence tip. Clements cited Nov. 22, 1963, after the Army inboth the DOO identity card and the Hidelt card. The 26-volume Warren Com-

Clements' report, however, did not reveal that the two cards had DOD identity card had a photo at the same picture - or that the

partment of Defense, Washington 25, D.C." further enigma. "If found, drop in any malibox," the card's re-The Oct. 23, 1963, postmark on Oswald's DOD identity card is a the Paximaster: "Return to Deverse side instructs. It then tells

law, Robert Blakey, former gen-eral counsel to the House Select versity where he now teaches mailbox, postmarked and dellyered to the Defense Department considered the possibility that Committee on Assassinations, the card was lost, dropped in a Reached at Noire Dame Uni-

given it back to Oswald, Interest-"Defense world have had to have "In that case," says Blakey,

counsel to the Warren Commis-W.J. Liebeler, an associate at the convolutions of Oswaid's sion, expresses similar surprise mysterious ID card.

picture idealified as Oswald in Minsk, and the postmark on the says. "I'wo things seem odd. The gave it to him at some time." plies the Defense Department eldefense card. The posimark imther malled it back to him or "This is all new to me," he

gest, Oswald working for the U.S. government at the time? Kennedy's assessination. Was, as pened less than a month before If so, that would have hap-

searcher Paul Hoch of Berkeley, Calif., aftempted to discover the significance of Oswald's DD Form 1173 as early as 1974. Renowned assassination re-

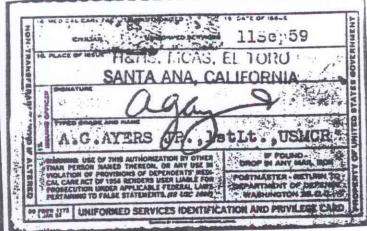
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FROM 'INVESTIGATION OF A HOMICIDE,'



Lee Harvey Cowald. Photo taken in Minsk.

Commission Exempt No. 2892

(CE 2892 = FBI ITEM 451-7)

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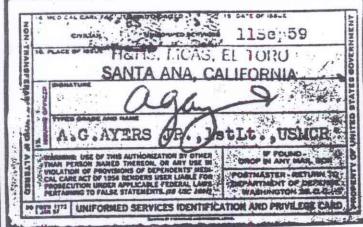
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BY TUDY W. BONNER (1969)



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