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TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION Lee Harvey Oswald
INVESTIGATION MADE AT New Orleans, Louisiana	PERIOD COVERED November 22, 1963 December 2, 1963	Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA Anthony E. Gerrets SA Adrian C. Vial		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Investigation at New Orleans disclosed that Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on 8-9-63 for having become involved in a brawl with three Cuban anti-Castroites while he was handing out literature in the 700 block of Canal Street that same date, the literature pertaining to the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, which organization was supporting Castro.

Oswald lived in a small apartment at 4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans, from May 9, 1963, until on or about September 24, 1963. His wife reportedly left a few days prior to Oswald, allegedly going to Texas to have her second baby. A woman in a station wagon bearing a Texas license is said to have come to the Oswald apartment at 4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans, for the purpose of picking up Mrs. Oswald and driving her and her baby to Texas. Oswald remained on in the apartment but moved unexpectedly one night, owing about ten days rent.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

At 1:40 P. M. on November 22, 1963, reporting agent received a long distance telephone call from Clerk Lillian L. Rhyan, of our Dallas office, who stated that she was calling at the request of SA Robert A. Steuart, Dallas, regarding an individual named Jack Martin, Route 1, Goldonna, La., on whom SA Steuart desired discreet inquiries conducted. At that time Clerk Rhyan indicated that she did not have any information regarding the said Jack Martin and did not know what connection, if any, he might have had with the shooting of President John F. Kennedy, that same date at Dallas.

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At 2:06 P. M., November 22, 1963, Clerk Rhyan again called reporting agent, advising that at that time it was thought that possibly Jack Martin may have been the assassin of President Kennedy. She could furnish no information regarding Jack Martin's description or background, knowing only that his address was reported at Route 1, Goldonna, La., and that it was desired that discreet inquiries regarding Martin be conducted at Goldonna at once.

Reporting agent immediately telephoned SAIC John W. Rice, who happened to be on an official road trip to Shreveport and vicinity, in the northwest section of Louisiana, approximately 325 miles from New Orleans, Goldonna being located in Natchitoches Parish in the northwest section of Louisiana.

SAIC Rice was located at the Office of Special Investigations, Barksdale Air Force Base, near Shreveport, and was informed of the above-mentioned request that discreet inquiries be conducted at once at Goldonna, La., regarding Jack Martin. It was explained to SAIC Rice that it was desired that the results of the investigation at Goldonna be telephoned to our Dallas office.

At approximately 9:30 P. M. on November 22, 1963, reporting agent received a telephone call at his residence from SAIC Rice, who was calling from Natchitoches, La. SAIC Rice stated that he had conducted discreet inquiries at Goldonna, La., regarding Jack Martin and had telephoned the results to SA Robert A. Steuart, Dallas; that during this telephone conversation SA Steuart furnished the following information regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD, who had been arrested at Dallas for having fired the shots which killed President Kennedy:

Lee Harvey Oswald - White; male; date of birth 10-18-39 at New Orleans; 5'9"; 140 lbs.; Social Security No. 433-54-3739; Chairman of FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, New Orleans. Filed change of address with Post Office Department, Dallas, on 5-15-63, to 4907 Magazine St., New Orleans, and on or about 11-2-63 rented a Post Office box in Dallas.

SAIC Rice stated that it was desired that an immediate investigation be started at New Orleans in an effort to develop as much information as possible regarding Lee Harvey Oswald.

Reporting agent immediately telephoned SA Adrian G. Vial at his residence, with request that he meet me at the office as soon as possible.

Accompanied by SA Vial, reporting agent called at the New Orleans Police Department, Bureau of Identification, on the night of 11-22-63, where we checked their records on Lee Harvey Oswald, whose address was shown as 4907 Magazine St., New Orleans. The records here showed Oswald's FBI number as 327 925 D. His FBI fingerprint return showed that his fingerprints had been contributed by the Marine Corps on 10-24-58 as LEE HARVEY OSWALD - #1653230. The records also reflected that Oswald had been arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on 8-9-63 on a charge of Disturbing the Peace by Creating a Scene. The arrest was shown to have been made by Lt. Gallot and other officers of the New Orleans Police Department's First District Police Station. Oswald's occupation was shown as "Mechanic."

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The Police report submitted in connection with the above-mentioned arrest reflected that Lee Harvey Oswald was a member of the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, which reportedly upholds Fidel Castro. It was shown in the report that Oswald had been passing out circulars in the 700 block of Canal Street, New Orleans, when he became involved in a disturbance with three Cuban immigrants - Carlos Bringuer, Celso M. Hernandez, and Miguel M. Cruz.

Lee Harvey Oswald has been assigned number 112 723 by the New Orleans Police Department Bureau of Identification.

SA Vial and I proceeded to 4911 Magazine Street, where we interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Garner, Managers of the apartments located at 4905 and 4907 Magazine Street. They advised that Oswald and his wife and child (a baby about 1½ years old) had occupied the center apartment at 4907 Magazine Street. They stated that Oswald rented this apartment on 5-9-63 and moved in promptly, adding that Oswald's wife and child came to the apartment a few days later. They stated that Oswald had moved unexpectedly one night and left owing about ten days rent. They advised that Oswald's wife, name unknown to them, could not speak English and was allegedly a Russian.

Subsequent contact with Mrs. Garner disclosed that Oswald moved from 4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans, on or about 9-24-63. She had first said when interviewed on the night of 11-22-63 that Oswald had moved some time during the latter part of August; that his rent was due on 8-9-63 and that he left owing ten days rent.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Garner described Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald as follows: White; female; 20/21; 5'1"; slender build; very fair complexion; dark brown hair, adding that her hair was rather long and worn in pony tail style. They said that Mrs. Oswald was pregnant when the Oswalds moved in September, 1963, and may have had her baby since that time. They stated that Oswald had worked in the plant of Wm. B. Reilly & Co., Inc., New Orleans, wholesale coffee merchants.

During the interview with Mr. and Mrs. Garner on 11-22-63 they advised that Oswald had pamphlets in his apartment entitled "UNITED STATES KEEP HANDS OFF CUBA." In reply to questioning, they advised that no pamphlets or other anti-American literature were found in the Oswald apartment at 4907 Magazine Street after the Oswalds had moved; that Oswald had been careful to remove all papers from his apartment. Mr. Garner stated that on one occasion, Oswald had tacked one of his "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA" pamphlets on the front of the house at 4907 Magazine Street and that immediately upon seeing it, he had ordered Oswald to take it down.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Garner stated that Oswald talked very little. They said that his wife arrived from Texas in a station wagon, accompanied by a woman and two small children - possibly a boy and a girl - not certain at this time as to the sex of the woman's children. They advised that the same woman had moved Mrs. Oswald from 4907 Magazine Street in her station wagon, which bore a Texas license - number unknown. They advised that on this occasion the woman from Texas stayed with the Oswalds in their apartment for three or four days.

Mrs. Garner stated that Oswald had had only one known visitor during the time he occupied the apartment at 4907 Magazine Street; that this visitor was a young, foreign-looking male who spoke with a Spanish accent. Mrs. Garner stated that this young man

had come to her apartment at 4911 Magazine Street just about dark one evening, inquiring for Oswald and that she directed him to Oswald's apartment nextdoor at 4907 Magazine Street.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Garner stated that during the time Oswald occupied the apartment at 4907 Magazine Street he seemed to be constantly reading. They said he seemed to be well educated and always walked erect. They advised that Oswald was well dressed - sometimes wearing sport clothes and at other times being dressed in a business suit. They stated that Oswald did not seem to be acquainted with any of the neighbors, keeping to himself. They stated that Oswald did not create any disturbance during the time he occupied the above-mentioned apartment and that about the only difficulty they had with him was that he did not own a garbage can and would sneak out at night and stuff his garbage in the neighbors' garbage cans.

During the interview with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Garner they stated that Oswald and his wife always conversed in Russian or some foreign language, it being alleged that Mrs. Oswald could not speak English. They said that the Oswalds also used Russian or some foreign language whenever they talked with their baby. They stated that they asked Oswald one day why he did not speak to the child in English, whereupon Oswald replied that he did not want to teach the child how to speak English, adding that she would learn to speak English soon enough.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner stated that when the woman from Texas returned in her station wagon to take Mrs. Oswald and her child back to Texas, Oswald informed them (the Garners) that he was not giving up the apartment, explaining that Mrs. Oswald was merely returning to Texas to have her baby there and that after the birth of her baby she would return to New Orleans and reside with him in the apartment at 4907 Magazine Street. They stated that Oswald stayed on in the apartment for a short time after Mrs. Oswald had left, allegedly for Texas, but moved out unannounced one night, owing about ten days rent.

Mrs. Jesse J. Garner stated that they had been interviewed earlier on the night of 11-22-63 by several FBI agents.

(The results of the investigation conducted thus far were made known to Special Agent Robert A. Steuart, Dallas, via long distance telephone on the early morning of Saturday, November 23, 1963.)

Mrs. Jesse J. Garner, Oswald's former landlady during the time he lived at 4907 Magazine Street, New Orleans, was contacted again on 12-2-63, at which time she stated that she had recalled that Oswald had been visited on about three occasions, always late in the evening or about dark, by a middle-aged, grey-haired man who was rather thin; not very tall; had a receding hair line; very fair complexion; neat dresser. She said that on one occasion this man was accompanied by a woman, whom she could not describe. She said the man referred to always arrived in the same car; that it definitely was not a station wagon; that it appeared to be a heavy car and it is her recollection that it was light blue in color. Mrs. Garner could not recall whether it was a 2-door or 4-door car. She recalled that on one occasion the Oswalds and their baby had gotten into this car and had driven away with the unknown middle-aged man, this being on a Saturday. Mrs. Garner had not taken down the license number of this car.

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Investigation continued.

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