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(ZNS) A LEADING ASSASSINATION RESEARCHER SAYS HE HAS LOCATED WITNESSES WHO HAVE TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED A MYSTERIOUS MAN WHO MAY HAVE BEEN IMPERSONATING LEE HARVEY OSWALD SHORTLY BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

WASHINGTON ATTORNEY BERNARD FENSTERWALD STATES THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED MAN APPEARS IN THREE PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH WERE TAKEN BY THE C.I.A. IN MEXICO CITY IN THE FALL OF 1963, ABOUT TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN OUTSIDE THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY; C.I.A. CABLES SENT BACK TO THE UNITED STATES IDENTIFIED THE MAN AS BEING LEE OSWALD. ACCORDING TO THE C.I.A. REPORTS AT THE TIME, THE MAN WAS DESCRIBED AS (QUOTE) "APPROXIMATELY 35 YEARS OLD, WITH AN ATHLETIC BUILD, ABOUT SIX FEET TALL (AND) WITH A RECEDING HAIRLINE."

ALTHOUGH THE C.I.A. IDENTIFIED THE MAN AS OSWALD, THE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW HE IS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PERSON. OSWALD, AT THE TIME WAS 24, NOT 35; HE WAS APPROXIMATELY FIVE-FEET-EIGHT, RATHER THAN SIX FEET; AND HIS BUILD WAS SLIM RATHER THAN ATHLETIC.

FENSTERWALD NOW CLAIMS THAT SEVERAL SOURCES IN THE LAW-ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY HAVE IDENTIFIED THE INDIVIDUAL AS A KNOWN "HIT MAN" OR "MECHANIC", DESCRIBED, FENSTERWALD SAYS, AS "A KILLER FOR HIRE".

FENSTERWALD SAYS HE WILL NOT RELEASE THE MAN'S NAME PUBLICLY UNTIL A POSITIVE PHOTO-IDENTIFICATION IS MADE. FENSTERWALD SUGGESTS THAT THE MAN MAY HAVE BEEN IMPERSONATING OSWALD AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN AN ATTEMPT TO LINK THE SOVIETS OR MARXIST PHILOSOPHY TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY -- ZODIAC *** (MORE)