

CIA Wrong On 'Oswald' Picture, Magazine Charges

NEW YORK (UPI) — The New York Review of Books Monday released two pictures of a man it says the CIA incorrectly identified as Lee Harvey Oswald months before the assassination of President Kennedy.

The photographs were released in connection with an article by Bernard Fensterwald and George O'Toole in the April 3, 1975 issue of the periodical.

"The man in both photographs clearly is not Oswald," the publication said.

The article did not say when and where the pictures of the false "Oswald" were taken. It said former CIA Director Richard Helms has testified the pictures were taken in Mexico, and a spokesman for the magazine said the pictures "were apparently taken by hidden CIA cameras that routinely photograph all visitors entering and departing Communist embassies."

Co-author O'Toole is identified as an ex-CIA official. Fensterwald, the Review says

Symposium On CIA Is Tonight

The three-day symposium on CIA involvement in U.S. politics and on the John Kennedy assassination will open this evening with talks by Mark Lane and Bob Katz and a showing of the Zapruder film of the Kennedy assassination.

Lane has been investigating the Dallas killing for more than ten years. Katz is a member of the Boston-based Assassination Information Bureau.

The program will begin at 8 p.m. at the Capitol City Theater.

The Zapruder film will also be shown during the 5 p.m. news on Channel 3 (WISC-TV) this evening.

is a Washington, D.C., attorney who obtained the photographs from the National Archives "as a result of his suit under the Freedom of Information Act."

Their joint article, titled "The CIA and the Man Who Was Not Oswald," tells of the alleged confusion resulting from the wrong identification of a man who reportedly contacted the Soviet embassy in Mexico City in October 1963 asking for news about a telegram which had been sent to Washington.

The Review article says the CIA sent a teletype message to the FBI and to the Departments of State and Navy saying the man who contacted the embassy had identified himself as "Lee Oswald" and described him as an American, "approximately 35 years old, with an athletic build, about six feet tall, with a receding hairline."

According to the article the CIA teletype message also said that "It is believed that Oswald may be identical to Lee Henry Oswald" a former U.S. Marine who defected to Russia and later was repatriated with his Russian-born wife.

Fensterwald and O'Toole say that Helms, head of the CIA at the time, apparently agreed that the Lee Henry Oswald of the CIA message was Lee Harvey Oswald.

"But Lee Harvey Oswald was not approximately 35 years old, with an athletic build, he was twenty-three years old and slender," the Review article says.

Apparently, the article said, the CIA was concerned about the discrepancy and sent another message to the Navy Department asking for two copies of Oswald's most recent photograph, "which we will forward to our representative in Mexico, who will attempt to determine if the Lee Oswald in

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Mexico City and the subject is the same individual."

According to the authors of the Review article, a Helms memorandum shows that the Navy photographs never were received by the CIA and it was only after the assassination that the CIA concluded two different persons were involved.

The article did not further identify the man in the photographs.