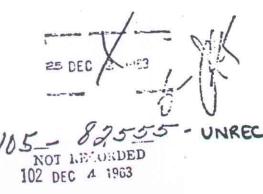
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ASSASINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. EVELIO LEY, SECRETARY IN DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO ESTUDIANTIL / D. R. E. STUDENT REVOLUTIONARY DIRECTRATE/. AN ANTI CASTRO ORGANIZATION AT MIAMI. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT LEE H. OSWALD IN AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AT NEW ORLEANS, LA. APPLIED FOR JOB ON MILITARY INSTRUCTOR IN DRE BASED ON FORMER U.S. MARINE EXPERIENC.

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On August 21, 1963, Oswald participated in a radio station debate with Carlos Bringuier on a show hosted by Edward Scannell Butler, an anti-Communist. In the interview Oswald said he was a Marxist. He also said his wife Marina was the daughter of a Russian Army Colonel. Some have said the interview was a setup to provide Oswald with more of a cover as a Communist, "The debate was followed by a fight for which Oswald was adjudged guilty in local court, New Orleans, and fined twenty dollars."

TOP (ALSO REFERRED TO OPPOSITE):

Urgent telex about Oswald and the anti-Castro organization Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil. Oswald applied for a job as military instructor in the D.R.E., but his Fair Play for Cuba Committee background was discovered.

BOTTOM:

Information about attempted penetration of Oswald's organization.

PM CST DAW 648 12-3-63 URGENT DIRECTOR, AND SAC, DALLAS TO. SAC, SAN ANTONIO /105-2909/ /P/ FROM. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R.

RE JAMES D. ALLRED, JR.

ON DECEMBER THREE INSTANT, JEANNE ALLRED, FIVE THREE FOUR SIX MORNINGSIDE AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS, PRESENTLY IN LAREDO, TEXAS, ADVISED SA ELDON E. HASTINGS THAT SHE WAS a ALLRED, JR., WHO POSSESSES DIVORCED MAY FIVE LAST FROM JAMES D, RADICAL BELIEF CONCERNING CUBA. ALLRED STATED THAT HER HUSBAND SUBSCRIBED TO THE "WORKER" NEWSPAPER, JOINED THE YOUTH FREEDOM (9 SOCIETY AND WAS REPORTED TO HAVE FLOWN MONEY AND GUNS TO ALLRED OBTAINED PASSPORT AND VISAS FOR EIGHT CENTRAL CUBA. AMERIÇAN COUNTRIES IN NEW ORLEANS, DECEMBER FOURTEEN SIXTYTWO. DAVA STALLINGS REPORTEDLY LEADER OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY IN 105- 825 STALLINGS AND DALLAS ACCOMPANIED ALLRED TO NEW ORLEANS. ALLRED FORMER ROOMMATES. MRS. ALLRED THINKS SHE REMEBBERS DEC 13 1933 SEEING NAME LEE HARVEY OSWALD ON ONE OF HER HUSBAND-S ENVELOPES. HUSBAND ABSCONDED WITH THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS BELONGING TO MRS. ALLRED AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. ALLRED HAD MADE FREQUENT TRIPS TO MEXICO. MRS. ALLRED RETURNING TO DALLAS END PAGE ONE

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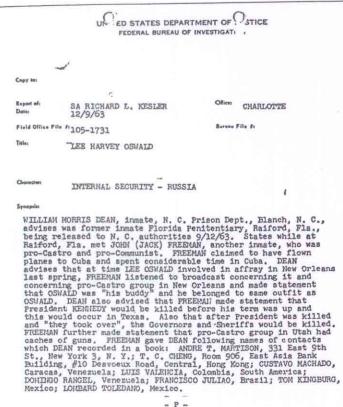
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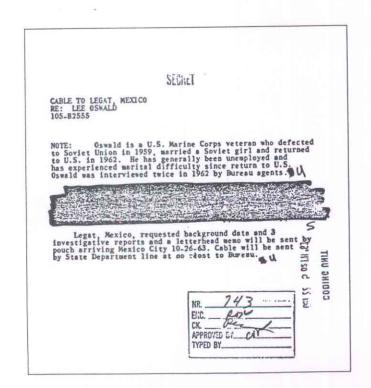
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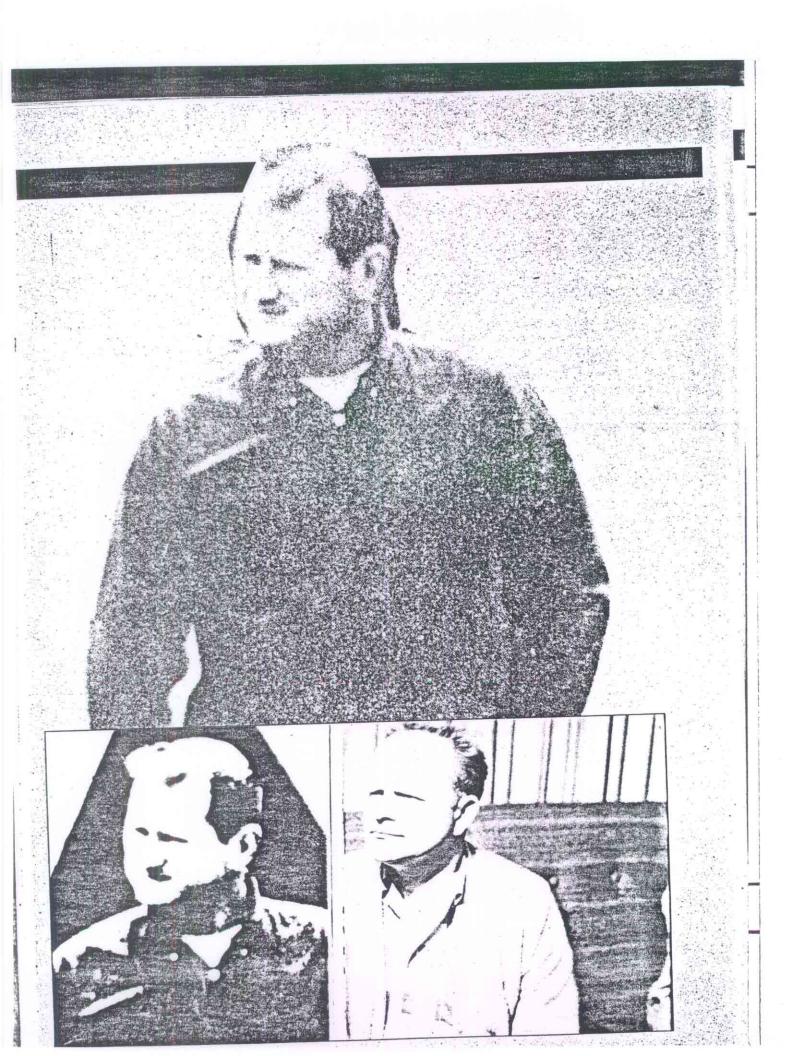
James Allred was supposed to have flown money and guns to Cuba. He obtained a passport and visas for eight Central American countries in New Orleans. Note that he was accompanied on this trip by Dawn Stallings, "reportedly leader of John Birch Society in Dallas." Strange bedfellows. Mrs. Allred thinks she "remembers seeing name Lee Harvey Oswald on one of her husband's envelopes."

TOP:

A memo with some truly bizarre allegations regarding Oswald while he was in New Orleans. The FBI files had in them many such documents as this. Most turned out to be mostly lunatic ravings, but the FBI investigated them all to the best of its abilities. In one instance, the FBI went as far as to track an individual who had scrawled a pro-Oswald sentiment on a railroad boxcar.

Воттом:

Finally, the interesting thing about this cable is why it was sent. Later, it was said, Oswald travelled to Mexico City to make contact with the Soviet Embassy there. Many have said he was never there, or that he was impersonated by someone while he was there. Why is the U.S. government forwarding information about Oswald to Mexico at such an early date?



MISTAKEN IDENTITY: Oswald in Mexico?

n September of 1963, according to documents filed with the Warren Commission, Lee Harvey Oswald took a trip to Mexico to supposedly contact the Soviet Embassy, or the Cuban embassy, regarding either repatriation, yet again, to the Soviet Union, or about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

However, grave questions exist and are even documented by the evidence that follows, about whether or not Oswald traveled to Mexico at all. If he hasn't, why concoct a trip? According to many assassination theorists, the trip to Mexico was fabricated to further bolster Oswald's Communist leanings and provide evidence of his desire to repudiate his country. These theorists also say a faked trip to Mexico would jibe with the supposedly fake pamphleteering out of the office of the ex-FBI agent Guy Banister, and the inconsistencies in Oswald's trip to the U.S.S.R. Lumping these three disparate elements together, they weave a scenario wherein Lee Oswald was carefully set up as the dupe, the fall guy for the Kennedy assassination.

So let's look at the so-called evidence for Oswald's trip to Mexico.

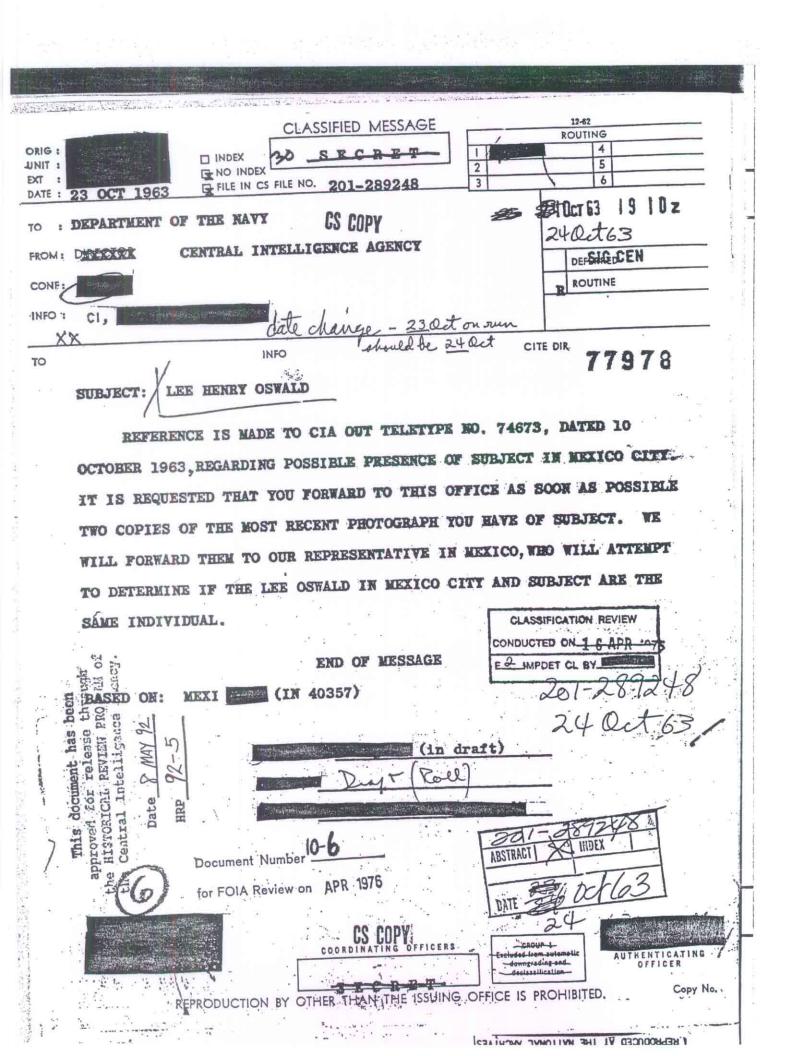
According to CIA records, Oswald repeatedly visited the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City and the Cuban embassy, where he tried to get a visa to return to the Soviet Union. To this end, the CIA produced statements from an embassy employee, which they obtained under duress, attesting to this fact. These allegations don't hold much water under scrutiny. It was a well known fact that regular surveillance was kept at these embassies, both photography and wiretap, yet no photos or tapes of Oswald's visit were ever produced. The Agency begged off, saying their equipment wasn't working, a feeble explanation.

According to Jim Garrison, "The sponsors of the assassination also arranged numerous scenes where Lee Oswald was impersonated in hopes of laying a trail of incriminating evidence at his feet... The reason this [Mexico] impersonation stands out is that all the 'documentation' for it was provided by the CIA. This evidence—which included memos, photographs of a man who obviously was not Oswald, and tapes of phone calls to the Soviet Embassy that were not of Oswald's voice was insultingly flimsy."

The FBI's own agents were to later dispute Oswald's appearance there. Evidence shows, instead, that Lee Oswald was impersonated in Mexico City.

Jim Garrison sums up the facts of Oswald's presence in Mexico as follows: "The Oswald seen in Mexico City was a completely different person from the Oswald known to all. The CIA photo said to be of Oswald leaving the Soviet embassy is not Oswald's image. A tape recording of Oswald talking on the phone with a Soviet diplomat is not Oswald's voice. A Cuban diplomat who had three angry confrontations with Oswald said repeatedly and in detail that the Oswald of Mexico City was not the Oswald of Dallas. The one eyewitness who said she saw Oswald in the Cuban consulate could not describe him correctly."

As with all the information about Oswald, here, too, there is so much contradictory evidence that it's problematic to come to a firm conclusion. However, in this case, as the following documents and photos show, it was indeed someone else, not Oswald, in Mexico.



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PHOTO ON PAGE 54

The so-called Oswald in Mexico.

OPPOSITE:

The CIA sent the Department of the Navy this memo regarding Oswald's presence in Mexico City, asking the Navy to forward a photo for identification.

TOP AND BOTTOM:

Teletype to the Dallas office of the FBI which says Mexican immigration records reflect a person using Oswald's name entered the country. Of course, this doesn't mean it was actually Oswald. Supposedly Oswald or his double was a passenger on a bus bound for Nueva Laredo. Quite a lot of effort was to be expended interviewing passengers, drivers, vendors and terminal personnel.

ADDENDUM:

According to Jim Garrison, Oswald was impersonated not just in Mexico. A so-called "Leon" Oswald turned up in Dallas along with some Cuban emigres who said he was crazy and wanted to kill the President. Another Lee Oswald showed himself for a job interview at a Dallas hotel and asked the interviewer if there was a good view of downtown Dallas from the building. Another Oswald imitator was refused a used-car for credit problems and remarked, "Maybe I'm going to have to go back to Russia to buy a car."

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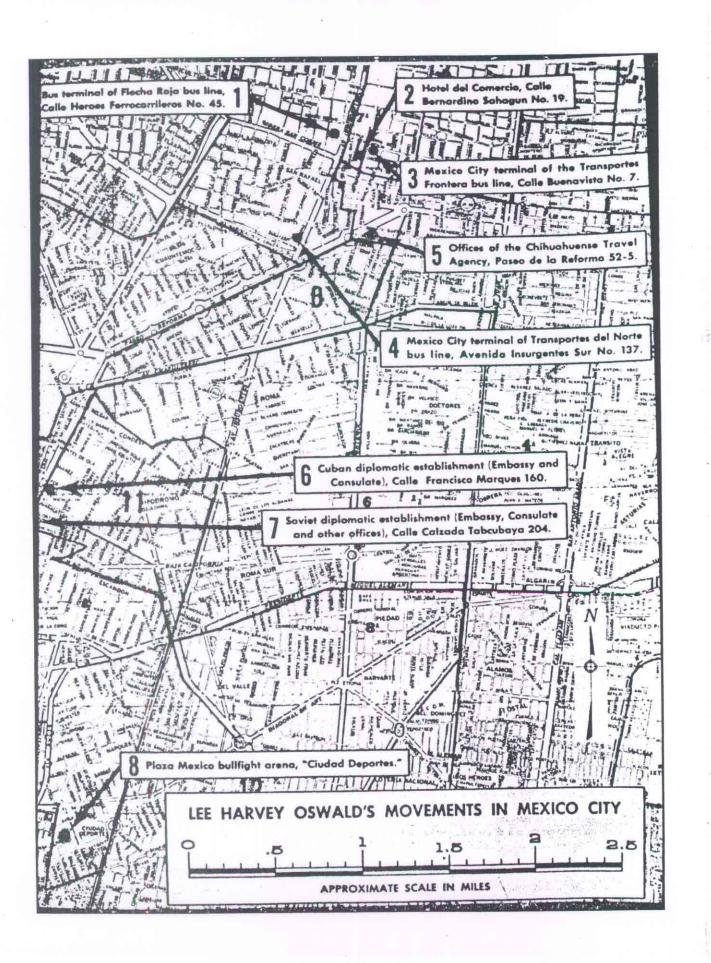
Evidence of Oswald in Mexico at last? Oswald reportedly stayed with a man named Residenc at a hotel in Mexico .City. Note, "Residenc has some subversive connections," a vague assertion. Also note the request for the significance of this information.

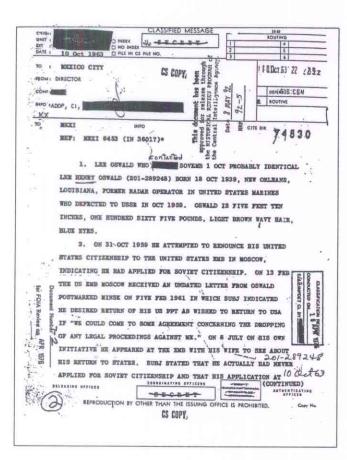
TOP:

To the American Ambassador: "An American male contacted the Soviet Embassy and identified himself as Lee OSWALD. This officer determined that OSWALD had been at the Soviet Embassy on 28 September 1963... in order to learn if the Soviet Embassy had received a reply from Washington concerning his request."

Воттом:

The notations on the left hand margin of this memo are the most revealing. Note the response to the telex which says "OSWALD MAY BE IDENTICAL TO LEE HENRY [sic] OSWALD." One agent scribbled "As I recall, this description... NOT OSWALD!" and amended "WRONG!"





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Map of Oswald's alleged movements in Mexico City.

TOP:

The FBI figured out Lee Henry Oswald was Lee Harvey. Here Oswald is five feet ten inches tall, rather than five-nine or five-eleven.

Воттом:

The FBI summed up information on Oswald as background for the Mexico investigation.

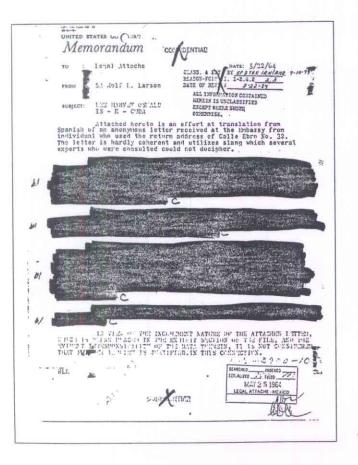
BACKGROUND INFO:

The government's reason for setting Oswald in Mexico was said by some to be part of the overall plan to make him a scapegoat. This type of setup is called "sheepdipping" in the intelligence community. Taken together with the pamphleteering in New Orleans and the "proofs" of Marxism, the government might well have been setting up the scenario implicating Oswald as the "natural" killer of the President, a radical, gun-toting leftist menace with a history of anti-American activity. The highly detailed map on the opposite page shows just how far the government went in establishing Oswald's presence and activities. (Of course, there is an outside chance he actually did go there at some point, for whatever reason.)

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Note the addendum to the main part of this message. A witness has been found who verified Oswald's presence at the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City on September 28th.

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Information on Oswald's presence at the Embassy is perpetuated. Note item 2, "HAVE PHOTOS MALE APPEARS BE AMERI-CAN" and handwritten note, "Requested pouch photo Oswald."

BOTTOM:

Mysterious letter regarding Oswald received at the Embassy.

ADDENDUM:

The CIA produced a statement from a Silvia Duran of the Cuban Embassy who was said to have seen Oswald. After Kennedy was killed Duran was arrested and kept away from other prisoners. It was also requested that her identity not be revealed. Subsequently, she was released and re-arrested. Of course, she's not the only witness to Oswald's presence in Mexico. There are plenty of others, but most of them, including Duran, consistently got his description wrong.

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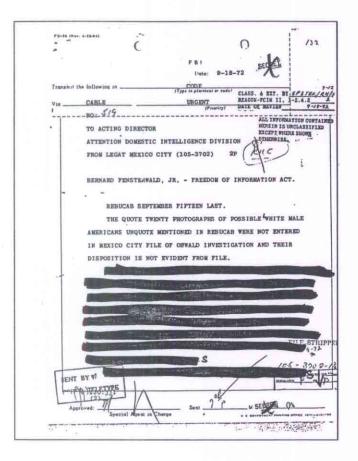
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Mr. Ambassador don't let Mrs. Jackeline Kennedy come Danger!

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Strange goings on in Mexico. Are there the makings of a conspiracy? Here's where the Cuban connection to Kennedy's assassination begins to seem possible. Note number 2: "Thus in Sept. of 1963 there was a meeting of Oswald and other Brother." This person, according to the document, "having the 'visionuda' idea of killing Mr. Kennedy since terror is a favorite weapon." Apparently the organization, CNOP, was accused of plans for killing Lyndon B. Johnson. The last portion of this document reads "Who will be the Brutus who kills the Ceaser of the modern world??.... Watch out for and a number of persons and organizations are named.]"

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Воттом:

Oswald is identified as a passenger on the Red Arrow bus line, on his way to Mexico City. He supposedly talked to two Austrian girls from New York.

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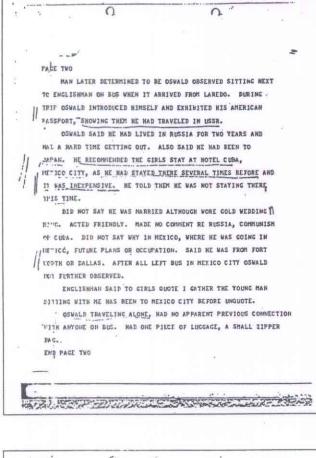
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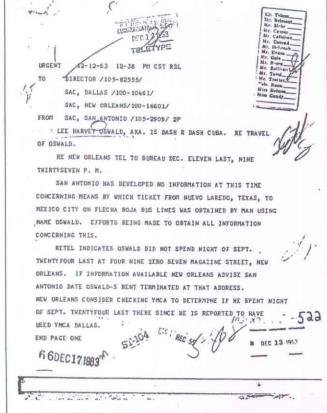
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OPPOSITE

"Oswald's" presence on a bus going from Laredo, TX to Mexico City is confirmed. "ON THIS BUS WERE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AN ENGLISHMAN WHO HAD LIVED IN MEXICO FOR THIR-TY YEARS AND AN ENGLISH COUPLE HEADED FOR YUCATAN."

TOP:

Oswald supposedly revealed on this bus ride that he had been to the U.S.S.R. Note the following: "HE RECOMMENDED THE GIRLS STAY ATHOTEL CUBA... AS HE HAD STAYED THERE BEFORE. ENGLISHMAN SAID TO GIRLS QUOTE I GATHER THE YOUNG MAN SITTING WITH ME HAS BEEN TO MEX-ICO CITY BEFORE." These two statements could be meant to bolster Oswald's continuing shady activities.

Воттом:

More on the Red Arrow (Flecha Roja) bus excursion from Nueva Laredo to Mexico City. Note that according to this teletype Oswald's rent had expired at his New Orleans address.

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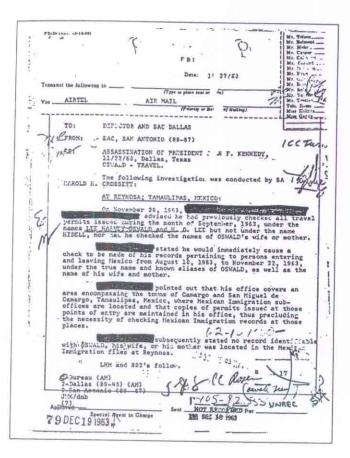
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Other travelers' plans and purchasing decisions were closely scrutinized for an Oswald connection in memos such as this.

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A records search of Mexican Immigration offices came up empty. "Norecord identifiable with OSWALD, his wife, or his mother was located in the Mexican Immigration files..."

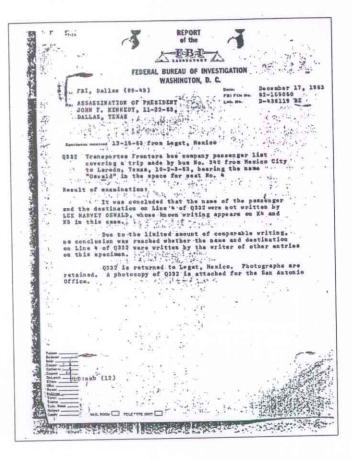
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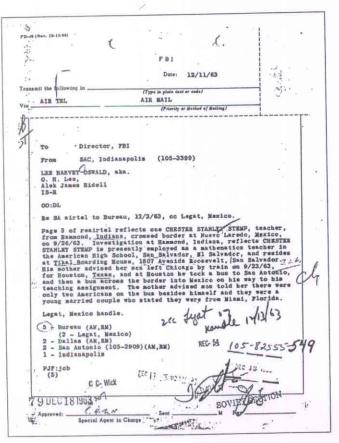
More doubt is thrown on Oswald's presence in Mexico. Someone reported seeing him in New Orleans at the same time. "SEEN BY NEIGHBOR AFTER SEPT. TWENTYFOUR LAST."

ADDENDUM:

The discrepancies about Oswald's appearance in Mexico and elsewhere are wide-ranging. The woman who pegged him at the Cuban consulate in Mexico said he was five foot three. Others put him at five foot seven and five foot eight. He is described as with or without a widow's peak, with thick and thinning hair, which runs the range from blond to deep black. Most of the incorrect descriptions take place in Mexico and Dallas, just prior to the assassination.

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Attempts were made to find samples of Oswald's handwriting on the bus passenger manifest. However, it turned out "that persons other than the passengers themselves may enter the names and destinations on the bus passenger list."

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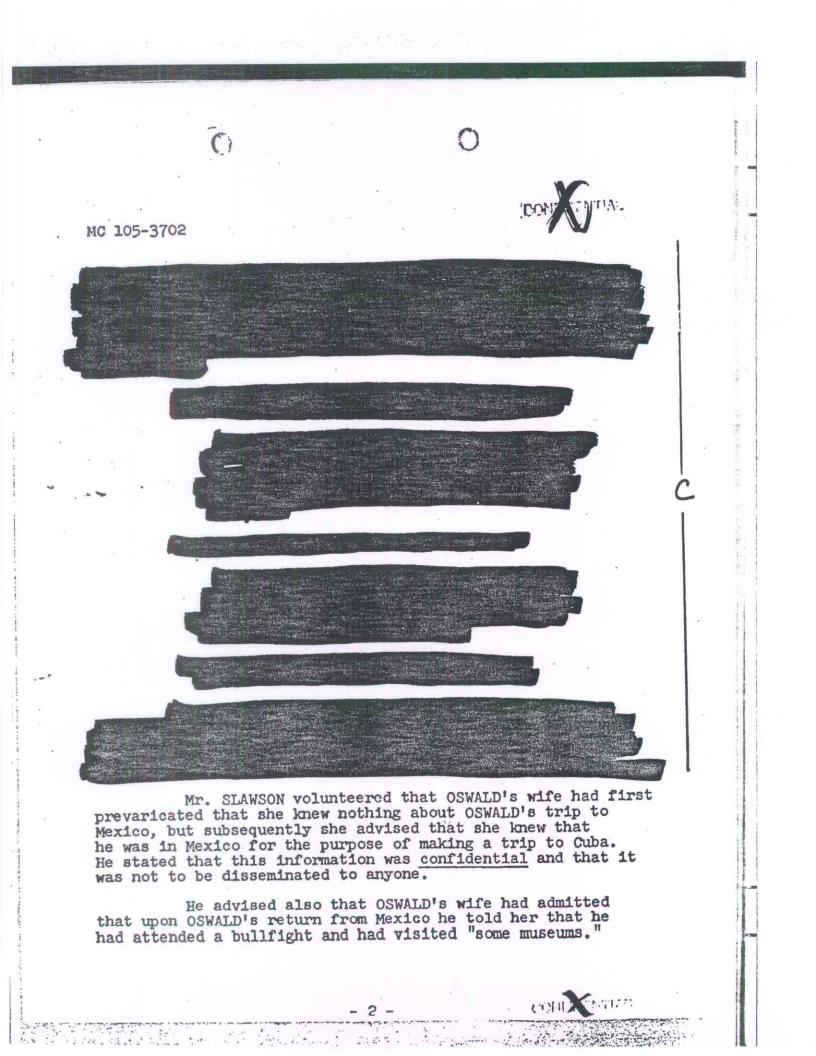
"It was concluded that the name of the passenger and the destination... were not written by LEE HARVEY OSWALD [but] by the writer of other entries on this specimen."

Воттом:

Another bus trace shows no sign of Oswald. "The mother advised son told her there were only two Americans on the bus besides himself and they were a young married couple... from Miami, Florida."

BACKGROUND INFO:

According to Jim Garrison, the Mexico City charade was orchestrated to provide a fake trail neatly leading Oswald to Kennedy. "A trail of phony incriminating evidence had been carefully laid down prior to the execution of the President, leading to Oswald as the scapegoat. At the same time, the real Oswald had been manipulated by his intelligence community baby sitters." (From On the Trail of the Assassins.)



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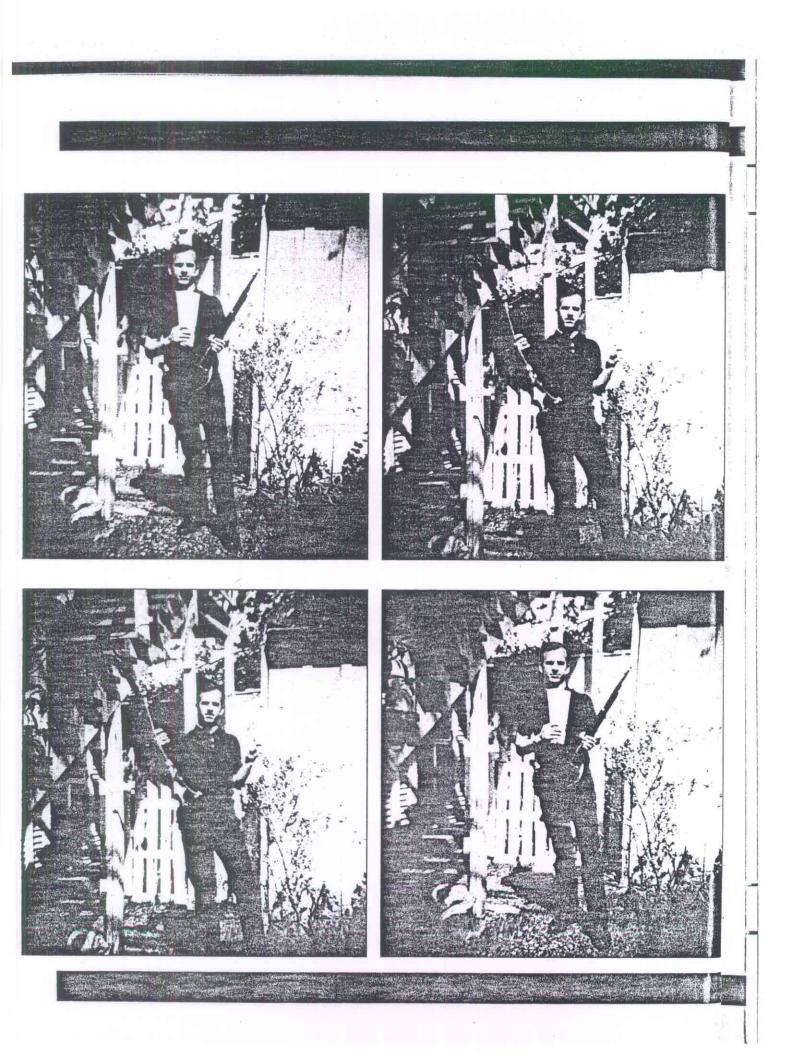
Marina Oswald capitulates to questioning, at first denying Oswald's Mexican trip, then confirming it. "OSWALD's wife had first prevaricated that she knew nothing about OSWALD's trip... but subsequently she advised that she knew that he was in Mexico for the purpose of making a trip to Cuba."

TOP:

The FBI changes its mind, calls off investigation: "IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED OSWALD WAS NOT IN MEXICO SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN LAST." Also laid low are allegations that Oswald received money from the Cuban Embassy in connection with the Kennedy assassination.

BOTTOM:

Mexico City confirms he was never there, though later the Warren Commission would be told he had been. "Investigation Mexico has failed to determine any information concerning subject's entry into or departure from Mexico." Note intriguing handwritten note on right margin to "add data later."



The Assassination

o much information has been written and disseminated about the actual assassination of John Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald that there's no plausible way to completely go over the evidence in this format. However, the major events of that fateful day in Dallas stand out and bear some examination.

By now everyone has heard the theories of multiple gunmen, of shots being heard and smoke being seen from the grassy knoll. Much has been made of Kennedy's body being removed from Dallas and whisked to Bethesda where his remains were tampered with. How much of all this is true is likely hidden in still unopened files, if it exists at all. But here are some items to consider:

The lone gunman theory which was endorsed by the Warren Commission is one of the weakest links in the chain of logic regarding the assassination. One woman saw a man with a rifle set up near the aforementioned knoll. A railroad switchman saw two men standing behind a fence on the knoll speaking into a microphone. Another worker saw someone run from the knoll toward a railway siding. Others heard shots from a group of trees. Even a Secret Service agent reported what sounded like gunfire coming from the opposite direction of the Texas Book Depository from where Oswald was supposed to have fired.

The rifle that Oswald used has also been the subject of much discussion. The Mannlicher-Carcano rifle is an out of date weapon of dubious accuracy, and tests on the scope after the assassination showed it to be out of focus. Add that to the great distance Oswald would have had to shoot from, at a moving target, and consider his less than great marksmanship in the Marines.

The photographs that turned up after

Kennedy's killing showing Oswald posing with the rifle and a Communist publication have been said by many to be doctored. Oswald's head is too large in proportion to his body, and shadows are falling in the wrong direction on his neck versus his torso.

Many trajectory and timing studies have been made from the window of the Texas Book Depository and in the building itself. Some have theorized that Oswald could not have shot the President from the angle he was aiming from. Others have noted that Oswald was located in the basement, but that he could not have run there from the time of the shooting to the time he was questioned there.

It has also been pointed out that the Secret Service and Dallas police did an extraordinarily poor job protecting Kennedy. Here's what Jim Garrison wrote about this: "A telexed warning of an attempt to assassinate the President in Dallas on November 22 or 23 had apparently been sent to every FBI special agent ... and had been quietly ignored. The protective bubble for the President's limousine had been left off by the Secret Service. The windows and roofs of buildings along the parade route had not been secured. And the parade route had been changed at the last minute so that the motorcade would have to make a sharp turn, thus slowing it to less than ten miles per hour. All of this added up, essentially, to the withdrawal of the President's protection "

There are so many mitigating factors and strange twists of evidence to further confound the issue. Just one, for instance, is Oswald's supposed murder, after the assassination, of a Dallas police officer, J.D. Tippit, for which evidence was bungled.

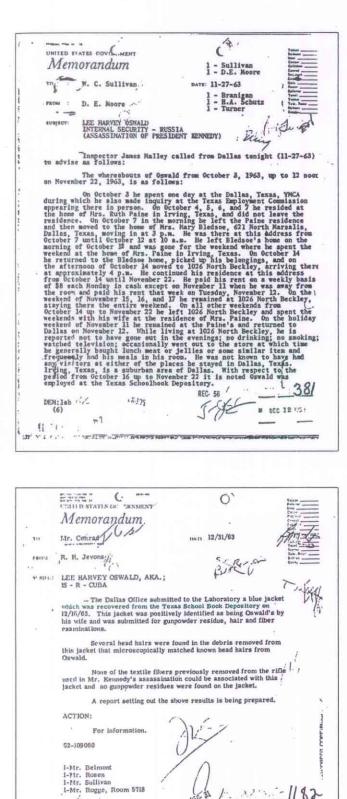
On the following pages we present samples of recently released documents that touch on many aspects of the events in Dallas and their aftermath. Internal security memo about Oswald's relocation. (Also mentioned in this Department of Justice document is Oswald's subscription to *The Worker*, a Communist newspaper, while he resided in Fort Worth.) It also gives his occupation as a maintenance man.

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Oswald's ties to the Communist Party, in addition to details of his family life are noted at right. Note also that informant T-2, who has turned up before in these documents, reports that Oswald was still in touch with the aforementioned Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

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OPPOSITE:

On March 3, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife, Marina, moved to Dallas, Texas. A neighbor reported: "They had considerable difficulty with Mr. OSWALD who apparently drank to excess and beat his wife... They had numerous complaints from the other tenants due to OSWALD's drinking and beating his wife."

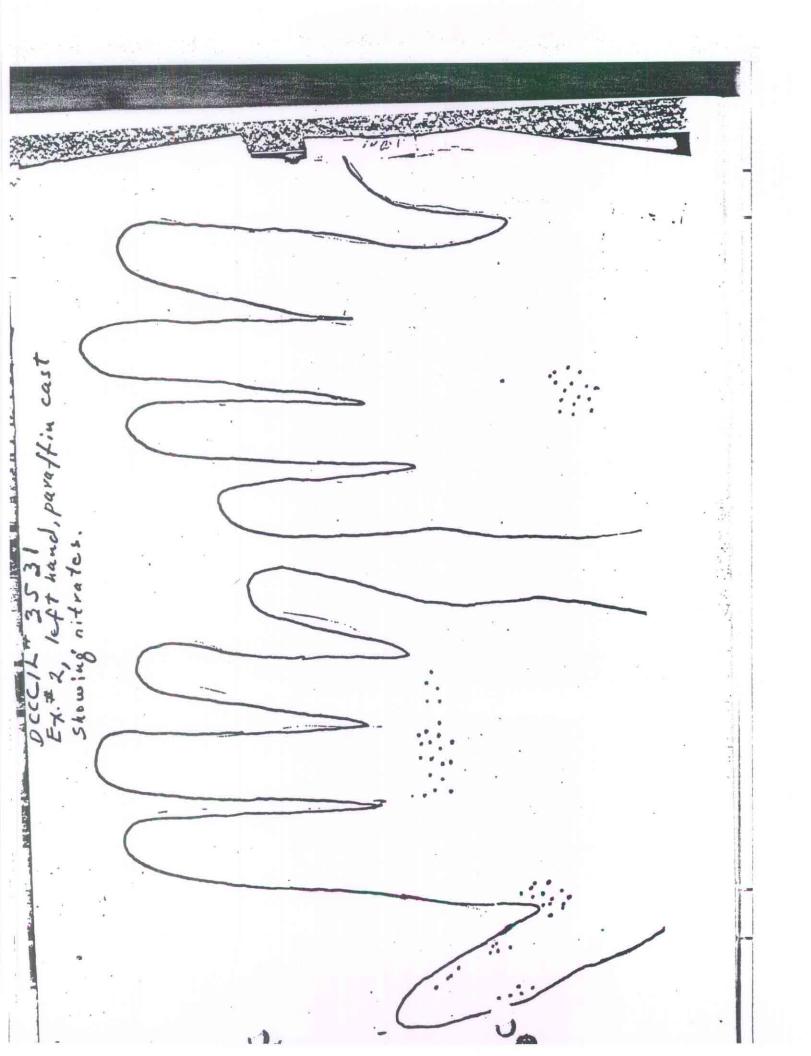
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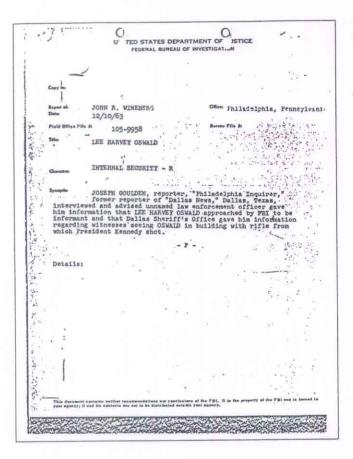
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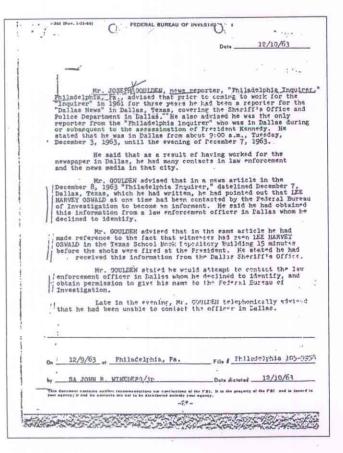
Background on Oswald's Dallas activities. Note the attention to detail. Also, note the comments on his drinking in this memo as opposed to the previous one: "He is reported not to have gone out in the evenings; no drinking; no smoking;... occasionally went to the store..."

Воттом:

After the assassination: Internal memorandum about the hairs found on Oswald's jacket. The important section is in the third paragraph: "None of the textile fibers previously removed from the rifle used in Mr. Kennedy's assassination could be associated with this jacket and no gunpowder residues were found on the jacket."







The gunpowder residues found on Oswald's hands. Many have said this evidence is inconclusive, arguing that if Oswald were to have fired a rifle with a sight, as he did, there would have been nitrate traces on his cheeks as well. Apparently, there were not.

TOP:

Internal security memo regarding interview with unnamed law enforcement officer: "LEE HAR-VEY OSWALD approached by FBI to be informant and... Dallas Sheriff's Office gave him information regarding witnesses seeing OSWALD in building with rifle from which President Kennedy [was] shot."

Воттом:

More on the previous assertion that Oswald was an FBI informant: "LEE HARVEY OSWALD at one time had been contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to become an informant. He said he had obtained this information from a law enforcement officer in Dallas whom he declined to identify."

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11/23/63

Date

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, 1026 North Beckley, Dallas Texas, was interviewed by Captain WILL FRITZ of the Homicide Bureau, Dallas Police Department. Special Agents JAMES P. HOSTY, COR. "and JAMES W. BOOKHOUT were present during this interview. When the Agents entered the interview room at 3:15 p.m., Captain FRITZ had been previously interviewing LEE HARVEY OSWALD for an undetermined period of time. Both Agents identified themselves to OSWALD and advised him they were law enforcement officers and anything he said could be used against him. OSWALD at this time adopted a violent attitude toward the FBI and both Agents and made many uncomplimentary remarks about the FBI. OSWALD requested that Captain FRITZ remove the cuffs from him, it being noted that OSWALD was handcuffed with his hands behind him. Captain FRITZ had one of his detectives remove the handcuffs and handcuff OSWALD with his hands in front of him.

Captain FRITZ asked OSWALD if he ever owned a rifle and OSWALD stated that he had observed a MR. TRUELY (phonetic), a supervisor at the Texas Schoolbook Depository on November 20, 1963, display a rifle to some individuals in his office on the first floor of the Texas Schoolbook Depository, but denied ever owning a rifle himself. OSWALD stated that he had never been in Mexico except to Tijuana on one occasion. However, he admitted to Captain FRITZ to having resided in the Soviet Union for three years where he has many friends and relatives of his wife.

OSWALD also admitted that he was the secretary for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans, Louisiana a few months ago. OSWALD stated that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee has its headquarters in New York City. OSWALD admitted to having received an award for marksmanship while a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. He further admitted that he was living at 1026 N. Beckley in Dallas, Texas, under the name of O. H. LEE. OSWALD admitted that he was present in the Texas Schoolbook Depository on November 22, 1963, where he has been employed since October 15, 1963. OSWALD stated that as a laborer, he has access to the entire building which has offices on the first and second

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2 2 DL 89-43 floors and storage on the third and fourth, as well as the fifth and sixth floors. OSWALD stated that he want to lunch at supprofinitely noon and be claimed be at his lunch on the first floor in the lunchroes; however he went to the second floor whore the Coca-Cola sachine was located and obtained a bothle of Coca-Cola for his lunch. OSWALD claim to be on the first floor when President JOHN F. KENNEDT passed this building. \$ 8 ł After baring what had happened, he said that because of all the confusion thars would be no work per-formed this afternoon so he decided to go hose. OSTALD stated he then went hows by bus and changed his clothes and went to a movie. OSTALD admitted to carrying a pistol with his to this movie stating he did this because he fail like it, giving no other reason. OSTALD further admitted strenpting to fight the Dallas police officers who arrested him in this movie theater when he received a cut and a bump. 1.1 91 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGA GIY PD-818 (Ser. 3-8-85) 11/25/63

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After Oswald's arrest: In this record of Oswald's initial interrogation and deposition, he claims never to have been in Mexico except Tijuana. He denied owning a rifle, but said his supervisor had brought one to the Texas Schoolbook Depository on November 20.

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Bolstering some conspiracy theorists, Oswald says he was on the first floor drinking Coca Cola when the President was shot. Strangely, though, after going home because of the confusion, Oswald went to a movie and "admitted to carrying a pistol with him to this movie stating he did this because he felt like it... OSWALD further admitted attempting to fight the Dallas police officers who arrested him in this movie theater when he received a cut and a lump." Finally, "OSWALD frantically denied shooting Dallas police officer Tippit or shooting President JOHN F. **KENNEDY.**"

Воттом:

Two days later, Oswald reiterated that he didn't own a rifle. This time he said he'd just purchased a Coke on the second floor when a police officer came in, verified Oswald was an employee, and left.

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD was interviewed at the Homicide and Robbery Bureau, Dallas Police Department, at 6:35 p.m., by Captain J. W. FRITZ in the presence of Special Agent JAMES W. BOOKHOUT, Federal Bureau of Investigation. OSWALD was advised of the identity and official capacity of said Agent and the fact that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law against him, and that any statement-made-must be free and voluntary and that he had the right to consult with an attorney.

Captain J. W. FRITZ exhibited to LEE HARVEY OSWALD a photograph which had been obtained by the Dallas Police Department in a search, by search warrant, of the garage at the residence of MRS. RUTH PAINE, located at Irving, Texas, which photograph reflects OSWALD holding a rifle and wearing a holstered pistol. OSWALD was asked if this was a photograph of himself. OSWALD stated that he would not discuss the photograph without advice of an attorney. He stated that the head of the individual in the photograph could be his but that it was entirely possible that the Police Department had superimposed this part of the photograph over the body of someone else. He pointed out that numerous news media had snapped his photograph during the day and the possibility existed that the police had doctored up this photograph.

OSWALD denied that he had purchased any rifle from Kleins Store in Chicago, Illinois.

OSWALD complained of a lineup wherein he had not been granted a request to put on a jacket similar to those worn by some of the other individuals in the lineup.

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not heard from him mince that time, but inspfar as she knew he had moved to Dallas. She did know that they had one child and that he had difficulty in finding seployment in Fort Worth because no one wanted a defected Communist in him employ.

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Mrs. DSWALD stated that she had never seen a rifls or any other firsarms in LEE LARTET's possession at any time and did not how anything about his activities during the past year. Has could not give any information regarding the friends or associates of LEE HARTET OSWALD, nor did she know snything concerning any organizations to which he belonged.

Mrs. OBWALD did not believe that ber son had actually defected to Euseia, stating be could have been shangbaled and made to remain there, although abe said this was her opinion only.

During her son's Marine service, abe recalled he was in the "Formosa crisis" in the sumsor of 1957 or 1958, having entered the Marine Corps about 1956 and being released in September, October, or November, 1958.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that her son was a brilliant boy and wanted to stund college. He did receive a high-school diploma while a member of the U. S. Marines. She stated that she raised LEE MARVEY OSWALD as an orphan because his father died before he was bors.

While in high school he played football, belonged to the T.M.C.A. and seemed to get along with others, but had no friends. He was aloof, spending spars time reading, listening to the radio and television and playing monopoly. Mrs. OSMALD stated she worked as a practical nurme and on many occasions did not have the money to pay for her children's lunches. While ber some were in school, they came home before she did shoot every aftersoon. LEE MANYAY OSMALD, she stated, had never caused her any trouble and she did not know of any instances in which he had been arrested. Her son, attended that school for a mbort time.

Be read in the papers that LZE HARVEY spoke Russian fluently and it was her belief if this were true he studied Russian in the service. He had never had any mantal trouble and had never been examined by a psychiatrist at any time, Mrs. OSMALD stated. He at no time indicated any animosity toward the Government of the United States or the President.

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The famous photograph appears, showing Oswald holding a rifle and wearing a holstered pistol. Oswald "stated that the head of the individual in the photograph could be his but that it was entirely possible that the Police Department had superimposed this part... over the body of someone else."

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Marina's testimony is quite telling. Note: "[She] advised that LEE HARVEY OSWALD owned a rifle which he used in Russia about two years ago. She observed what she presumed to be the same rifle in a blanket in the garage ... On November 22, she observed the same blanket in the garage but the rifle was missing." The handwritten notation by the last paragraph says "This was not the rifle if he had it in Russia." (The last word is barely legible.) Indeed, it's not likely he could have brought a rifle from the Soviet Union to the U.S.

BOTTOM:

Interview with Oswald's mother. "Mrs. OSWALD stated that she had never seen a rifle or any other firearms in LEE HARVEY's possession at any time." There's also background information here on Oswald's political leanings. "He at no time indicated any animosity toward the Government of the United States or the President."

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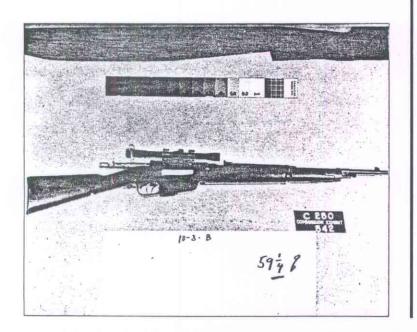
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EREN V USITILI SUMERY ٢ ~ ANMENT Memorandum Mr. Conrad 11/25/63 W. D. Griffith SUBJECT ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY By letter 11/24/63, Dalins furnished an enlarged copy of a photograph of surpert Oswald holding a rile and wearing a pistol strapped to his hip. This enlargenent was furnished by Dalins Police Department, the original photograph having been found in the residence of Mrs. Michael R. (Buth) Paine in Irving, Texas, where suspect's wife has been living. Because the photograph of Gawald tahewa very little datall, a comparison between the rills in the picture and the photographs made by us of the murder rills does not permit definite determination that the photographs and by band is the murder weapon. However, based on this comparison it has been determined that the gun shown in the photographs is similar in all respects and possibly depicts the same pur. There is a rather long cut mark on the suck of the murder weapon just above the trigger guided and by use of highlighting we have located a mark on the gun in the photograph of oswald holding the gun which supports the "possibility" that they are one and the same. A copy of the photograph of Oswald referred to above is attached. ACTION: None. For information. Enclosure 1 - Mr. Belmost 1 - Mr. Sallivar 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Evans - Mr. Moh 1 - Mr. DeLoach WEGmb (0.0)JOSIN

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More on Marina, the rifle and the famous photograph. Here, Marina confesses having taken it. "SHE ADVISED SHE HAD TAKEN THE PHOTOGRAPH. TOOK PHOTOENDOF FEBRUARY OR MARCH." 1.5

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Was the gun in the photo used in killing Kennedy? Only maybe, the FBI says in this memo. "Because the photograph of Oswald shows very little detail, a comparison between the rifle in the picture and the gun photographs made by us of the murder rifle does not permit definite determination that the gun held by Oswald is the murder weapon. However, [evidence] supports the 'possibility' that they are one and the same."

BOTTOM:

A photo of the rifle used in the killing of the President.

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The elusive Hidell resurfaces, on a Selective Service card mysteriously found not in Oswald's wallet but "received separately." The card was tested and "determined to be a complete forgery."

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Oswald's jacket with evidence of hairs.

To: SAC, Dallas From: Director, FBI (105-8255) LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Reference is made to pages 140 and 485 of DL report dated 11-30-63 and telephone call 12-13-63 between SAC Shanklin and Inspector DE Moore. .5.

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Subject's wallet when it was received at the Bureau did not contain either the U.S. Marine Certificate of Service in the name of Hidell or the Selective Service card in the name of Hidell. The Selective Service card was received separately in the Lab and it was determined to be a complete forgery. The Bureau has been unable to locate any copy of the photograph of the Marine Certificate of Service except those attached to the 11-30-63 report. Please advise date and caption of the communication which forwarded this item to the Bwreau.

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Finally, the report discusses the delective service of protection of the President rendered by the Secret Service and the Dallas Police, which did not even preserve themselves with surveillances of the houses of the streets through which Kennedy passed in an open automobile, together with his wife and the Governor of Texas.

Pointing out this lack of good protection, and recalling that the same thing happened in 1901, when an anarchist killed President McKinley, the Warren Investigative Commission (sic*) suggests that the Secret Service be reorganized and that this service be in closest contact with the Federal Bureau of Investigation; that is to say, with the all-powerful FBI.

The report notes that the Secret Service did not consider Oswald's presence in Dallas, or that he was "an individual who had been in the USSR" and "who had applied for a passport at the Embassy of Cuba in Mexico to return to the USSR with his Soviet wile and daughter."

The report has been received throughout the world with ironies and incredulity. Oswald's mother dechred that it was an "enormous fake and an enormous lie." The liberal and progressive European press recorded many contradictions in the declarations of the U.S. Police (sic*) immediately after the assassination, and highlighted, as no U.S. newspaper wanted to publish it, the series of articles of the great U.S. newspaperman Thomas Buchanan (see "Politica," "bfarch 15, 1904), in which authentic facts were published showing that Oswald alone could not have assassinated Kennedy and that shots from two different sites were fired at him: from the railing of a bridge and from a window of the Schoolbook Depository.

Marina Oswald, the wife of the presumed assassin, who had married him in the USSR, made several declarations before the Warren Commission, but systematically refused to make statements to newspapermen. Why?

Bertrand Russell speaks.

The great English philosopher Bertrand Russell said in London that the report of the Warren Commission "was a mockery of the truth and an infamy." He added: "The assassination of the U.S. President affects the peace of the world. A conspiracy to kill him could have grave consequences." For this reason, the Warren Commission had to explain the baffling anomalies which occurred at the time of the assassination and afterwards. With all the resources of The White House at its command,

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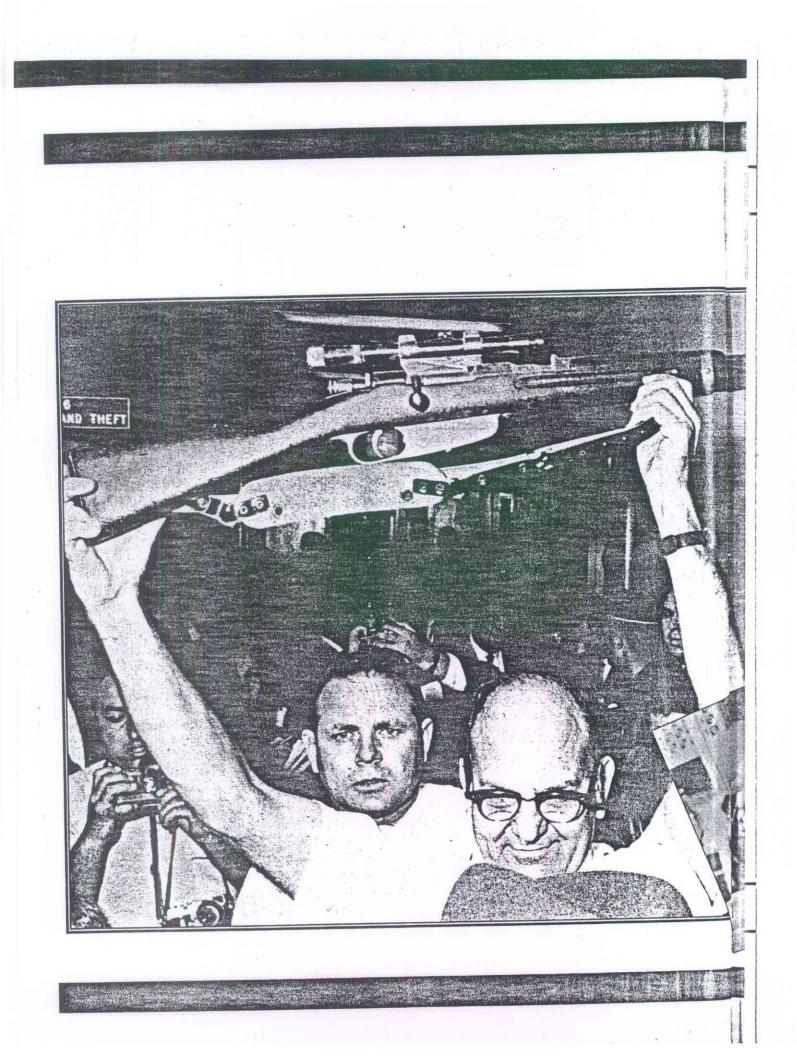
:0 12/22/63 Date PLAIN TEXT (Type in plain test or Transmit the following (Priority at Method of Mailing) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI DALLAS (100-10461) FROM: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka RE: IS-R-CUBA There is attached hereto an article appearing in The Dallas Times Herald, Sunday, Dec. 22, 1963, reflecting that an Agent wearing the robe and face mask of a doctor waited in vain at LES HARVEY OSWALD's bedside for a deathbed confession. The following is submitted for the information of the Bureau in the event any inquiries are received. Immediately following the report that OSWALD had been shot at the Police Statio I directed Agents to proceed to Parkland Hospital and establish liaison in order to insure that if OSWALD regained consciounness and desired to give a deathbed confession, that we would be in a position to take the same. SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR. add SA WALLACE R. HEITHAN made arrangements with Dr. MOURY SOLTES and through him with Dr. TOW SUIRES, Professor of Medicine at Southwest Medical School and chief of surgery, to be available in the event OSWALD regained consciousness. In order to save time and be immediately available, these Agents did don operating clothing and took posi-tions outside the operating room. OSWALD, however, died before regaining consciousness. The following is submitted for the information of the SHANGLIN DEC 21 Bureau Dallas 3 JGS:mfr (4) 'an 5 V JAN 3 1964 Special Agent in Charge t's which Contraction and the second strategies 27. No. 14 ·

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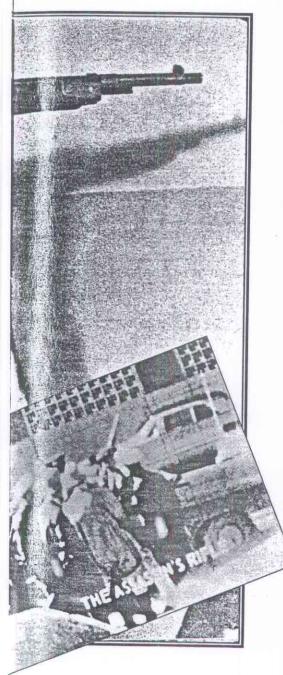
The Warren Report severely criticized the protection offered President Kennedy. "The report notes that the Secret Service did not consider Oswald's presence in Dallas, or that he was 'an individual who had been in the USSR," etc. In fact, the lack of adequate Secret Service protection has been one of the major factors leading to the burgeoning of conspiracy theories. The last minute rerouting of the Presidential motorcade, the slow speed at which it traveled, the riding with the top down are grist for the mill. Today, no President would be allowed so little protection while visiting any major American city. (The activities of the Dallas police also received some not so good grades.)

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Oswald's last moments. "I directed Agents to proceed to [the hospital where Oswald was dying] to insure that if OSWALD regained consciousness and desired to give a deathbed confession, that we would be in a position to take the same... In order to save time and be immediately available, these Agents did don operating clothing and took positions outside the operating room. OSWALD, however, died before regaining consciousness."



After the Fact: The FBI's Plan



he Federal Bureau of Investigation moved fast. Just days after the assassination of President Kennedy, the agency had assembled a carefully thought out scenario of the events to prove that Oswald was the lone killer. The most telling aspect of this is that there must have been mounds of evidence to consider, interviews and interrogations to conduct, information to analyze, leads to trace, cross-checks to make with other agencies.

However, as soon as November 24th, the FBI had apparently concluded its task and decided to go with the Oswald as lone assassin theory. In fact, the memos reveal, the FBI went about their investigation with a strange backwards methodology.

First, it was decided what had happened, then, evidence was marshalled to support the agency's case. And, as other memos show, the investigators were fully aware of the possibilities and ramifications of a conspiracy, and prepared explanations beforehand.

Nonetheless, in reading the internal memorandums, one doesn't get the feel of a sinister plot or Machiavellian machinations. Instead, the writing in the documents is lucid, well thought out, above-board, concise, as if the FBI itself so feared finding out something earthshaking that its agents sincerely believed their own interpretation and spin on the events in Dallas on November 22nd.

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SUBJECT: JACK LEON RUBY, AKA. LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM CIVIL RIGHTS

Service at this time.

Assistant Director Courtney A. Evans called at 10:25 p.m., and advised he had just received a call from Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach concerning the whereabouts of <u>Mrs. Oswald</u>. Katzenbach indicated that it was his thinking that if anything should happen to Mrs. Oswald it would create more talk concerning the possibility that this entire matter was foreign inspired. Mr. Evans was told that during the day SAC Shanklin advised that the police had stated that they had taken Mrs. Oswald out of the area shortly after Oswald was shot.

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SAC Shanklin of the Dallas Office was contacted again and he advised that now the Secret Service, Dallas, have taken over the mother and the wife of Oswald and have them in some locale, the whereabouts was unknown by the office at this time. In order to be certain, Dallas was going to verify this again with Secret Service and establish the whereabouts of Mrs. Oswald and Oswald's mother.

Immediately after receiving this information from Dallas, Assistant Director Evans was contacted and this information given to him.

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OPPOSITE:

Clearly, there was immediate concern on the part of the FBI and others that a conspiracy would be sought in the killing of the President. In this memorandum, indicative of the paranoid mind-set at the time, an agent is warned to keep an eye on Oswald's mother, "thinking that if anything should happen to Mrs. Oswald it would create more talk concerning the possibility that this entire matter was foreign inspired."

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On November 24th, the FBI prepared a carefully delineated memo "proving" that Oswald was the lone assassin. It's hard to believe that all leads to the assassination had been tracked down in such a short time. Yet, the FBI constructed a seemingly airtight case. Note the wording, "We will show that Oswald was an avowed Marxist," etc., "We will then show the background of Oswald ... and then the story of what happened when the President was shot ... We will set forth the items of evidence which make it clear that Oswald is the man who killed the President." Other items, apparently, would never be set forth by the FBI.

Воттом:

On the same afternoon, the memo continues, the FBI was already ready to put out a statement to the effect that "We are now persuaded that Oswald killed the President; however, the investigation... is continuing." However, the FBI did not put out a statement immediately.

DNITED STATES GOVERN emorancini Atr. Belmont DATE: November 26, 1963 A 5 800 Ç. A. Evans the Preside and the rest Veres ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY SUBJECT. Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach called with reference to the report which is to be submitted by the FBI in relation to the circumstances surr junding the assassination of President Kennedy. He noted that a tremendous responsibility had been placed on the FBI in this instance by President Johnson because this report, which is to se publicized, is for the purpose of assuring the American public and the world as to what the facts are in Kennedy's assassination and setting to rest the many, many rumors that have been circulating and speculation both in the United States and abroad. Katzenbach noted in this regard that we are being called up in to, in many instances, prove the negative. For example, he observed that there has been considerable speculation in the press in the United States and in Europe that the assassination was part of a communist or Castro conspiracy. 2. 2 2 2 WO There have _lso been allegations that Oswald and Ruby were known to each other and were part of a conspiracy. It has been further alleged that Oswald nan a mer pæleter af meters was killed to silence him. z FILED Katzenbach noted that it is, of course, more difficult to prove that something did not occur than to prove what actually happened. As a consequence, it is his belief there might have to be some so-called editorial F interpretation. He noted that the report will be subjected to the closest NICINC scrutiny by the world-wide press and foreign governmental representatives, as well as by the American people. He knew that we were keeping this in mind in pregaration of the report. As Katzenbach understandit, the report is to be reviewed by the Justice Department and transmitted to the White House. In this regard, he feels it is his responsibility to do this personally for the Department. To this end, he said if it would be helpful he would be glad to review and discuss any preliminar, drafts, since time is of the essence. 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. L:Loach 1 - Mr. Fasen NOT RECORDED 199 DEC 10 1963 1 - Mr. Sullivan 111 1312034 CAE:vap (8) -----

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0 Memorandum 🧹 - Belmont - Nohr W. C. Sullivan u)C. 1 - Evans DATE 11/26/63 1 - DeLoach 1 - Rosen FROM W. R. Wannelly? 1 = Nosen 1 = Sullivan 1 = Wannall 1 = Anderson 1 = Nullins AUGUST ASSASSINGTION OF PRESIDENT KERNEDY On 11/23/63 a U. S. Information Agency (USIA) employee, Bernard Teisman, furnished the Bureau a four-page memoranium concerning the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FVCC) in which Weisman raised a question as to * whether Communist China was possibly involved indirectly in the assessination of Fresident Kennedy by Lee Harvey Owside. Weisman indicated he was making copies of his memorandum available to USIA and State Department. and State Department. The memorandum contained public source data regarding Oswald; Vincent Theodore Lee, National Director of the FPCC; Richard Gibson, former head of the FPCC; Conrad Lynn, communist attorney who has made trips to Cubs; Bureau fugitive Robert F, Williams who fled to Cubs and visited Communist China this fall; William Worthy, the controversial Degro newspaperman who has appealed his conviction for violating United States regulations pertaining to Cuban travel; and Milton Rosen, who was expelled from the Communist Party for disruptive activities which included following some Communist Chinese ideologies. It showed that some of them had associated themselves with the Communist Chinese "line" as regards race relations in the United States. Referring to Owald's disillusionment with the Soviet Union, his recent activities in connection with the PPCC and the fact that he still reportedly held Marxist ideas, the memorandum indicated that President Kannedy's assassination could have at least advanced the interests of Communist China. While there is no question that some of the individuals named are sympathetic to Communist China, Weisman's document contains nothing but speculation concerning the possibility that Communist China was behind Oswald's set. It appears he was interested in getting his theory down on paper as quickly as possible and was attempting to attract some attention to himself during a crisis. 2 22205 C 2220 C 2 1963 RAHisljigel 90 5-marinit

OPPOSITE:

An interesting and cogent point is made in this memorandum of November 26th, and in a sense it's right on the money: "We are being called upon to prove the negative... It is, of course, more difficult to prove that something did not occur than to prove what actually happened. As a consequence, it is [believed] there might have to be some so-called editorial interpretation."

TOP:

The FBI is sure it can make a convincing case, and fast, to reassure the American public that Oswald acted alone. "There is no question but that we can submit in our report convincing evidence beyond any doubt showing Oswald was the man who killed President Kennedy. The problem is to show motive ... "The FBI was to be proved wrong on the former assertion. Note, also, the disclaimer at the conclusion of this memo: "We must be factual and recognize that a matter of this magnitude cannot be fully investigated in a week's time."

Воттом:

The FBI soon found itself putting out fires regarding conspiracy theories. For example, this memo brings up the Cuban and China connection. The FBI dismisses the China theory out of hand. "[The claimant's] document contains nothing but speculation concerning the possibility that Communist China was behind Oswald's act. It appears he was interested in getting his theory down on paper as quickly as possible and was attempting to attract some attention to himself during a crisis." Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

FROM : A. H. Belmont

DATE: 11/26/63

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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD . Assassination of the President

The Director advised that he had talked to Katzenbach, who had been talking to the White House relative to the report we are to render in the Oswald case. It is Katzenbach's feeling that this report should include everything which may raise a question in the mind of the public or the press regarding this matter, including such things as the return of the passport to Oswald in Moscow, and the furnishing of money to him by the State Department for the purpose of returning to the U.S. If the State Department regulations or law required State to do these things, we should get a copy of the law.

This report will have to contain anything of relevance to the case. We should get from the Defense Department Oswald's record and disciplinary action and discharge. We should cover the angle of Oswald going down to Mexico City, and his contacts down there.

In other words, this report is to settle the dust, in so far as Oswald and his activities are concerned, both from the standpoint that he is the man who assassinated the President, and relative to Oswald himself and his activities and background, et cetera.

At such time as the report is finished, Mr. Katzenbach will go over it, and will furnish it to other officials of the government, such as McCone of CIA, the Secretaries of Navy, Defense, and State, so that they can look it over and make sure they agree and do not have any objections.

The above change will, of course, require more time for the preparation of this report. However, the Director desires that it be out as quickly as possible. Division Six will continue to handle the portion of the report dealing with the assassination attempt and the evidence gathered to show that Oswald is responsible. This means that we will have to carefully check the evidence and Oswald's possessions that the police are now turning over to us, to see if additional information should go into the report from this.

Division Five will handle the report from this. REC-16 Will show the background, associations, et cetera, of Oswald. We must be certain that anything that is put into the report can be backed up, as it will be subject to minute scrutiny from the press and the public. For Division Five's part of the report we should be certain also that we get back-up material, such as the law relied on by State to give AT

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Oswald's passport back to him, st cetera. We should be certain that agents thoroughly go through Gawald's effects to see if they can pick up any correspondence with the Communist Party, the Soviet Embassy, et cetera.

This is a difficult report to prepare, but we will have to concentrate our full attention on it in order to produce the desired results.

A the second second the second second UNITED STATES GOV INMENT 0 Memorandum DATE December 6, 1963 m Mr. Mohr C. D. DeLoach PRO251 Oswald ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT MATTI Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach called me at 10:45 p.m., 12-5-63. He told me that Sandy Smith of the "Chicago Sun-Times" had called Guthman several times relative to the attempted assassination of General Edwin A. Walker by Lee Harvey 10.00 I told Katzenbach that we too had received a number of calls, however, had usually a tolo natzentacin that we too had received a number of calls, however, had refused to make any comment whatever in this matter although we knew the story was getting out. Katzenhach told me that Pierre Salinger of the White House had called him and wanted guidance on what to say in the matter. Katzenhach told Salinger inasmuch as the story was apparently already out that Salinger should go ahead and merely confirm the fact that apparently there are avidence that for more the fact that apparently here avidence that for more the fact that apparently here are avidence that for more the fact that apparently here are avidence that for more the fact that apparently here are avidence that for more the fact that apparently here are avidence that for more the fact that apparently here are avidence that for more the fact that apparently here are avidence that for more the fact that apparently here are avidence that for more than the fact that apparently here are avidence that for more than the fact that apparently here are avidence that for more the fact that apparently here are avidence that fact that fact that fact the fact that apparently apparently here are avidence that fact that fact that fact that fact that apparently here are avidence that fact that fact the fact that fact that fact that fact that fact the fact that apparently apparent Oswald, confirm the fact that apparently there was evidence that Oswald had made an assassination attempt upon General Walker's life. Katzenbach told me that the Associated Press (AP) had picked up a rumory that the FBI report on the assassination of the President and the murder of Oswald was now over in the Department. He wanted to know if we had received any inquiries in this now over in the Department. He wanted to know it we had received any induftes in this regard. I told him we were deluged with induities during the past several days as to when the FBI would complete the report, however, we had made no comment and intender to stick by this. He stated that Senator Russell, at the Presidential Commission meeting. yesterday, 12-5-63, had been somewhat sore that information contained in the report was leaked out. Katzenbach stated he told Russell that Director Hoover had assured him that the FBI was not giving any information to the press and that he further stated he would check with the FBI to make certain that this was not being done. I asked he would check with the FBI to make certain that this was not being done. I asked he would check with the FBI to make certain that this was not being done. I asked the Katzenbach if he had any information that facts given to the press were coming from the FBI. He stated he had none and that was not the purpose of his call. He indicated he merely wanted to advise me of Senator Russell's feelings. I told him he should keep in mind that almost every police officer in the Dallas Police Department has been furnishing information to the press. I mentioned that Henry Wade, the prosecutor, the Chief of Police and Captain Will Fritz had had a field day in giving out all available facts. I mentioned there were still a considerable number of reporters in Dallas and that the evidentiary reports which we had furnished the Dallas Police Department were still being quoted on a daily basis. Katzenbach stated he knew all of this but that he had been unable to convince Russell that such was the case. I further told Katzenbach been unable to convince Russell that such was the case. I further told Katzenbach Site 42. 3 105-82555 1 - Mr. Tolson 1 - Mr. Belmont - series of the NOT RECORDED 17. 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Miss Gandy CONTINUES NEXT PAGE 1 - Mr. Evans 1 - Miss Holmes Mr. Jones 1 - Mr. Morrell 5-90EC 379 DEC 18 1963

OPPOSITE:

The government realized it would have to be thorough, and have evidence to back up its assertions. "This report will have to contain anything of relevance to the case... In other words, this report is to settle the dust... We must be certain that anything that is put into the report can be backed up, as it will be subject to minute scrutiny..."

TOP:

Here again, we see that the investigators worked to achieve desired results, a cart before the horse approach: "This is a difficult report to prepare, but we will have to concentrate our full attention on it in order to produce the desired results."

Вопом:

The FBI was anxious that information be kept close to the vest, and was anxious about leaks that would engender conspiracy theories. "I mentioned that Henry Wade, the prosecutor, the Chief of Police and Captain Will Fritz had had a field day in giving out all available facts."

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The FBI was testy about accusations that the leaks were coming from within. Also, note how politics intruded into the situation.

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Seconds before the end.

DeLoach to Mohr 12-6-63 Re: Assassination of the President

that before looking at the FBI as to possible "leaks," he should carefully examine his own house. I told him I was quite thoroughly familiar with the way Guthman and Rosenthal dealt with the press and that as he well knew the wire service people stayed constantly in Guthman's private office. I told him it was quite obvious to me how the AP had learned that the report had been sent over to the Department.

Katzenbach reiterated that he had no complaints against the FBI. He stated again that the purpose of his call was to tell me about Senator Russell's feelings.

He added that he had another reason for calling and that was to determine if we could give him any ideas as to how Warren Olney could be dropped as Chief Counsel of the Presidential Commission. I told Katzenbach of our feelings concerning Olney. He stated that he was presently working through Congressman Hale Boggs and he thought he was going to be successful in getting Olney's name removed from consideration. He told me that Boggs was very sympathetic.

Katzenbach mentioned that Waggoner Carr, the Texas State Attorney General, would like very much to see the Director on Friday, 12-6-63. I asked him what for. He stated that Carr had no particular motive in mind other than to indicate to the press later on that he had discussed matters with the Director. I told him I could see no percentage in the Director's seeing Carr, that we were the investigative agency and that Carr's dealings should be with the Department and the Presidential Commission. Katzenbach indicated that the White House might think otherwise. He stated that the President was most anxious for Carr to be given attention in Washington inasmuch as Carr was running for office next year. I told Katzenbach I knew this, however, I still felt that the Director should not be injected into this matter. Katzenbach stated he would attempt to disuade Carr from seeing the Director, however, Carr was quite persistent.

ACTION:

In view of the close friendship which Carr obviously has with the President, the Director may desire to just shake hands with Carr without sitting down and discussing facts concerning our report.

