

agent Oswald

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Prologue and Hour One

NARRATOR

At the edge of downtown
Dallas, the Union Pacific
railroad crosses a triple
underpass near a place called
Dealey Plaza. [9"]

OPENING CREDITS

NARRATOR

On the north side of Dealey
Plaza are the Dallas County
Jail, the court house and the
Texas School Book Depository.
[6"]

In Dealey Plaza it is always
November 22, 1963. [6"]

Motion control

SO FASHION SHOW

I notice that there are a number
of hidden zippers in the jacket.
Now what are these for, Betsy.
They can't be for - is it for mad
money?

Well, it depends on where they're
placed. They can be wherever
you want them.

WFAA NEWS DIRECTOR (1) IN STUDIO

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen.
You'll excuse the fact that I'm out of
breath but about ten or fifteen

JFK stock ftg

✓ nar cue

We were just having a great time, and actually, we were laughing our heads off.

I John F Kennedy....do solemnly swear... president of the united states...

The day after John KENNEDY'S inauguration in 1961, LEE's mother arrived at the White House to ask for help in locating her son .
(finding lee)

WINDOW DISOLVE

She was not the only one asking questions. noone had heard from oswald for over a year.

PUSH IN TO RESEARCHERS

recently released documents show that several government agencies began tracking Oswald in Russia.

MALONE

these files clearly show that there's hardly an intelligence agency that did not have an interest in Lee Harvey Oswald. Navy intelligence was worried about radar secrets he may have given to the Russians. The, ah, FBI was concerned that an imposter might be using as papers to come to sneak into the United States and the CIA had both a positive and a counterintelligence interest.

This is John Newman's work.

NEWMAN

The people who handled these files and who read them were branch chiefs and division chiefs and senior staff people in the clandestine services. What this all adds up to is a, a very significant level of interest in this man.

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HELMS

The FBI would certainly interview him for counter espionage purposes and to try and find out whether the KGB had recruited him, //whether he was going to be somebody that they had to continue to watch uh, what his motives were and all the rest of those things. And it was the FBI's responsibility and if they interviewed him once or twice, that would seem to me to have been adequate.

DENSLEYA track

*Newman's work in 1993
did closure records*

One former CIA officer, however, says he read an AGENCY debriefing of oswald in 1962 .
(in 1962)

Donald Deneselya still does undercover work, but agreed to be interviewed in shadow.

DENSLEYA

I received across my desk a debriefing report: It was a debriefing of a marine redefector. He was returning with his family from the Soviet Union and was back in the United States. The report was approximately four to five pages in length. It gave alot of details about the organization of the Minsk radio plant. It was signed off by a CIA officer by the name of Anderson.

TILT FILES/MUGS

FRONTLINE researchers pored through Oswald's recently declassified CIA file at the National Archives. They found hard evidence which supports Deneselya's story.
(they/and)

NEWMAN

We were very interested in the marginalia and the handwritten notes

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on these files. And one day I picked up a piece of paper and turned it over and could see through the back, I could read handwriting that said - OO, Andy Anderson, OO on Oswald. Later on we found out that OO really is the symbol, the office symbol for the Domestic Contacts Division which would have had the debriefing mission on Oswald had there been one.

HELMS WS

FRONTLINE showed the document to former director Helms.

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HELMS VO

I know of no contact that was made

HELMS

by CIA with Oswald when he returned to the United States, there may have been one, but I'm not aware of it and I'm not able to shed any light on who it would have been.

INT:

And this document doesn't change your mind?

HELMS:

And that document doesn't change my mind in the slightest.

FILE THUMBING/MUGS/FILES

FRONTLINE interviewed over 30 cia officers off the record, including, a former deputy chief of domestic contacts.

He confirmed Densley's story that the CIA had debriefed— It was just a routine contact, he said.
(He said it was just a routine contact)

DENESELYA

My feeling at this point is the report is buried somewhere. I don't know where it is, but I'm sure it is probably in the contacts division, somewhere, or in one of the other filing systems at the agency.

