

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Regional Commissioner-Intelligence  
DATE: December 17, 1963

FROM : I  
Chief, Intelligence Division

SUBJECT: Leo Harvey Oswald  
Jack Ruby  
Dallas, Texas

On Friday, November 22, 1963, approximately 12:20 p.m., I viewed the Presidential Motorcade at Harwood and Pacific Avenue, Dallas. Thereafter I went to a cafe for lunch. A short time later I learned that the President had been shot. I immediately returned to my office and listened to news reports over our radio system.

I called the U. S. Secret Service, the office of the U. S. Attorney, and the FBI - offering the services of the Intelligence Division. A short time later I received instructions from the office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner-Intelligence, to cooperate with the U. S. Secret Service, U. S. Attorney's Office, and the FBI.

I then asked my supervisors to keep their personnel on a stand-by basis.

About 3 p.m., Bob Stewart of U. S. Secret Service asked me to pull the 1962 income tax return of Leo Harvey Oswald. This was done almost immediately. I was unable to reach Mr. Stewart by telephone and called Postal Inspector H. D. Holmes and told him that Oswald's 1962 income tax return showed original address as 602 Elsiebeth, Apartment 2, Dallas, but that address had been marked out and Post Office Box 2915 inserted. Mr. Holmes stated that was the first that he had heard of that box number in connection with Oswald.

The tax return indicated a refund of \$57.40 had been paid.

We caused a check to be made of the Director's records here, and then telephoned the Regional Disbursing Officer in San Francisco and obtained the number of the refund check. This information was telephoned to Mr. A. R. Hamz, Assistant Director, Intelligence Division, at his residence. Later Mr. Hamz telephoned Special Agent James H. DeTrato that the check was in storage in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and that a U. S. Secret Service Agent out of Pittsburgh would proceed to Mechanicsburg and obtain the check. Later that night we learned that the check had been cashed at a liquor store.

Early Saturday morning, November 23, I went to the U. S. Secret Service Office and showed Bob Stewart the tax return of Leo Harvey Oswald which showed employment at Jaggars-Childs-Sovall, 522 Broadway, Dallas, and Leslie Welding Company, Fort Worth, and told him that I would have Special Agents DeTrato and Robert H. Klein check these places and get the Oswald employment records.

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At 9 a.m. Special Agents DeTrato and Klein went to the office of J. R. Childs-Stovall and picked up Oswald's pay checks, employer application and employment data. At least two of these pay checks were cleared through Mercantile National Bank, Dallas. Special Agent DeTrato telephoned Mr. H. H. Ascentine Vice President of the Mercantile National Bank, and then proceeded to meet Mr. H. H. Ascentine at one o'clock at the Hyattsville Hotel. From the hotel Ascentine proceeded to the U. S. Secret Service office with the pay checks. Stovall Oswald employment data. The Special Agents made photostatic copies of these records which I delivered to U. S. Secret Service Agent L. H. Patterson. Special Agent Klein called H. C. Conway, the Fort Worth Division Manager of Leslie Holding Company, and arranged to pick up the employment records of Oswald. Mr. Conway told Special Agent Klein that the Oswald payroll checks were in the custody of Chester H. Leslie, Indianapolis, Indiana, in Chicago.

Special Agent Klein relayed this information to me at the U. S. Secret Service Office here. I immediately called this information to the Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service in Chicago, then called to Special Agent James H. Parker and Marshall J. Smith over the phone. I caused Special Agent DeTrato to relay the information to the Fort Worth office where they checked with the Administrative Assistant to the Fort Worth U. S. Secret Service, both in Chicago, and to immediately begin investigation. Leslie and arrange to inspect the payroll records retained in Chicago expeditiously as possible.

In the meantime, Special Agent DeTrato went to the Mercantile National Bank and kept his appointment with Mr. H. H. Ascentine. They were unable to find bank accounts in the name of Oswald, and Mr. Ascentine said that the bank stamps on the payroll checks indicated that they were of the Mercantile National Bank. Later in the afternoon, Special Agent Parker called me and advised that most of the checks issued to Leo Harvey Oswald by the Mercantile National Bank had been cashed at Pontemporary Market, Dallas, and on the day cleared through the Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, and entered through by H. L. Oswald, 7113 Deavenport, Fort Worth, and entered through the State Bank, Fort Worth. I immediately gave this information to Mr. Klein.

On November 25, I received a memorandum from Special Agent DeTrato, Smith, photostatic attached. On November 26 I sent Mr. DeTrato, Smith, Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, a copy of the photostatic Special Agents Parker and Smith and photostats of all the documents mentioned therein, as well as Oswald's employment records. Special Agents DeTrato and Klein had picked up from Leslie Holding Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, the Oswald employment records.

About 2:30 p.m., November 25, at the request of U. S. Secret Service I caused Special Agents DeTrato and Klein to check with Eastern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, Texas, for Oswald's telephone records.

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