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into a trap by pretending to be a counter-revolutionary. considerable press coverage when he lured some anti-Castro rebels had become a major in Castro's army. That August Morgan received

officers and "lead an expedition to some of these other islands and free began talking about going to Cuba to join the revolutionary forces as them too." They talked about how they would "do away with Tru-Delgado recalled that Oswald wanted to emulate Morgan. They With Delgado's help, Oswald learned some elementary Span-

supporters before the firing squad, Delgado lost his enthusiasm for and Delgado suggested he get in touch with a Cuban embassy. He wanted to go. He asked Delgado for ideas about how an Angloments some errors were bound to occur, but he was certain that these Castro, but Oswald defended him. He argued that in all new governbelieved that Oswald later made contact with the Cuban consulate in Cuban, you know, people, be part of that revolutionary movement," American like himself could, in Delgado's phrasing, "get with a leaving for Cuba had been barracks talk, mostly, but Oswald still American press wasn't publicizing those investigations. For Delgado, people had been investigated prior to their executions and that the Cuba, at least for the moment. there. But for some reason Oswald abandoned the idea of going to Los Angeles and received mail—perhaps pro-Cuban literature—from After the Cuban government started sending hundreds of Batista

sented the imperialistic world, and the animals were the workers or irony. As he described Animal Farm to Delgado, the farmer repreand other political books like George Orwell's Animal Farm. hood." The Bible was simply "a novel." Oswald preferred Das Kapital legend, that basically our whole life is built around this one falseto go to church. . . . Oswald told him that "God was a myth or a "He used to laugh at Sunday school . . . mimic the guys that fell out had read the book literally and obviously missed Orwell's point. animals had revolted and made the farmer work for them." Oswald became like the farmers, Delgado replied, "No; just that the pigs and Oswald had explained that after the pigs took over the farm they will have the imperialists working for them." When he was asked if socialist people, and "eventually it will come about that the socialists Through Deigado, we are able to see that Oswald had little sense of Delgado also remembered that Oswald had no use for religion-

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Q. Did you fire with Oswald?

he got a lot of "Maggie's drawers" [a red flag indicating the shot had missed the target], you know, a lot of misses, but he didn't give a darn. A. Right, I was in the same line. . . It was a pretty big joke, because Q. Missed the target completely?

A. He just qualified, that's it. He wasn't as enthusiastic as the rest of We all loved-liked, you know, going to the range.

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from a sitting position, without a scope." ing to a report in Time, his Marine rifle-score book showed him -he didn't give a darn. He scored just one point above the score "making 48 and 49 points out of a possible 50 in rapid fire at 200 yards necessary to qualify. As a raw recruit he had done better. And accord-The key element in this account is that Oswald wasn't enthusiastic

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standing of Marxism: school. He thought the news media underestimated Oswald's underlearning after the assassination that Oswald had never finished high considered him to be "extremely intelligent," and was surprised on world." Although he noticed some gaps in Lee's knowledge, Thornley Oswald was merely playing to the crowd, but he later decided that Oswald sincerely believed "communism was the best system in the I think the best religion is communism." At first Thornley felt that "What do you think of communism?" Oswald asked him. When Thornley replied he didn't think much of it, Oswald told him, "Well, during which Oswald learned that Thornley, too, was an atheist admiration for the new Cuban leader. They met at a bull session Thornley seemed to agree with some of his ideas—beginning with an As in the case of Delgado, Oswald became interested in Thornley after by Oswald that he would write a novel about him after his defection. Thornley, another young radar operator, who would be so impressed In the spring of 1959 Oswald struck up an acquaintance with Kerry 1004163 13/2 27/21

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by any means. I certainly think he understood much more than many people in the onto his particular beliefs . . . trying to know something over his head press have seemed to feel. I don't think he was a man who was grasping

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recruiting professional and technical staff for building and recruiting maintenance.

The condition of Britain's prisons is likely to be unal-tered for some time. Of 56 prisons opened before 1930 only 10 were in good physical condi-tion, 39 were fair and seven were poor.

The report quotes two gov-ernors' remarks about their buildings: "The prison is buildings: "The prison is drab, shabby and in dire need of a massive injection of resources to recoup some of the years of neglect, in order to preserve this valuable property n which the prisoners and staff, living and working in Dickensian conditions, continue to suffer." o suffer."

Another governor said of his prison: "There is nothing wrong with this prison which he expendiure of several milion pounds could not put ight

A list of projects which will pen in the 1980s is prefaced y a warning that they will not ccessarily add places to the vstem.

An increasing rate of deterio-tion in the former wartime imps and the Victorian pri-ins like Liverpool and Worm-and County Warns for Scrubs meant iditional places would be cined.

"They will simply compen-te for places lost elsewhere. bey are not therefore likely-reduce the amount of cellaring and, although most of a cellular projects will have tegral sanitation, that will t make the practice of slopig-out much less extensive ewhere." The numbers of men sharing cells in 1978 rose to 15,823 in March, when 5,061 were sleeping three to a cell. This was out of a total of 27,033 adult men at the end of 1978. In women's prisons the facilities for mothers and babies were fully used, wit hunits accommodating up to 30 babies at any one time. The numbers of men sharing one time.

An increase in secure units and a net gain in staff, however, provided some "welcome relief" to the small number of women's prisons widely scat throughout the control. tered throughout the country.

The 91 gaoled under Section 53 of the Children and Young Persons Act represented an in-crease of 82 per cent over the past five years. The Act is used for gaoling people under 18 for munder and juveniles for grave crimes, which in adults would merit at least 14 years' imprisonment. sonment.

The number of times prison officers' branches took industrial action increased from 42 in 1977 (and 19 in 1975) to 119 in 1978. After the serious disturbances the last Government set up an inquiry by Mr. ment set up an inquiry by Mr Justice May.

The industrial The industrial action is blamed for the huge increase in the loss made by prisons. The loss on trading account for 1978-9 is estimated at f4.9 millions compared to f2.8 millions the previous year. The "strains within the system" and interruptions to production continued to restrict output, the report says

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## Shade of Oswald

The latest Investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy, which suggests a conspiracy by organised crime, has brought renewed fear to a former US marine who now lives in Cheshire.

Nelson Delgado was a cor-poral in the marine corps in charge of Private Lee Harvey Oswald who was considered by the Warren Commission to have acted alone in killing the President.

In a report published earlier this month, however, the House of Representatives' House of assassination committee criticised the Commission for neg-lecting the evidence of a possible conspiracy and the in-dications that Oswald's shots that day in November 1963 might not have been the only ones.

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So Mr Delgado, who came to live with his English born wife in Warrington when he left the marines in 1977, feels threatened. "If they're now saying that the assassination was a conspiracy after all the whole thing could start up again. If believe I could be seen as a threat once again. If the CLA or the FBI had any part in the conspiracy they would want nothing in their way to destroy, their cover was applied to try to make him change his testimony about Oswald. They attacked my competence to judge his character and shooting ability and criticised my efforts to teach him Spanish."

In the early 1960s both men were interested in Cuba and Mr Delgado says that mail from the Cuban Consulate in Los Angeles used to be addressed to Oswald at the radarscenning unit in Caliradar-scanning unit in Cali-fornia where they were both stationed -

Mr Delgado admits that has no evidence beyond that of Oswald's character and his well-known incompetence with firearms. "But the conspirators may think I know more than I do." So he has made a sworn affidavit of that information and of the events that have happened to him since. "That is my insurance policy. If anything should happen to me now, people will know." Oswald's character

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