

OSWALD'S ALLEGED DISTRIBUTION OF FPCC MATERIAL, JUNE 16, 1963

SYNOPSIS: FBI Exhibit D-234, the "HANDS OFF CUBA!" handbill obtained by the N.O. Harbor Police on or about June 16, 1963, has no name or address stamped on it. Documents in the National Archives suggest that the replacement of this handbill in CE 1412 by a doctored version of CE 2966A occurred while the CE was being prepared for publication at the Government Printing Office.

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See my memo of November 9, 1967, and the letter to me from Acting Archivist James B. Rhoads, dated November 24, 1967. The following discussion of the 8 pages sent with that letter supplements the descriptions given there by Mr. Rhoads.

Pages (1) and (2) are apparently identical copies of page 5 of the FBI memo of July 22, 1964. This page consists of the D-234 pamphlet with "5" added below in the same type as the "6" at 22H807. Page (2) shows a sticker like that at 22H697, which reads "Commission Exhibit 1412".

Pages (3) and (4) show the front and back, respectively, of FBI Item D-234. Nothing is indicated under "location." There are two holes like those in CE 2966A, but in a slightly different position. The handwriting on page (4) appears to read "R.A. SMC 7/21/64".

As indicated in Rhoads' letter, page (5) (CD 1518, p. 55) identifies Item D-234 as the leaflet obtained from Alleman on July 21, 1964, and discussed in the FBI memo of July 22, 1964 (which is in CD 1370 and CE 1412).

This page further indicates that a latent fingerprint was developed on each of the two pamphlets obtained from Alleman. The two fingerprints were not identical to those of Oswald. It is not indicated whether any comparison was made with the prints of Ray, Alleman, or FBI agent Callender.

Page (6) is identical to page (1) except for the following additions: "Commission Exhibit No. 1412--Continued" in the type face used in the 26 Volumes; the marginal notation "730-200-816," and what appear to be guide lines for layout purposes. My Xerox copies of pages (6) and (7) are marked in ink "CE 1412 (G.P.O. files)".

As indicated in Rhoads' letter, pages (7) and (8) show CE 1412 and CE 2966A as published. Both have guide lines and marginal notations, which appear to read as follows: on CE 1412, "J-730-200 B1538 Sq Ht. 139 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Strip Page 816 "; on CE 2966A, "730-200 B8024 S.S. 15 x 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Copies of any of these 8 pages can be obtained from me upon request.

DISCUSSION: It appears that the correct handbill, Item D-234, appears in CD 1370 and CE 1412 everywhere except in the published version and in the GPO photo used to make it. The existence of page (6) in the GPO files suggests that the substitution discussed in my previous memo was made by the GPO. Since I can see no reason for suppressing Item D-234, I would tend to write this off as another "printing error" -- albeit a rather gross one. It is surprising that someone felt he could alter the evidence for publication in any way, no matter how innocent the reason.

Because of the use of the 544 Camp Street address on some of Oswald's literature, I think that this June 16 incident - apparently the first distribution of FPCC literature - may be more important than suggested by the Warren Report and CE 1412. The only evidence I have seen for the Commission's claim that Oswald was the man handing out the leaflets is Ray's tentative identification and Oswald's remark to V.T. Lee that "we also managed to picket the fleet ...." (22H804, Lee Exhibit 5; my emphasis.)

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Dear Mr. Hoch:

This is in reply to your letter of November 4, 1967, concerning records of the Warren Commission.

We are sending you the following copies of the "Hands Off Cuba!" handbill and related documents:

- (1) Copies of the handbill in CD 1370 and CE 1412. The "original" in both the document and the exhibit is an electrostatic copy of the handbill.
- (2) A copy of FBI Item D-234, an original handbill, and a copy of CD 1518, p. 55, which identifies Item D-234 as the original of the handbill in CD 1370 and CE 1412. The initials on the back of Item D-234 are assumed to be those of Lieutenant Roy Alleman of the New Orleans Harbor Police and Special Agent Stephen M. Callender of the FBI.
- (3) Copies of the following items among the material received by the Commission from the Government Printing Office after the publication of the Hearings of the Commission:
  - (a) An electrostatic copy of the handbill in CE 1412.
  - (b) Two prints of a photograph of one original handbill which were published as part of CE 1412 and as CE 2966A. The original handbill is in the files of the Commission as CE 2966A. The name and address of Lee Harvey Oswald, the handwritten initials, and the date, which appear in the print of the photograph published in CE 2966A, are covered with white coloring

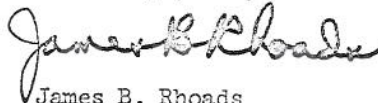
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matter in the print of the photograph published in CE 1412. The address, initials, and date can be seen through the coloring matter by the use of a light box and magnifying glass. The page number (5) was written by hand on this print of the photograph.

The testimony of Edward Scannell Butler before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee is not included in CD 351, nor is a copy of his testimony included in the name file for him in the Commission's records.

We have waited until recently to complete the preparation of the microfilm copy of the ONI file for you in order to include as much material as possible in it. The microfilm copy has been completed and is being mailed to you. A total of 37 pages of material in the file is withheld from research.

Sincerely yours,



James B. Rhoads  
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of the United States