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TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION Lee Harvey Oswald
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Dallas, Texas	PERIOD COVERED 3-3-64	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA John Joe Howlett		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Copies of FBI report covering interview of Billy Joe Lord obtained and attached to this report. This phase of the investigation is closed in Dallas.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

Reference M/R of SAIC Oscar G. Weisheit, Jr., El Paso, Texas, dated 2-25-64.

(B) GENERAL INQUIRIES:

On 3-3-64 I contacted SAIC J. Gordon Shanklin, FBI Office, Dallas, Texas. He furnished this agent with a copy of SA Douglas H. Smith's interview with Billy Joe Lord, dated December 2, 1963. FBI Special Agent Smith interviewed Billy Joe Lord on 11-30-63 at Minot Air Force Base, Minot, North Dakota.

ATTACHMENTS: Copy of FBI report dated December 2, 1963.

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Date December 2, 1963

BILLY JOE LORD, United States Air Force #18649720,
~~assigned to the 802nd Combat Defense Squadron, (C-3) Minot~~
Air Force Base, rural Minot, North Dakota, advised as follows:

He entered the United States Air Force on September 28, 1962, at Amarillo, Texas, and has been assigned to the Minot Air Force Base, rural Minot, since December 16, 1962. His home of record is 2403 Halloway, Midland, Texas.

In the Spring of 1959, he graduated from the Midland High School, Midland, Texas, and in the Fall of 1959, traveled to France, where he intended to enter a language school to obtain a major in Language and Literature.

He first met LEE HARVEY OSWALD when he departed from New Orleans, Louisiana, ~~the~~ latter part of September, 1959, aboard the ~~SS Marlon Lykes, a freighter~~. OSWALD occupied the same cabin as LORD enroute to France. He recalled observing OSWALD's passport and visa and noting the name LEE HARVEY OSWALD on this passport. However, he was unable to recall at this time OSWALD's destination as reflected on the visa attached to the passport. He did recall that the freighter stopped at only two ports, Lace Palisse, France, and a port in England, and that OSWALD did not disembark at Lace Palisse, France.

In addition to himself and OSWALD, there were only two other passengers on the freighter, namely; a retired U. S. Army major and his wife, names unrecalled, who he believed were from the State of Florida. He vaguely recalled they were traveling to either Ireland or Scotland.

During the entire trip he actually had very little conversation with OSWALD, as OSWALD was a very cynical, surly, unfriendly type of individual who obviously did not desire to associate or engage in conversations with his fellow passengers.

On the first day of the trip, OSWALD did engage in a very limited amount of conversation. He recalled OSWALD told him that he intended to vacation in Europe, with no specific area in Europe being mentioned. He further recalled OSWALD saying

Minot Air Force Base,
On 11/30/63 at Minot, North Dakota File # Minneapolis 100-2564
by SA DOUGLAS H. SMITH/ckk Date dictated 11/30/63

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that he might possibly attend some unknown school in Switzerland. OSWALD at no time indicated that he had any intention of going to Russia. He never had any reason to believe OSWALD could be an agent of any foreign government or that he was inclined towards Communism.

He advised OSWALD never discussed his background with him other than to state that he was from New Orleans, Louisiana, and was just recently discharged from the U. S. Marines. OSWALD stated that his mother lived in Fort Worth, Texas, and was employed in a drug store in Fort Worth. OSWALD seemed very bitter of the economic conditions of his mother. OSWALD however, did not comment on the economic conditions in the United States or discuss any political views.

He recalled that although OSWALD never specifically stated he was an atheist, he gave this impression, stating on one occasion "that only matter existed and everything came from matter." OSWALD appeared to be somewhat of an intellect, having above average intelligence, but did not appear to do any reading aboard ship. OSWALD did not appear to be a violent or a fanatic individual.

The first time he actually knew that OSWALD had traveled to Russia was when he was in receipt of a newspaper clipping from his mother, Mrs. LELA K. LORD, 2403 Holloway, Midland, Texas, in which it was reported in a Fort Worth, Texas, newspaper LEE HARVEY OSWALD, 20 year old ex-Marine from Fort Worth, Texas, had renounced his American citizenship and had turned in his American passport and requested Russian citizenship. He said he believed the article appeared in the Fort Worth newspaper during November, 1959.

His mother had recalled the name of OSWALD from a letter he, LORD, had written to his mother upon arriving in France, mentioning to her that OSWALD had been his roommate on his voyage over.