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Testimony of Kerry Thornley, Warren Commission Hearings, vol. XI, p. 96, third paragraph from bottom:

Thornley: I do believe, to begin with, Oswald, how long ago he had acquired the idea I don't know, but I think in his mind it was almost a certainty that the world would end up under a totalitarian government or under totalitarian governments.

I think he accepted Orwell's premise in this that there was no fighting it. That sooner or later you were going to have to love Big Brother and I think this was the central, I think this was the central thing that disturbed him and caused many of his other reactions.

I think he wanted to be on the winning side for one thing, and, therefore, the great interest in communism.

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There is more on the following two pages about being "on the winning side," but STM (which ^{this morning} may not be functioning as well ~~this morning~~ as has been so widely advertised) can find nothing* to justify Liebler's reference to "you might just as well do it sooner as later."

*in the body of Thornley's testimony