

to Hal U.
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Dear Hal:

The same theory has occurred to me, I think, but I neither have a roster nor know how to obtain one. Among those in the unit at that time were B.A. Sinco of Long Beach, Charlié Call, Botello (?), Steinkoph, Lawson, Murphy, Nelson Delgado, Rudy (?), Ring, Cox, M/Sgt. Spar, Lt. Delpadro, an older noncomm called "Pappy," a corporal who later got discharged for drunkenness named Bailey, (I think Bailey was in this unit with me, also) a sergeant Murray (who was in one of the offices), and some faces for which I have no names. A fruitful area to search would be Orange County in the immediate vicinity of El Toro, since a good many men seem to remain in this area after discharge, and I occasionally hear of a reunion between two old Corps buddies. Sinco, who is listed in Long Beach, ran into, I think, Murray not long ago. Bud also has a much better memory for people than I have. There was also a man named Devlin, I think, who made a parachute jump with me at the Orange County Airport, as did Bailey.

Perhaps one way of going about all this would be to find out where MACS-9 is now and ask them for a roster. I don't think it would ordinarily any longer be classified information -- but I have a hunch it will be as hard to come by as much other evidence in this affair -- which is, in itself, after all, evidence.


kerry

Note: this referred to Oswald having a "crypto-clearance" notice that Thornley in his reply (undated) said in 923A Fulton St. San Francisco, Calif. his reply 94117

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-Hal

(I received this reply sometime in Feb. 67)

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Dear Mr. Thornley:

David Welsh of Ramparts magazine suggested that I contact you. I had asked him to look you up when he visited Los Angeles recently to discuss something I came across concerning Oswald just before he was discharged. Dave told me that he discussed this with you.

I don't know whether Dave asked you or not but I was interested in obtaining a roster or list of Oswald and his unit when he was in the Marine Corps just before he was discharged. Is it possible that you may have one on hand or would you know how to obtain one? This could be very valuable, indeed, for the particular thing I'm checking out. Perhaps you might know the names and addresses of some of the persons he was stationed with.

If you could help me out on this in any way I'd very much appreciate it. Incidentally, I hope to be in L.A. in the near future and perhaps we can get together and discuss this further. I also hope to see David Lifton who is a good friend of mine when I'm there. If you see him, say hello for me.

Best,

Hal Verb