

MEMORANDUM

Monday, January 23, 1967

REPORT #3

TO: Jim Garrison

FROM: Alvin V. Oser

RE: Location of Camp Site and Training Area

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Pursuant to your instructions and further information as to the possibility that the Big Branch, Louisiana area might have been the location of the training camp, George Eckert and myself canvassed this area.

As a result, we were able to ascertain the location of the house in Big Branch where the F.B.I. confiscated arms in 1963. This house is located just outside the limits of Big Branch on the Slidell side of Big Branch. The street location is Ponchartrain Street and U.S. Hwy. 190. This house is a small white bungalow type situated approximately 100 yards off U.S. Hwy. 190 on Ponchartrain Street. There was no municipal, house or R.F.D. number visible. George Eckert took several photographs of this location.

We were unable to gather any information that the training camp site may have been located in or near Big Branch, other than this possible house connection. The house information was obtained from a restaurant in Big Branch, a photograph of the said restaurant was taken.

We then proceeded to the location of an air strip/was is 6.7 miles from Bayou Gardens and 2 miles outside of Slidell. As we proceeded down this side road we came upon a site which used to be a firing range for the Government. This site was photographed and consisted of two ranges, one on each side of the road. This site is 2.1 miles from U.S. Hwy. 190. We were able to ascertain that this was an old army range and built approximately 20 years ago from some of the people which live on this road.

After making an investigation of this location we proceeded down this side road for another 4 miles and came upon an airstrip which is now called the Slidell Airport. It consisted of a new asphalt landing strip and three new hangers. It was learned that this strip had been there for a number of years and only recently (within the last year) had the improvements been made.

At this location near the back fence area we noticed an airplane which certainly appeared to have been there for some time. This plane was a single engine-two seater. There were weeds growing around the landing gear, the windshield was covered with a tarp and the engine area was beginning to show signs of rusting. The plane was photographed by George Eckert.

Alvin V. Oser