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At the time, in 1959, the United States was having real difficulty in acquiring information out of the Soviet Union; technical systems had, of course, not developed to the point that they are at today, and we were resorting to all sorts of activities. One of these activities was an ONI (Office of Naval Intelligence) program which involved three dozen, maybe forty young men who were made to appear disenchanting, poor, American youths who had become turned off and wanted to see what communism was all about. Some of these people lasted only a few weeks. They were sent into the Soviet Union, or into Eastern Europe, with the specific intention the Soviets would pick them up and "double" them if they suspected them of being U.S. agents, or recruit them as KGB agents. They were trained at various naval installations both here and abroad but the operation was being run out of Nag's Head, North Carolina.

For a variety of reasons that will be discussed, many believe that Oswald was one of these recruits. He left the Marines, defected to the Soviet Union* where he immediately announced in public that he was rejecting his American citizenship and turning over everything he had learned while in the Marine Corps at Atsugi Air Force Base (where our ultra-secret U-2 flights originated), and had become a Communist. After living in the Soviet Union for about two years, he announced that he was disillusioned and wanted to return to the United States. Meanwhile, he had married a young Soviet woman, Marina, who was the niece of a Soviet MVD (secret police) officer.

Before proceeding further to establish that Oswald was connected with intelligence operations, it would be a good idea to assume first that it is true and then ask the question, "So what?" Would proof that Oswald was an intelligence agent connected with

the CIA or ONI part of a conspiracy to kill JFK? Even if Oswald were argued that he was a president. In fact, the CIA and its hierarchy to suddenly appear agents, who was involved in the assassination, would be the CIA.

We can take it that Oswald was a CIA agent that it could be argued one of their agents covered by future events not originated by the CIA. It would have some of their more

I would add that and confused you and with many pro-Marxism and with the Marine Corps, a young man could have been a Communist spy, perhaps as long as it gave him had been badly lacking.

Moreover, it was twenty years old when he went to the Soviet Union. The mission of any great he was part of an operation what he could learn return with knowledge agent when he made

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** Peter Dale Scott has related to a very elaborate set of identifications in CIA files.

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