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TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Closed - Oklahoma City	TITLE OR CAPTION Paul Roderick Gregory - ASSOC with Lee Harvey OSWALD
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Norman and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	PERIOD COVERED November 23, 1963	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SAIC Jack C. Nielsen		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS: Associate of suspect assassinator of President Kennedy interviewed regarding his association with suspect. Details provided Chief's Office and Dallas Office by telephone.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Investigation instituted November 23, 1963, upon receipt of a long distance telephone call from SAIC Sorrels, Dallas requesting interview with Paul Roderick Gregory who had been named as an associate of suspect assassinator Lee Harvey Oswald.

On November 23, 1963, accompanied by Norman, Oklahoma, Chief of Police, Sid Wilson, Jr., I located Paul Roderick Gregory at 1318 1/2 Garfield, Norman, Oklahoma. Gregory is a White male; born 2-10-41; 5-10; 165; brown hair; brown eyes; slender build. He speaks with a noticeable lisp. Gregory stated his home address is 3513 Dorothy Lane, Ft. Worth, Texas. He stated he is a first year graduate student at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. He has a degree in Economics and is pursuing his studies toward a master degree in the Russian language and literature. Gregory expects to obtain his Doctorate of Philosophy Degree and then enter the teaching profession at Oklahoma University. He admits to membership in the Russian Club, the Economics Club and the O Club which is the varsity letter mens' club. Gregory stated he is a three year varsity letter man in tennis and while an undergraduate was on a tennis scholarship at Oklahoma University. He is also a Phi Beta Kappa.

Gregory stated he associated with suspect Lee Oswald from June of 1962 through Thanksgiving of 1962. His association was social and also as a form of a student since he did receive instructions in the Russian language from Lee Oswald and Oswald's wife, Marina. Gregory stated he met Oswald through Gregory's father, Peter Paul Gregory and that the only mutual friends he has

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with Oswald are people who are likewise better friends of his father than they are of Paul Gregory.

Paul Gregory stated George Boukane, a Dallas accountant, and Mrs. Anna Moller and her husband associated with Oswald in Dallas, Texas. The addresses of these individuals can be obtained from Paul Gregory's father in Dallas. Boukane was closely associated with Oswald according to Paul Gregory. Paul Gregory stated that at no time did Oswald indicate any animosity towards President Kennedy, Catholics, millionaires as a group or any particular race. All of these areas were discussed as well as political philosophies of America and Russia but never with any undue excitement on the part of Oswald. Paul Gregory stated he did not see any firearms in the possession of Oswald nor did Oswald ever discuss marksmanship, target practices, an interest in hunting and so forth. Gregory knew of no organizational affiliations of Oswald but rather stated during his association with Oswald he did not believe Oswald was associating with any organization.

Concerning Oswald's residence in Russia, Gregory stated Oswald did not mention any official governmental interests in him when Oswald was a resident of Russia and the only possible governmental association indicated by Oswald was when he was sought out by a Russian Army general's son. Gregory stated Oswald related that a general's son, first name Pavel, did associate rather intimately with Oswald and the association presumably started because of the general's son's interest in learning the English language.

A signed, sworn statement was obtained from Gregory is attached to this report. Gregory seemed to be straightforward and truthful in his answers. He did not seem evasive or in any way offensive. He was somewhat nervous but considering the issue involved, not unusually so.

DISPOSITION

This matter is considered closed in Oklahoma, to be re-opened should circumstances warrant.

ATTACHMENTS

Chief: Copies of statement of Paul Roderick Gregory.

Dallas: Copies of statement of Paul Roderick Gregory.

JCN:jel

Statement of Paul Hedrick Gregory taken at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Saturday, November 23, 1963, in the presence of Special Agent in Charge Jack G. Nelson, U. S. Secret Service, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Sid Wilson, Jr., Chief of Police, Norman, Oklahoma.

My name is Paul Hedrick Gregory. I am 22 years of age and I am currently a student at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. My address in Norman is 1312 1/2 Cardiff, and my home address is 3413 Dorothy Lane, Fort Worth, Texas. My father is Peter Paul Gregory and my mother is Elizabeth W. Gregory. I am providing this statement concerning my association with Lee Harvey Oswald who I know is the person who has been charged with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Friday, November 22, 1963.

I first met Lee Harvey Oswald through my father. My father is a native of Russia and was a teacher of Adult Education Classes at the Fort Worth Public Library. Lee Harvey Oswald became acquainted with my father as a result of my father's teaching Russian at the Public Library Adult Education Classes. Oswald approached my father and attempted to obtain from my father a certification showing Oswald was qualified for work using his ability to speak the Russian language. I personally first met Lee Harvey Oswald in June 1962. My association with him continued until Thanksgiving of 1962. I have had no contact with him since that time.

I associated with Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife Marina primarily at their home when I did receive lessons in the Russian language from them and I also had a social relationship with them. During the time of my association with Lee Oswald and his wife I saw them approximately two times per week. They did not specifically charge me for the lessons in the Russian language they provided, but I believe that I did pay them \$37.00 to \$40.00 for the lessons.

During my association with the Oswald family we frequently discussed politics, the visit of Lee Oswald to Russia, religion, the philosophy of government in Russia and America and similar subjects. I was interested in learning about Lee Oswald's visit to Russia from an academic and personal standpoint. I found that Lee Oswald went to Russia because he was dissatisfied with his life in America and was under the impression that a Soviet life would be better for him. Oswald had recently been discharged under dishonorable conditions from the Marine Corps and was quite disgusted with the results of his Marine Corps service. I found during our discussions of Russia that Oswald was also critical of the Russian system in its actual form of operation. His criticism was that the current Russian system was a divergent one from the original idea of Lenin and Marx. ~~He based this opinion because he said he found the Russian party officials to be dishonest and there was widespread thievery by the Russian people.~~ Oswald at no time indicated a belief to me that he thought the Russian form of Government should be instituted in America nor did he indicate that during the two to three years he had been in Russia that he had ever

been approached by any governmental official to engage in any activity which would result in harm or disservice to the United States. Oswald indicated he was employed as a machinist in Linn, Russian, and his only possible association with any governmental official was when he became a friend of a son of a Russian General. This man's name, I believe, was Pavel, and I believe Oswald continued his correspondence with this General's son after Oswald returned to the United States. Oswald indicated to me the basis for this relationship was the fact that the General's son was learning English, but the association was primarily personal.

Our discussions encompassed on occasions President Kennedy and millionaires as a group. Both Oswald and his wife were atheists. They did not express any extreme attitude concerning religion but merely passed it off as a ridiculous interest. Oswald was somewhat antagonistic toward millionaires but not rabidly so and did not ever indicate any extreme feeling in this matter. He objected to the American system of capitalism because in desiring to accumulate large amounts of money, people become exceedingly greedy and the whole system is based on the accumulation of wealth by the individual.

At no time during my association with Lee Harvey Oswald did he indicate any interest in firearms or hunting as a hobby or marksmanship. To my knowledge he did not possess any weapons, but he could have possessed them without my knowledge. I do not know his proficiency with firearms nor do I know the extent of his training with firearms in the Marine Corps since he was very reluctant to discuss his Marine Corps career. I am aware that a foreign make rifle with a ~~telescopic~~ telescopic sight was used by the assassin of the President. I did not ever see any such rifle or any part of such a rifle in the possession of Lee Oswald and I do not have any idea how such a rifle could have come into his possession.

During my association with Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife we did not belong to any organized group and I do not know of any organized group Lee Oswald belonged to. We have no mutual friends of our age group and the mutual friends we do have came about through a dinner attended primarily by people of Russian extraction. I attended the Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth, Texas, which is the same high school Lee Oswald attended, but I did not know him there. The only mutual friends which I can recall at this time that I had with Lee Oswald are George Bouche and Anna Mueller and her husband. George Bouche is an accountant in Dallas, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Mueller are residents of Dallas. Both of these individuals are known personally to my father and he can provide information to locate them.

Lee Oswald has a brother who lives in Fort Worth whose name I believe is Robert Lee Oswald, Jr. I know him as Bob Oswald. I met Bob Oswald on two occasions, the first time in June 1962 at Bob Oswald's home when I also met Lee Oswald for the first time, and the last time I saw Bob Oswald was at a

Thanksgiving dinner at Bob Oswald's house. At this same dinner there were several relatives of the Oswald family, and I assume John Edward Pick, who has been identified to me as a half-brother of Lee Oswald, was one of the persons at this dinner. I do not know John Edward Pick if I did not meet him at this dinner.

When I visited Lee Oswald and his wife they lived on Mercedes Street in Fort Worth, Texas, and I remember specifically that Marina Oswald refused to discuss politics during my visits there and claimed to have no interest in politics. I am also of the opinion that Lee Oswald did have a potentially high temper because Marina Oswald told me and others that she had been physically abused by Oswald.

As far as my opinion of Lee Oswald goes, I believe he was not a particularly intelligent person, he was dissatisfied with his lot in life, but he at no time indicated to me enough dissatisfaction with his life that he would seek to change it by murder, assassination, or any such act. While my discussion comparative governments and political philosophy, Oswald at no time indicated a rabid preference for any type governmental system and in no way tried to propagandize me toward one particular system of government. I feel now that because of Oswald's mental outlook he could be potentially capable of the act with which he is charged, but at the time of my association with him I would not have believed so. Oswald never expressed any strong feeling for or against Fidel Castro in my presence, but his wife did indicate she was not in favor of Russia supporting the Cuban Government because it so-called needed materials from the Russian people when she believed needed them also. The only political books I have ever seen Lee Oswald read was one written by Lenin.

*I have read this statement
and it is true*

Paul Gregory

Sworn to before me this 23rd day of November 1963. (Authority to administer oath - 5 USC 93)

Jack C. Nielson

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Special Agent in Charge
U. S. Secret Service

Witness: *Ed Wilson, Jr.*

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Chief of Police
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