

Oswald, P. O. Box

- 11/30/63** Dallas, Nov. 29 - A postal inspector, Harry Holmes, said Oswald rented a post office box in his own name in Dallas on 10/9/62.
- On 3/20/63, a gun from a mail order house in Chicago was delivered to the box. It was addressed to A. Hidell, a name authorities said Oswald had used as an alien. [Alias?] [Where? When?]
- This was the gun the Federal Bureau of Investigation said was used to kill President Kennedy.
- On 5/10, Oswald had the box order transferred to New Orleans, where he lived until late September.
- On 11/2, after he had returned to Dallas, Oswald rented another box in his own name.
- He also listed as organization names the *Fair Play for Cuba Committee* and the *American Civil Liberties Union*. He listed A. Hidell as authorized to receive mail through the box.
- Both organizations said Oswald had not represented them in any capacity.
- Mr. Holmes said no person other than Oswald was authorized to receive mail through the first box he rented, but this did not prevent him from ordering a gun through an alias.
- "This is for the protection of the box holder," Mr. Holmes said. "If a package comes to a person not authorized to receive mail the box holder can refuse it."
- Another postal inspector, Ralph Thomas, said no references were required for persons renting post office boxes. He also said no identification was required.
- Mr. Holmes said Oswald had received Soviet newspapers and first class mail through the box, but there was no record of any packages other than the rifle.
- He said the box was still listed in Oswald's name at the time of the assassination. Special to *New York Times*
- 1/3/64** It was only after the FBI said Oswald had purchased the rifle in the name of Hidell that the Dallas police said they had an identification card with this name, which they had found on Oswald. He was searched when arrested and his room was searched, and at that time they said he had used the alias of O.H. Lee, but nothing was said about the name of Hidell until 36 hours later.
Lane interview
- 7/7/64** Dallas - Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald rented post office boxes just 12 feet apart less than a month before President

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Kennedy was assassinated, the *Dallas Times Herald* said yesterday.

Both received mail in the boxes during those three weeks. Both used their real names.

The story said investigative officials and presumably the Warren Commission have known about the boxes since shortly after the assassination.

See 7/6, AP 9:18 pm CST: Oswald rented his box 11/1. Ruby rented his box 11/7. Both boxes at Terminal Annex Post Office. Oswald's other box was at the Main Post Office, to which rifle addressed to A. Hidell was delivered. *San Francisco Chronicle (UPI)*