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1. AP WIRE STORY IN WASHINGTON STAR ON FOIA RELEASE OF OSWALD'S MATERIAL MAKES FOLLOWING STATEMENT^{OF} WHICH YOU SHOULD BE AWARE. ~~THESE ARE NOT THE ONLY FACTS OF THE CASE~~

QUOTE: IN SWORN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION, RICHARD HELMS, THEN A BRANCH CHIEF AND LATER CIA'S DIRECTOR, SAID THE AGENCY NEVER HAD OR EVEN CONTEMPLATED ANY CONTACTS WITH OSWALD... NEWLY RELEASED DOCUMENT, SAYS WE SHOWED INTELLIGENCE INTEREST IN OSWALD AND DISCUSSES... THE LAYING ON OF INTERVIEWS. END QUOTE. 4

2. ABOVE MISCONSTRUED FROM SANITIZED ^{MATERIAL} ~~THE~~ RELEASED UNDER FOIA, WRITTEN BY FORMER OFFICER WHO WAS INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE USEFUL INFORMATION OSWALD MIGHT HAVE IN CONTEXT OF SOVIET REALITIES. IN RESPONSE TO DCI CALL TO ALL HANDS TO RECORD WHATEVER THEY THOUGHT MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO WARREN COMMISSION INTERESTS, OFFICER WROTE THIS ^{MEMO} ~~THE~~ ^{MEMO} DOES RECORD BRANCH LEVEL DISCUSSION BUT STATES THAT WRITER DOES NOT KNOW WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN. E-2, IMPDET.H

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Document Contradicts Testimony

CIA Viewed Oswald As Information Source

Associated Press

fact had or even contemplated with

Oswald.

THE NOV. 25, 1963, memo explains

that the agency's interest in Oswald

as a potential intelligence source was

due to his "unusual behavior in the

USSR," to which he had defected in

1959.

We were particularly interested

in the (deleted) Oswald might pro-

vide on the Minsk factory in which he

had been employed, on certain sec-

tions of the city itself, and of course

we thought the usual (deleted) that

might help develop (deleted) person-

ality dossiers," the memo states.

The memo indicates that Oswald

was also of interest to the CIA be-

cause of concern that his Russian-

born wife, Marina, might have been

part of a trend for Soviet women to

marry foreigners, leave the country

and settle overseas where they could

serve as spies.

THE MEMO ABOUT the agency's

interest in Oswald said the discus-

sions about Oswald occurred "some-

time in summer 1960." The author

continued: "I don't recall if this was

discussed while Oswald and his fami-

ly were en route to our country or if it

was after their arrival."