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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN GATHERED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES REGARDING THE TRAVEL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND HIS WIFE:

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OSWALD ARRIVED IN SOUTHAMPTON THIS DATE CLAIMING ON HIS LANDING CARD THAT HE HAD NO FIXED ADDRESS BUT PLANNED TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ONE WEEK FOR VACATION BEFORE GOING ON TO "SOME SCHOOL IN SWISSIE." (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: PROBABLY REFERRING TO THE ALBERT SCHWITZER COLLEGE IN SWITZERLAND WITH WHICH HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE.)

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G. 1963: INFO ACCORDING TO AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND RELIABLE SOURCE,
ON 23 NOVEMBER MARIA SMITHAGE, HEAD OF THE "WERKGROUP INFORMATIE CUBA," TOLD AN
EMPLOYEE OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE THAT SHE WAS SURE SHE HAD MET "THAT
MR. LEE IN HAVANA, WHO DID THE MURDER." SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS A MAN OF VIOLENCE
AND ENTIRELY FULL OF HATE AND INDICATED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THIS MAN HAD
BEEN MISUSED BY A GROUP. SHE SAID SHE HAD WRITTEN TO "GIBSON" ABOUT THE BAD
IMPRESSION SHE HAD HAD OF THIS LEE. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENTS: PLEASE REFER TO OUR
TELETYPE NOS 85182 AND 85665 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GIBSON.) ALMOST
THREE HOURS LATER, SMITHAGE AGAIN CONTACTED THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE AND
SAID THAT "MR. LEE OF THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE" HAD BEEN SLANDERED AND THAT
IT WAS ANOTHER PERSON NAMED LEE OSWALD WHO HAD DONE IT. SMITHAGE SEEMED TO BE
GLAD TO HAVE HEARD THIS "CORRECT" VERSION. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: MR. LEE MAY BE
IDENTICAL WITH VINCENT THEODORE LEE WHO REPLACED RICHARD GIBSON AS HEAD OF THE
FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE.)

H. ACCORDING TO RELEASABLE INFORMATION SMITHAGE WAS IN CUBA IN JANUARY
1963, AND ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL DUTCH SOURCE, SHE AGAIN TRAVELED TO CUBA FOR
THE MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN 1963.

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 SOVIET EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM WHICH OCCASIONALLY IS DONE IN SPECIAL CASES

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F. 1962:

RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT THAT OSWALD RETURNED

TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE USSR THROUGH THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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