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1. FOLLOWING SYNOPSIS IS FOR COS BACKGROUND BRIEFING AND TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING ANY COS LEADS GENERATED BY CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS:

A. 9 OCTOBER 1959: ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL BRITISH TRAVEL RECORDS OSWALD ARRIVED IN SOUTHAMPTON THIS DATE CLAIMING ON HIS "LANDING CARD" THAT HE HAD NO FIXED ADDRESS BUT PLANNED REMAIN UNITED KINGDOM ONE WEEK FOR VACATION BEFORE GOING "SOME SCHOOL IN SWITZER." (HQS COMMENT: PROBABLY REFERRING ALBERT SCHWEITZER COLLEGE SWITZERLAND WITH WHICH HE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE.)

B. 10 OCTOBER 1959: ACCORDING SAME OFFICIAL BRITISH TRAVEL RECORDS OSWALD LEFT LONDON THIS DATE BY AIR FOR HELSINKI.

C. OCTOBER 1959: STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPER "DAGENS NYHETER" 25 NOVEMBER 1963 STATES LEE OSWALD PASSED THROUGH SWEDEN OCTOBER 1959. ARTICLE ADDS THAT OSWALD UN-SUCCESSFUL OBTAINING VISA TO USSR IN HELSINKI WHICH RESULTED HIS RETURNING STOCKHOLM.

TWO DAYS AFTER HE ARRIVED STOCKHOLM OSWALD TRAVELED DIRECTLY MOSCOW. CONCLUDING ARTICLE STATES "THIS INDICATES THAT RUSSIAN EMBASSY (STOCKHOLM) GAVE HIM A VISA". ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCE THERE WAS NO RECORD THERE WAS ANY REQUEST FOR USSR VISA PROCESSED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS FOR OSWALD ANY TIME DURING 1959 AND

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CUBAN EMBASSY HAGUE SHE WAS SURE SHE HAD MET "THAT MR. LEE IN HAVANA WHO DID THE MURDER." SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS MAN OF VIOLENCE AND ENTIRELY FULL OF HATE AND INDICATED THAT IT POSSIBLE THIS MAN HAD BEEN MISLEADED BY A GROUP. SHE SAID SHE HAD WRITTEN "GIBSON" ABOUT BAD IMPRESSION SHE HAD HAD OF THIS LEE. (HQS COMMENT: GIBSON IS FAIRPLAY FOR CUBA REP IN GENEVA) ALMOST THREE HOURS LATER SMETHLAGE AGAIN CONTACTED CUBAN EMBASSY HAGUE AND SAID "MR. LEE OF THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE" HAD BEEN SLANDERED AND IT WAS ANOTHER PERSON NAMED LEE OSWALD WHO HAD DONE IT. SMETHLAGE SEEMED TO BE GLAD TO HAVE HEARD "CORRECT" VERSION. (HQS COMMENT: MR. LEE MAY BE IDENTICAL VINCENT THEODORE LEE WHO REPLACED RICHARD GIBSON AS HEAD OF FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK. ALSO LEE HARVEY OSWALD HAS USED ALIAS O. H. LEE; HOWEVER NO TRACES TRAVEL TO CUBA LOCATED AS OF THIS DATE.

H. ACCORDING RELIABLE INFO SMETHLAGE WAS IN CUBA JANUARY 1963 AND ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL DUTCH SOURCE SHE AGAIN TRAVELED CUBA FOR MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS 1963.

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* HQS COMMENT - Requested liaison and station traces Lee Harvey Oswald.

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