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55< ^AP-JFK-Records<,0472<^Report: FBI Tracked Oswald<< WASHINGTON (AP) \_ The FBI was so interested in Lee Harvey Oswaldthat it enlisted the help of Switzerland's federal police to trackhis whereabouts after he left the United States in 1959, federalrecords show. ``... pertinent information was furnished to the Swiss FederalPolice on 6/16/60 and they were requested to conduct (an)investigation in Switzerland in accordance with the bureau'srequest," read a memorandum on Oswald, sent from the U.S. embassyin Paris to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover on July 27, 1960. The memorandum was among five documents released Thursday by the Assassination Records Review Board, which is compiling records related to President Kennedy's assassination. The documents were previously available, but with large sectionsblocked out. The FBI initially tried to block their release butrelented after the board obtained the consent of the Swissgovernment. Previously released documents indicate the FBI's interest inOswald. But the latest batch reveals the steps taken to trackOswald's activities after his 1959 defection to the former SovietUnion. Oswald's mother, Marguerite C. Oswald of Fort Worth, Tex., hadtold the FBI that three letters she had written her son since Jan.22, 1960, had been returned undelivered. She had also received aletter addressed to Oswald from Albert Schweitzer College in Switzerland, indicating that he was expected there on April 20,1960. The FBI turned to the Swiss federal police, who at first couldnot even locate the college, which had no official records on filein Bern, documents showed. Eventually, the college was located inChurwalden, Switzerland. After discussing the case with FBI in July, August and September1960, and visiting the school, Swiss police on Oct. 1 reported thatOswald had announced plans to begin classes in the fall of 1959 butnever showed up, according to memoranda sent to Hoover from theembassy. It is unlikely that Oswald would have attended the school undera different name, police said. Also, Swiss police found ``no record of a person possiblyidentical with the subject" registered for courses in the fall of 1960, one memo stated. In earlier correspondence with the StateDepartment, Hoover had suggested the possibility of an impostorusing Oswald's birth certificate. Later, Swiss police reported that Oswald's last letter to the college, in June 1959, included a \$25 deposit and an expression of "satisfaction at being accepted at the college and anticipated joyfor the coming sojourn at Churwalden," according to a Nov. 3,1960, embassy memo to Hoover. "Any further information received from the Swiss Federal Policewill be furnished to the Bureau," the memo said. AP-NY-12-28-95 1853EST<END OF FILE-> WIREREADY NEWSWIRE SYSTEMS INC. Copyright

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