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Subject: OSWALD's DD 1173 I.D.

Right after you left the building late this afternoon, I DID find something "remarkable" in Oswald's USMC service record! On the page entitled "Administrative Remarks", I finally found the official entry confirming that the DD 1173 was indeed issued on 11 SEP 1959 (the same day he was discharged)...and the exact serial number on the card is in the entry in his service record. Furthermore, the expiration date coincides also: the card's expiration date says 7 DEC 62, and the Service Record entry says 8 DEC 62...I consider this equivalent to a match since in actual practice, the expiration date on I.D. cards are treated as "the last day the card is good". As a result of this match, I do not need to call Mary LaFontaine (at least not yet). What's next: a. Examine actual card and determine whether the photo looks like it has been tampered with (or placed over an old one); why? because this I.D. card has on it (from 11 SEP 59) the exact same photo which is labeled in the W.R. as "Oswald in Minsk". The sequence here is out of sync. (Remember, this card was not turned over to the W.C. by the FBI, and was only released to the Archives in 1966, according to the LaFontaines. I will check with Steve Tilley to confirm when NARA received it.) b. The Service Record entry does indeed quote a reference for issuance of the I.D. card, namely PRAM 3014.5. I must now get my hands on this soonest to determine whether we have an evidentiary "problem" here, or just a routine issuance. (My experience with this I.D. card, and those of some of my former associates, does confirm that for the era of the 1980s-1990s, it is intended for civilians who need privileges on overseas bases (i.e., base entry, commissary and post exchange)). I realize that the real issue here is what the regulations for issuance of the DD 1173 were in 1959 on SEP 11th, not present-day. c. I will also try to determine why Paul Hoch wrote that Oswald supposedly had this card in his possession on 04 SEP 59, one week prior to its official issuance, when he applied for his passport. David Marwell has been briefed on this, since he stopped by and asked me how things were going. (I filled him in on all the above.) At the appropriate time I will forward you a formal, written memo this subject. This is just an update, since the last thing you heard from me was "nothing remarkable", and that changed after you left. END.

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