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SUBJECT: Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald

TO: Walter P. HALTIGAN

1. It makes little difference now, but REDWOOD had at one time an
OI interest in Oswald. As soon as I had heard Oswald's name, I recalled
that as Chief of the 6 Branch I had discussed -- sometime in Summer 1960 --
with the then Chief and Deputy Chief of the 6 Research Section the layâng
on of interview(s) through KUJUMP or other suitable channels. At the
moment I don't recall if this was discussed while Oswald and his family
were en route to our country or if it was after their arrival.

2. I remember that Oswald's unusual behavior in the USSR had struck
me from the moment I had read the first ODACID dispatch on him, and I
told my subordinates something amounting to "Don't push too hard to get
the information we need, because this individual looks odd." We were
particularly interested in the OI Oswald might provide on the Minsk
factory in which he had been employed, on certain sections of the city
itself, and of course we sought the usual BI that might help develop
target personality dossiers.

3. I was phasing into my LPOWER cover assignment, and out of KUDOVE, at
the time. Thus, I would have left our country shortly after Oswald's arrival.
I do not know what action developed thereafter.

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Addendum

4. As an afterthought, I recall also that at the time I was becoming
increasingly interested in watching develop a pattern that we had discovered
in the course of our bio and research work in 6: the number of Soviet
women marrying foreigners, being permitted to leave the USSR, then eventually
divorcing their spouses and settling down abroad without returning "home".
The AEOCEAN 3 case was among the first of these, and we eventually turned
up something like two dozen similar cases. We established links between
some of these women and the KGB. KUDESK became interested in the developing
trend we had come across. It was partly out of curiosity to learn if
Oswald's wife would actually accompany him to our country, partly out of
interest in Oswald's own experience in the USSR, that we showed operational
intelligence interest in the Harvey story.

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