

draft Hosty chronology -- working copy
October 31, 1996 -- 10:39 a.m.

- 10/59 FBI opens file on Oswald (HQ: 105-82555; Dallas 100-10461) (at approx. same time State, ONI, and CIA open files --WR 434)
- 4/28/60 Fain interviews Marguerite Oswald (and Robert Oswald?) in Waco, Texas (WR 434) (Fain Report 7/31/61 at 3).
- 5/12/60 Fain Report on Marguerite interview
- 6/3/60 FBI HQ: Letter from Hoover to Office of Security, Department of State (cc:ONI). "Since there is a possibility that an imposter is using Oswald's birth certificate, any current information the Department of State may have concerning subject will be appreciated."
- 60-61 Trying to track Oswald/Albert Schweitzer College, etc. . .
- 4/10/62 Fain interviews Marguerite Oswald in Fort Worth, Texas
- 7/3/61 Fain Report 2
(from ARRB chron:) "Key FBI Memo" "[P]redicted on information received by communication of January 11, 1961, from N.O." that Oswald had been given undesirable discharge on 8/17/60. [This happened almost *one year* earlier. Why is *Dallas* interested in Oswald -- who last lived in Fort Worth in 1956? He listed Fort Worth as his last U.S. address, but that was before his defection.] Mentions Oswald's recently expressed desire to return to U.S. Quotes Marguerite as saying that her family lived in Fort Worth from 1945-56 -- when Lee joined Marines. [This is false. They moved back to Fort Worth only in 1956-57.] [Fain seems to be examining earlier FBI reports.] States that photo of Oswald is put in Dallas file. FBI (Fain) Report, 7/3/61 at 5.
- 9/29/61 Fain updates the investigation
- 11/20/61 Fain *closes the file* just when Oswald may be returning home with Marina
- 5/31/62 SAC DL receives Director's letter that LHO on his way home from Russia & that DL must interview LHO immediately upon his return to determine if he is a security risk
- 6/26/62 Fain/Carter interview Oswald (H. @ 43; Fain Rpt 7/10/62)
(from ARRB chron:) 1st of 4 reported FBI interviews with Oswald -- 2 in DL pre-assassination; 1 in N.O.; interrogation on 11/22-23. Fain interviews Oswald in Fort Worth office. See 7/10/62, 8/16/62. According to Kelly, "Oswald walked into the Fort Worth FBI office unannounced." "Oswald's surprise visit caught Fain completely off guard." Kelly, *The Story of an FBI Director* 259.
- 6/62 Interest in Marina (H. @ 43)

7/62 Hosty wants to open file on Marina; Howe says no (H. @ 44)
 (from ARRB chron:) Fain asks Hosty to check on Marina Oswald. Fain suspicious of Marina's being able to leave USSR so easily. "At that time Marina was only the 3rd known case of a Soviet spouse to leave the USSR with a non-Soviet spouse." Kelly, *The Story of an FBI Director* 259.

7/10/62 Fain report on Oswald (Fain Rpt 7/10/62)
 (from ARRB chron:) **KEY FBI MEMORANDUM:** "Background information concerning subject's stay in Russia." This memo cites the following as sources:
 (a) 3/20/62 contact with ONI
 (b) 6/5/62 review of Passport Office files at State
 (c) 8/22/61 review of Passport Office files at State
 (d) 1/29/62 review of Passport Office files at State
 (e) 9/18/61 interview with Robert Oswald in Fort Worth
 (f) 10/13/61 interview with Marguerite Oswald
 (g) 10/19/61 letter from Mack (at INS-DL)
 (h) 2/28/62 discussion with Passport Office at State
 (i) 3/27/62 interview with office of Special Consular Services at State
 (j) 3/29/62 interview with Abbott at Office of Security (OS), State (about John Edward Pic). OS later said FBI took all its Oswald files shortly after the assassination
 (k) 6/5/62 review of files of Special Consular Services, State (about repatriation loan)
 (l) 5/4/62 interview with **Brigadier General Tompkins**
 (m) 5/5/62 review of OS files, State
 (n) 5/18/62 interview with Mrs. Robert Oswald
 (o) 6/4/62 interview with Van Cott, Office of Special Consular Services, State
 (p) 6/8/62 news article from Fort Worth Star Telegram
 (q) 6/8/62 news article from Fort Worth Press
 (r) 6/22/62 interview with McDonald of Holland-America
 (s) 6/22/62 review of INS records in New York
 (t) 6/22/62 interview with Wiedersheim of INS
 (u) 6/26/62 interview with Mrs. Robert Oswald
 (v) 6/26/62 interview with Oswald. "Oswald stated that in the event he is contacted by Soviet Intelligence under suspicious circumstances or otherwise, he will promptly communicate with the FBI." (p. 13). FBI Report (Fain), 7/10/62 at 13.
Oddities: "Character" is described as "Internal Security-Russia" rather than "Internal Security-R". Cover sheet date is 7/6/62 rather than 7/10/62 (as is first page of memo). The interview of Oswald is dated as 7/6/62.
Hypothesis: written after 11/22/63 at HQ to make FBI look more diligent.

7/12/62 Hosty gets INS file on Marina (105-82555-30)

7/25/62 first report on Marina -- Fain decides that she need not be interviewed, but that he will reinterview Oswald (105-82555-29)

8/16/62 Fain/Brown reinterview Oswald (105-82555-30)(in car, I think H. @ 45)

8/30/62 Fain report #2 -- Hosty assisted

9/62 Fain closes file (H. @ 45)

? "cooling off" period for domestic disputes (H. @ 45)
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8/10/63 Quigley interviews Oswald in N.O. after Oswald's arrest (105-82555-44)
9/10/63 Hosty transferred his active files on LHO to N.O. (H. @ 46) (105-82555-34)
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10/2/63 NO Field Office requested DL to locate Oswalds who departed NO around
9/25/63 for Texas
10/10/63 Date of CIA cable to FBI stating that Oswald may have made contact with Soviet
Embassy in Mexico City (105-82555-40)
10/18/63 Date of cablegram from Legat, Mexico City, to Director, FBI, about Oswald's
contact with Kostikov (105-82555-43)
10/22/63 Date of document from SAC/DL to Director/FBI that says that INS informed Hosty
that Oswald may have been in contact with Soviet Embassy in Mexico City
(105-82555-39)
10/24/63 SAC/NO sends to Director/FBI a "for Dallas . . . radiogram from Legat, Mexico
City, 10/18/63, and cablegram from Director to Mexico City, 10/22/63 (copied only
to NO & WFO -- NOT to DL)."
10/30/63 Hosty visits Paine household; verifies that Marine lives there & has just had
second child; LHO visits but does not reside there (105-82555-45)
10/31/63 Date of Kaack Report from N.O. (105-82555-44)
11/4/63 Shanklin airtel that LHO working at TSBD & living at unknown address in DL
(105-82555-48)
11/15/63 Memo in HQ file states that DL office is in possession of all pertinent serials in the
case. (105-82555-47)
? Hosty NOT told about Mexico City (H. @ 48)