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Warren Commission IRS Documents: References to Income Tax Returns

1. McWillie, Lewis--Income tax return for 1959

description of McWillie's employment: "McWillie...supervised gambling activities at Havana's Tropicana Hotel in 1959 and later was employed in a managerial capacity in a Las Vegas gambling establishment"(802).

2. Oswald, Lee--Income tax return for 1959

reference to money saved in Marines and used in October of that year to apply for Soviet citizenship and stay in Moscow:

"During [Oswald's] service in the Marines he had saved a comparatively large sum of money, possibly as much as \$1,500, which would appear to have been accomplished...for a specific purpose. The purpose of the accumulated fund soon became known. On October 16, 1959, Oswald arrived in Moscow by train, after crossing the border from Finland, where he had secured a visa for a six day stay in the Soviet Union. He immediately applied for Soviet citizenship"(12).

3. Paine, Ruth--Income tax return for 1962, finances

The conclusion of Warren Commission as to the extent of the Paines' involvement with the Oswalds alludes to investigation of the couples' finances before and after 1963:

"...Ruth Paine has been completely cooperative, voluntarily producing all correspondence, memoranda, and other written communications that had passed between her and Marina Oswald both before and after November 22, 1963...The Commission has found nothing in the Paines' background, activities, or finances which suggests disloyalty to the United States..."(287).

4. Oswald, Lee--Income tax return for 1960, finances

Lee's brother, Robert, and mother, Marguerite, were questioned about money sent to him from Mrs. Oswald's account while he was in Russia: "In April 1960, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald and Robert Oswald were interviewed in the course of a routine FBI investigation of transfers of small sums of money from Mrs. Oswald to her son in Russia"(434).

5. Oswald, Lee--Income tax return for 1962, Post-Russian Period, finances

The Commission report provides a detailed account of Oswald's finances immediately upon his return from Russia:

"From his return until January of 1963, Oswald repaid the \$435.71 he had

borrowed from the State Department...His cash receipts from all sources from the date of his arrival in Fort Worth through October 1962 aggregated \$719.94... From his net earnings of \$805.96 from November through January plus his prior savings, Oswald could have made these payments to the State Department, met his other known expenses, and still have had a balance of \$8.59 at the end of January 1963"(330).

6. Ruby, Earl--Income tax return for 1963, finances

To determine whether the Rubenstein family or Earl in particular benefitted from the murder of Lee Oswald, the committee investigated Earl Ruby's finances in 1963. The conclusion that there was no direct benefit incurred is inferred from the investigation:

"Finally, the committee analyzed the finances of Ruby and of his family to determine if there was any evidence of financial profit from his killing of the accused assassins... Some financial records including tax returns, could not be legally obtained by the committee without great difficulty...Nevertheless, on the basis of the information that it did obtain, the committee uncovered no evidence that Ruby or members of his family profited from the killing of Oswald"(159).