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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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C. OCTOBER 1959: STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPER "DAGENES NYHETER" OF 25 NOVEMBER 1963 STATES LEE OSWALD PASSED THROUGH SWEDEN DURING OCTOBER 1959. ARTICLE ALSO ADDS THAT OSWALD WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING VISA TO THE USSR IN HELSINKI WHICH RESULTED IN HIS RETURNING TO STOCKHOLM. TWO DAYS AFTER HE ARRIVED IN STOCKHOLM OSWALD TRAVELED DIRECTLY TO MOSCOW. CONCLUDING SENTENCE OF ARTICLE STATES "THIS INDICATES THAT THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY (STOCKHOLM) GAVE HIM A VISA." ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE THERE WAS NO RECORD THAT THERE WAS ANY REQUEST FOR A USSR VISA PROCESSED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS FOR OSWALD AT ANY TIME DURING 1959, AND

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 G. 1963: ACCORDING TO AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND RELIABLE SOURCE,  
 ON 23 NOVEMBER MARIA SNEHLAGE, HEAD OF THE "WERKGROUP INFORMATIE CUBA," TOLD AN  
 EMPLOYEE OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE THAT SHE WAS SURE SHE HAD MET "THAT  
 MR. LEE IN HAVANA, WHO DID THE MURDER." SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS A MAN OF VIOLENCE  
 AND ENTIRELY FULL OF HATE AND INDICATED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THIS MAN HAD  
 BEEN MISUSED BY A GROUP. SHE SAID SHE HAD WRITTEN TO "GIBSON" ABOUT THE BAD  
 IMPRESSION SHE HAD HAD OF THIS LEE. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENTS: PLEASE REFER TO OUR  
 TELETYPE NOS 85182 AND 85665 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GIBSON.) ALMOST  
 THREE HOURS LATER, SNEHLAGE AGAIN CONTACTED THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE AND  
 SAID THAT "MR LEE OF THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE" HAD BEEN SLANDERED AND THAT  
 IT WAS ANOTHER PERSON NAMED LEE OSWALD WHO HAD DONE IT. SNEHLAGE SEEMED TO BE  
 GLAD TO HAVE HEARD THIS "CORRECT" VERSION. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: MR. LEE MAY BE  
 IDENTICAL WITH VINCENT THEODORE LEE WHO REPLACED RICHARD GIBSON AS HEAD OF THE  
 FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE.)

H. ~~ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION SNEHLAGE WAS IN CUBA IN JANUARY 1963, AND ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL DUTCH SOURCE, SHE AGAIN TRAVELED TO CUBA FOR THE MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN 1963.~~

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SOVIET EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM WHICH OCCASIONALLY IS DONE IN SPECIAL CASES

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F. 1962: RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT THAT OSWALD RETURNED  
TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE USSR THROUGH THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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