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23 Feb 67  
Memo # 11,499

Date: January 18, 1967

To: Mr. Winston M. Scott

From: *NLF* Nathan L. Ferris  
Legal Attache

Subject: WILLIAM R. DOBKINS  
105-5747 (1-18-67)

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Reference is made to your memorandum No. 11,174 dated November 17, 1966, captioned "Correspondence for the Cuban Embassy".

We have been advised that William R. Dobkins is a person of doubtful mental stability who has been interviewed in connection with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He claimed to have served in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) with Lee Harvey Oswald and alleged that after telling Oswald of the theft of his (Dobkins') ranch by politicians they talked about killing President Johnson, Governor John B. Connally of Texas, and Texas Railroad Commissioner James Langdon. Subject also threatened these persons in a 1964 letter to the Chairman of Texans for Goldwater.

Subject has claimed that he traveled to Mexico following his discharge from the USMC in order to arrange a defection to

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Russia. The approximate dates of this travel are at present unknown.

By letter dated April 8, 1965, entitled "Correspondence to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City", your headquarters furnished our headquarters with a copy of a rambling anonymous letter which concerned Dobkins, Lee Harvey Oswald, various political personalities in Texas, and the assassination of President Kennedy which the letter relates to the uncompromising attitude of President Johnson. It is felt that Dobkins may have authored this letter.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, knows Dobkins and was in contact with him in November, 1966. She claims that he is very similar to her late son and that some of the travel activity attributed to her son might have actually applied to Dobkins.

You are requested to advise if you have any record indicating that Subject has been a visitor to the Soviet or Cuban Embassy or has attempted to use their Consular facilities to arrange travel to the Soviet Union. Additional descriptive data concerning him will be furnished to you when available.

You are further requested to authorize the dissemination in suitably paraphrased language with the source completely protected, of the fact that Dobkins was in contact with the Cuban Embassy, Mexico, D. F.