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1. FOLLOWING SYNOPSIS IS FOR COS BACKGROUND BRIEFING AND TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING ANY COS LEADS GENERATED BY CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS:

A. 9 OCTOBER 1959: ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL BRITISH TRAVEL RECORDS OSWALD ARRIVED IN SOUTHAMPTON THIS DATE CLAIMING ON HIS LANDING CARD THAT HE HAD NO FIXED ADDRESS BUT PLANNED REMAIN UNITED KINGDOM ONE WEEK FOR VACATION BEFORE GOING "SOME SCHOOL IN SWITZER." (HQS COMMENT: PROBABLY REFERRING ALBERT SCHWEITZER COLLEGE SWITZERLAND WITH WHICH HE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE.)

B. 10 OCTOBER 1959: ACCORDING SAME OFFICIAL BRITISH TRAVEL RECORDS OSWALD LEFT LONDON THIS DATE BY AIR FOR HELSINKI.

C. OCTOBER 1959: STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPER "DAGENS NYTTEN" 25 NOVEMBER 1959 STATES LEE OSWALD PASSED THROUGH SWEDEN OCTOBER 1959. ARTICLE ADDS THAT OSWALD UN-SUCCESSFUL OBTAINED VISA TO USSR IN HELSINKI WHICH RESULTED HIS RETURNING STOCKHOLM. TWO DAYS AFTER HE ARRIVED STOCKHOLM OSWALD TRAVELED DIRECTLY MOSCOW. CONCLUDING SENTENCE ARTICLE STATES "THIS INDICATES THAT RUSSIAN EMBASSY (STOCKHOLM) GAVE HIM A VISA." ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCE THERE WAS NO RECORD THERE WAS ANY REQUEST FOR USSR VISA PROCESSED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS FOR OSWALD ANY TIME DURING 1959 AND

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WHEN EMBASSY MALE SPOKE SHE WAS SURE SHE HAD NOT "HEARD MR. LEE IN HAVANA WHO DID THE  
 SHOOTING." SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS MAN OF VIGOROUS AND EFFICIENT BUILD OF BUILD AND INDICATED  
 THAT IF POSSIBLE THIS MAN HAD BEEN KILLED BY A GUN. SHE SAID SHE HAD VARIOUS  
 "VERSIONS" ABOUT HAD INFORMATION SHE HAD HAD OF THIS MAN. (HQS COMMENT: SOURCE IS  
 FAIRPLAY FOR CUBA TRIP IN GENEVA) ALMOST THREE YEARS LATER SMETZLAGE AGAIN CONTACTED  
 CUBAN EMBASSY MALE AND SAID "MR LEE OF THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE" HAD BEEN  
 SLANDERED AND IT WAS ANOTHER PERSON NAMED LEE OSWALD WHO HAD DONE IT. SMETZLAGE  
 SEEMED TO BE GLAD TO HAVE HEARD "CORRECT" VERSION. (HQS COMMENT: MR. LEE MAY BE  
 IDENTICAL VINCENT THOMAS LEE WHO REJECTED RICHARD GIBSON AS HEAD OF FAIR PLAY  
 FOR CUBA COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK. ALSO LEE HARVEY OSWALD HAS USED ALIAS O. H. LEE)  
 HOWEVER NO TRACES TRAVEL TO CUBA LOCATED AS OF THIS DATE.

H. ACCORDING RELIABLE INFO SMETZLAGE WAS IN CUBA JANUARY 1963 AND ACCORDING  
 TO OFFICIAL NORTH SOURCE SHE AGAIN TRAVELED CUBA FOR MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS 1963.

END OF MESSAGE

\* HQS COMMENT - Requested Liaison and station traces Lee Harvey Oswald.

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