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1. AP WIRE STORY IN WASHINGTON STAR ON FOIA RELEASE OF OSWALD'S MATERIAL MAKES FOLLOWING STATEMENT^{OF} WHICH YOU SHOULD BE AWARE, ~~REDACTED~~

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QUOTE: IN SWORN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION, RICHARD HELMS, THEN A BRANCH CHIEF AND LATER CIA'S DIRECTOR, SAID THE AGENCY NEVER HAD OR EVEN CONTEMPLATED ANY CONTACTS WITH OSWALD... NEWLY RELEASED DOCUMENT, SAYS WE SHOWED INTELLIGENCE INTEREST IN OSWALD AND DISCUSSES... THE LAYING ON OF INTERVIEWS. END QUOTE. 4

2. ABOVE MISCONSTRUED FROM SANITIZED ~~MEMO~~^{MATERIAL} RELEASED UNDER FOIA, WRITTEN BY FORMER OFFICER WHO WAS INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE USEFUL INFORMATION OSWALD MIGHT HAVE IN CONTEXT OF SOVIET REALITIES. IN RESPONSE TO DCI CALL TO ALL HANDS TO RECORD WHATEVER THEY THOUGHT MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO WARREN COMMISSION INTERESTS, OFFICER WROTE THIS ~~MEMO~~^{MEMO}. THE ~~MEMO~~^{MEMO} DOES RECORD BRANCH LEVEL DISCUSSION BUT STATES THAT WRITER DOES NOT KNOW WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN. E-2, IMPDET.H

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CIA Link To Oswald Unproven

Associated Press

Senate investigators were unable to confirm reports from two CIA officers that the agency may have contacted Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, it was learned yesterday.

However, Sen. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., who headed the Kennedy assassination investigation, said through a spokesman that "I don't think we know the whole story."

The CIA released a document Thursday showing that the agency once considered using Oswald as a source of intelligence information about the Soviet Union. The document appeared to conflict with sworn testimony before the Warren Commission by Richard Helms, then a branch chief and later the CIA's director, that the agency never had "or even contemplated" any contacts with Oswald.

SCHWEIKER SAID he was unaware of the Oswald document, but a well informed source said it had been turned over to the Senate intelligence subcommittee that investigated the Kennedy assassination.

"We followed it up," the source said, but "we found no indication that Oswald was in fact contacted."

The same source said investigators also were unable to confirm the sworn testimony before the subcommittee by a former CIA officer who claimed to have seen a CIA report concerning a contact with a man closely resembling Oswald's description.

Schweiker confirmed that his subcommittee had been unable to corroborate several reports of CIA contacts with Oswald in connection with his travels in Russia between 1959 and 1962.

Document Contradicts Testimony

CIA Viewed Oswald As Information Source

Associated Press

fact had or even contemplated with Oswald.

Contrary to sworn testimony, the CIA once considered using presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald as a source of intelligence information about the Soviet Union, according to a newly released CIA document.

In sworn testimony before the Warren Commission, Richard Helms, then a branch chief and later the CIA's director, said the agency never had "or even contemplated" any contacts with Oswald.

The newly released document, written by an unidentified CIA officer three days after President John F. Kennedy was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, says that "we showed intelligence interest" in Oswald and "discussed... the laying on of inter-

views." The unidentified officer added that "I do not know what action developed thereafter."

THE MEMO WAS AMONG hundreds of pages of documents from the CIA's file on Lee Harvey Oswald. The material was released to The Associated Press yesterday under the Freedom of Information Act.

A second document, reveals that former CIA Director Allen Dulles, while serving as a member of the Warren Commission, privately counseled CIA officials on the best way to answer questions from the commission about allegations that Oswald was a CIA agent.

Dulles "thought language which made it clear that Lee Harvey Oswald was never an employe or agent of CIA would suffice," an unidentified CIA officer wrote Helms in April 1964.

"I agree with him that a carefully phrased denial of the charges of involvement with Oswald seemed most appropriate," the unidentified officer added.

When he appeared before the commission in May 1964, Helms, then head of the agency's clandestine services, testified under oath that "there's no material in the Central Intelligence Agency, either in the records or in the mind of any of the individuals that there was any con-

THE NOV. 25, 1963, memo explains that the agency's interest in Oswald as a potential intelligence source was due to his "unusual behavior in the USSR," to which he had defected in 1959.

"We were particularly interested in the (deleted) Oswald might provide on the Minsk factory in which he had been employed, on certain sections of the city itself, and of course we thought the usual (deleted) that might help develop (deleted) personality dossiers," the memo states.

The memo indicates that Oswald was also of interest to the CIA because of concern that his Russian-born wife, Marina, might have been part of a trend for Soviet women to marry foreigners, leave the country and settle overseas where they could serve as spies.

THE MEMO ABOUT the agency's interest in Oswald said the discussions about Oswald occurred "some time in summer 1960." The author continued: "I don't recall if this was discussed while Oswald and his family were en route to our country or if it was after their arrival."