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The OSWALD Case
 SHAW, Clay L. #492897-A for FOIA Review on MAR 1977

According to a Washington Star clipping dated 2 March 1967, Clay L. SHAW, who was arrested, indicted and is awaiting trial in connection with the charge that he conspired with Lee Harvey OSWALD and David W. FERRIE to assassinate President KENNEDY, was described by one Jesse CORE as a political liberal who was "very admiring" of President KENNEDY. According to CORE, SHAW "talked of voting for KENNEDY in 1960" and wore a KENNEDY for President button. Jesse CORE worked with SHAW in 1963 at the International Trade Mart in New Orleans.

Security indices reflect that one Jesse R. CORE, Chief Consul with USIS in the American Embassy in Madras, India, in 1950, was a friend of David Gilmore BALDWIN, (#49842 [redacted])

[redacted] following a serious security breach which involved a Mrs. Lillian BAXTER of Calcutta, India who also was known to CORE. Mrs. BAXTER who was believed to be an American with Indian citizenship, had formerly been married to an Anglo-Indian planter in India and was said to have become a prostitute and in 1951 to have been kept by a wealthy Marwari. She was believed to be controlled by Indian Intelligence and it was thought that she might be an agent for any of several governments including England and Russia. She was an associate of David Gilmore BALDWIN and was suspected of stealing security documents from him.

There is insufficient information regarding Jesse CORE, Clay SHAW's associate, to positively identify him as BALDWIN's friend, Jesse R. CORE, but it seems quite probable that they are the same. BALDWIN is from New Orleans and it would appear that his friend CORE is also, in as much as he seems in all probability to be the husband of a Mrs. Jess CORE, nee: Lucy Ruggles, who as of 1956 was said to be married to a man in the State Department and to be somewhere overseas, and as of 1957 was said to reside in New Orleans, Louisiana. This

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Mrs. Jesse CORE was one of a suspect political group, Dallas County Volunteers for RAINEY, which was of interest to the Security Office in 1956-1957 because of the fact that current CIA employee, Michael Charles PEARSON, #62901, and his friend, John Max ROSENFELD, #21044, a former OSS man, had been members. The organization, which numbered about 25 persons most of whom were said to have been former students of the University of Texas from which Homer T. RAINEY, a former liberal president, had been discharged was of a liberal/radical persuasion. One member of the group (in which Mrs. Jesse CORE, then Lucy RUGGLES, the daughter of William RUGGLES, an editorial writer on the Dallas Morning News, was particularly active) is said to have subsequently been arrested by the FBI for Communist activities and several others have been active in Communist organizations.

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A memo on Oswald
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CORE, Jesse R.

Chief Consul with USIS in the American Consulate in Madras in 1950. Is friend of David Gilmore BALDWIN, [redacted]

[redacted] following (serious) security breach which involved Mrs. Lillian BAXTER of Calcutta, India, who was known also to Subject. (See cards on Lillian BAXTER and David G. BALDWIN) Con. Inf. P-11395 no memo

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BALDWIN, David Gilmore
Memo 17 Oct. '52 to Dep. S/O, from Chief, SS7, advised Subject was being debriefed and separated, and that Staff C advised that operational clearance on Subject was being cancelled. Was involved in serious security breach. Con. In. P-11395 (See cards on Lillian BAXTER and Jesse R. CORE).

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BAXTER, Lillian Mrs.

Calcutta, India.
Believed to be American with India citizenship, formerly married to an Anglo-Indian planter in India. Said to have become a prostitute and in 1951 to have been kept by a wealthy MARWARI. Subject was believed to be controlled by Indian Intelligence (but could be an agent for any of several govts including England and Russia). WAS ASSOCIATED WITH SERIOUS SECURITY BREACH [redacted] Con. Inf. P-11395 [redacted] no memo

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