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Pursuant to critic allegations and specific statements by former CIA employee James Wilcott that LHO was a CIA agent, Staff Investigator Harold D Weast, interviewed the following CIA personnel to determine if there ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~collaboration~~ <sup>collaboration</sup> for ~~the~~ Wilcott's statements ~~to~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~had personal knowledge~~ relating to the Oswald <sup>CIR</sup> agent issue.

1. Robert P Wheeler, DOB 4 Oct 15, SSN [redacted] 6600 Melwood Rd, Bethesda, Maryland, telephone no. 229-6368. Position with CIA, was Deputy Chief of Station, [redacted], June 59 to ~~Oct~~ <sup>Oct</sup> 64. Interviewed at CIA Hqrs 4-13-78 subject is retired

2. Leo Rosenbaum, DOB 2 Dec 23, SSN [redacted] 1815 Opalocher Dr., McLean, VA, telephone no. 356-5283. Position with CIA for the period Jun 60 ~~May 60~~ <sup>May 60</sup> to ~~July~~ <sup>July</sup> 64 was chief of Counter Intelligence, SR Branch, [redacted]. Interviewed CIA Hqrs 4-10-78. Subject is retired

Jun 61 to Jun 63 3. [redacted], DOB 24 May 33, SSN [redacted]. Subject presently employed at CIA Hqrs and has cover. [redacted] position with the CIA in 1963 at [redacted] was Intelligence assistant for the SE Section. Interviewed at CIA Hqrs on 4-7-78

was always 4. Frederick C. Randall DOB 28 Oct 26, SSN [redacted]. Presently employed at CIA Hqrs and has cover. Randall position with the CIA on Sept 61 to Aug 63 was Chief of Registry at the [redacted]. Interviewed at CIA Hqrs on [redacted]

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5. James S Wood, DOB 20 Feb 28, SSN [redacted] presently employed at CIA Hqrs. Wood's position from [redacted] to [redacted] at [redacted] station as Finance officer. Subject interviewed at CIA Hqrs on 3-31-78.

6. <sup>James</sup> George von Buelzel, DOB 12 Dec 21, SSN [redacted], 14801 Springfield Rd Germantown Md, telephone 948-6908. Former CIA case officer, [redacted] to SRB from July 63 to July 67. Presently retired, interviewed 4-10-78. ~~interviewed 4-11-78~~

7. Howard M. Orr, DOB 22 Jul 22, SSN [redacted] address 8405 Weller Ave, McLean Va, telephone 893-3325, presently retired. Positions with CIA, HQS 59-61 (SR Div) [redacted] 61-63 (case officer SB.), Nov 63 HQS, SR Div, desk officer for Japan. interviewed 4-11-78

8. George A. Fiel, DOB 29 May 21 SSN [redacted] address 27 Bay Tree, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29582, telephone # 903-249-3193. Presently retired. Fiel was Chief of the Soviet Branch at the [redacted] from June 1960 to June 1965. interviewed 4-29-78

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9. Robert N. Keith, DOB 11 Aug 27, SSN [redacted], address 2011 Glen way Dr. Sanford, Fla. 32771, telephone - 305-323-7434 former CIA case officer at [redacted], SR Branch Jan 59 - 6 Oct 63, interviewed 4-30-78
10. Jerome E. Fox, DOB 9 Oct 28, SSN [redacted] address 3663 NW 21 st, Miami, Fla. telephone 305-634-2997. former CIA intelligence analysis at [redacted] from Jul 1959 to Dec 1962, worked in program involving military intelligence. interviewed 5-1-78
11. William V. Broe, DOB 24 Aug 18, SSN [redacted] address 111 Indian Trails, Scituate, Mass telephone 617-545-6113. former CIA [COS 27] [redacted] from 1961 to 1965 interviewed 5-15-78
12. William Crawford, DOB 19 Sept 24, SSN [redacted] address 4944 Cass St, Apt 806 San Diego, Ca. 92109 telephone 714-272-2770 former CIA executive officer at [redacted] in charge of the U-2 program. (Details of interview conducted 5-14-78 submitted in separate report)

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CIA employees

The above individuals were selected for interview because of the position they held at the time with the CIA at the [redacted] <sup>during the time period</sup> frame of 1959 to 1964.

James Wilcott made gave testimony in a closed hearing before the SCA that a CIA case officer ~~told him~~ stationed in [redacted] told him that LHO was a CIA agent and ~~also~~ also mentioned LHO's crypto ~~system~~ <sup>system</sup>. This conversation ~~took~~ took place in the [redacted] shortly after the word of the JFK assassination was received on 23 Nov 63. Wilcott ~~also~~ stated that could not recall the name of the case officer or the cryptosystem. Wilcott also advised that considerable conversation

[in [redacted] at the time] Took place among CIA employees concerning the Oswald-CIA agent issue.

The basic questions asked of the CIA employee selected were as follows

- (a) Have you ever seen written documents which would indicate that LHO was a <sup>intelligence</sup> CIA agent or a source of information?
- (b) ~~Have~~ <sup>Were</sup> you ever heard advised orally that LHO was an agent?
- (c) Have you ever heard conversation or heard <sup>conversational</sup> speculation that LHO was a CIA agent or intelligence source for any government <sup>service</sup> ~~agency~~?
- (d) Were you in a position to know if LHO was recruited as an <sup>CIA</sup> agent during his tour of duty with the military in Japan.

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(e) When was the first time you ever heard the allegation that LHO ~~was~~ <sup>may have been</sup> a CIA agent.

(f) Did you know James & Elsie Wickoff [ ] ?

~~None of the~~ <sup>all</sup> individuals interviewed stated they never saw any documents nor heard any information that LHO was a CIA agent while stationed in [ ]. Only after ~~their departure~~ the critic publication and the Garrison investigation in the late 60s were they ~~so~~ ~~was~~ aware of the ~~published~~ allegation.

Subjects 2, 7 & 8 expressed belief that LHO ~~could~~ <sup>may</sup> have been recruited by the KGB during his tour of duty in Japan. They based their belief on the fact that during the period of time that LHO was in Japan, [the [ ] had identified a KGB program specifically ~~described~~ ~~designed~~ designed to recruit U.S. military personnel in Tokyo. However they had no information that the recruitment of LHO by the KGB did in fact take place.

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Subject Jerome E. Fox was ~~specifically~~ one person who Wilent could remember <sup>with who</sup> that he had conversation ~~with~~ concerning the speculation that LHO was an agent for the CIA. The conversation supposedly took place [in ] after the information <sup>was received</sup> that LHO was the assassin of JFK. Fox advised investigator Leap that he was in the U.S. at the time of assassination on 23 Nov 63. Fox's CIA personnel recalled he was transferred from [the ] to the U.S. in 1962.

Subjects 2, 7, 8, 9 and 11 all thought they would have known if LHO had been ~~see~~ recruited as a CIA agent while he was in Japan. All the subjects worked within the SR Branch of the [ ] and theoretically ~~would have~~ one of them would have handled or had knowledge of the recruitment. All thought if Oswald had been recruited without their knowledge it would have been a rare exception to the working policy and guidelines [of the station]<sup>13</sup>.

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