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**Memorandum**

TO : IOS - Mr. Emond *EME*

DATE: March 13, 1964

FROM : IOS/I - M. S. Mileski *MSM*

SUBJECT: JACOBS, John Kedzie  
IOS - 5076

On Wednesday, March 11, 1964, Special Agent Charles Taylor of the U. S. Secret Service called at my office for the purpose of enlisting the assistance of IOS in an investigation being conducted by the Secret Service on behalf of the Warren Committee concerning the assassination of former President Kennedy. As you know, Mrs. Marina Oswald was under the protective custody of the Secret Service until she completed her testimony before the Warren Committee. S/A Taylor advised that after the assassination, a Mrs. Katia Jacobs (later identified as the wife of John Kedzie Jacobs) sent a letter, written in Russian, to Marina Oswald expressing sympathy for her and extending an invitation for Mrs. Oswald to live with the Jacobs'. Mrs. Oswald subsequently met with Mrs. Jacobs and according to Mrs. Oswald, Mrs. Jacobs speaks fluent Russian. It was her impression that Mrs. Jacobs was not a native-born American.

S/A Taylor said every conceivable facet is being explored in the investigation for the Warren Committee, and in this connection, the Secret Service has enlisted the assistance of the Fairfax County Police to conduct a discreet inquiry relative to Mrs. Jacobs in an effort to ascertain something of her background. S/A Taylor emphasized the importance of the Secret Service not being identified with the investigation. The purpose of his visit to IOS was to review the Security File on Jacobs for background and identifying data on Mrs. Jacobs.

In calling S/A Taylor's request to your attention, you recalled having spoken with Mr. Jacobs who had previously visited your office with reference to his wife's contact with Mrs. Oswald. The subject of your conversation with Mr. Jacobs is a matter of record under separate memorandum.

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In reviewing Jacobs' Security File it was noted there is no documentation that he has been married except for a reference to his wife made by Anthony Luck who furnished information contained in the FBI memorandum dated September 23, 1960. I furnished to S/A Taylor all the cross references appearing in IOS indices as relates to Jacobs. A review of Jacobs' Personnel File was made and disclosed only that Jacobs indicated on a group hospitalization application that he was married to Katia, who was born on December 25, 1921 and that he has four dependent children.

In our meeting with S/A Taylor, he asked IOS to assist in developing more specific data concerning Mrs. Jacobs in order that the Secret Service might remain in the background. We agreed to do whatever we could and to keep him advised. Subsequently, a check of Passport Division files disclosed that John Kedzie Jacobs was issued a special passport on April 14, 1959. In completing the application for a passport he listed his spouse as Catherine Altschuller, whom he married on June 14, 1952. He stated his wife was born at Sofia, Bulgaria on December 25, 1921 and that she was a naturalized citizen. Her residence was listed at 19 Touxemont Road, Alexandria, Virginia. His application form did not contain her alien or naturalization number. Inquiries are currently being made at the Immigration and Naturalization Service and Passport files are being checked in the name of Catherine Jacobs (nee: Altschuller).

On Friday, March 13, I acquainted S/A Taylor with the above findings and assured him we would keep him current on the results of our inquiries.

ADDENDUM

March 16, 1964

Mr. Lipka requested a check of the Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service on March 12 in the name of Katia Jacobs (also Katia Altschuller) with negative results. On March 13, 1964, he was advised that the field offices of I&NS contained no record of Mr. Jacobs' wife. It is possible that Mrs. Jacobs may have been previously married and her I&NS file may be found under another name. We are continuing to check Passport files for additional leads.

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