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SUBJECT

 Marvin CANTOR, possible connection to investigation of Lee Harvey and Marina OSWALD

1. Reference is made to your file number (K) 1-3-72772, subject: Marvin CANTOR and to your file number (2) 1-5-6955, subject: Lee Harvey OSWALD.

2. It may be of interest to your office to note the following coincidences in the backgrounds of CANTOR and Lee Harvey and Marina OSWALD:

   a. As you know from previous correspondence regarding CANTOR, he reportedly was in Minsk, USSR, for six weeks during the summer of 1959 and during the period 2 June to 5 September 1959. Although OSWALD apparently did not arrive in Minsk until January 1959, Marina OSWALD, according to her own testimony, arrived in Minsk toward the end of August 1959.

   b. In interviews on 3 and 4 May 1961, in Copenhagen, Denmark, with an employee of this Agency who was known to CANTOR as a "representative of American Intelligence", CANTOR claimed to have been something of an oddity in Minsk since he was the only American residing there at the time. As such, he claimed to have attracted to himself a group of young Soviets who displayed unusual curiosity about the standard of living in the United States and Western Europe and whose interests centered around girls, cars, having a good time and listening to jazz music on the Voice of America. Among these young Soviets, according to CANTOR, was a young man named Ivron LEVY, whose father was a Soviet army general. It is interesting that OSWALD also reportedly

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considered himself to be an oddity as the only American residing in Minsk and attracted more or less the same type young Soviets as old KANTOR. It should be noted that OSWALD listed among his close friends in Minsk a young Soviet named Pavel KOLOVACEV, whose father ostensibly was a Soviet army general.

c. Both KANTOR and OSWALD had served as enlisted men and technicians in the United States Marine Corps.

d. According to a report from your Detroit office, dated 14 August 1964, KANTOR is employed by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, as a lecturer in Slavic languages and literature in the university's College of Literature, Science and Arts. According to press reports, Marine OSWALD is currently enrolled in a special English language course at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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