

ORIG : R. T. WALSH  
UNIT : HE/SPO  
EXT : 6560  
DATE : 29 Nov 63

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

34 SECRET

- INDEX
- NO INDEX
- FILE IN CS FILE NO.

12-62	
ROUTING	
1	4
2	5
3	6

TO : SEE BELOW  
FROM : DIRECTOR  
CONF: C/WH-4  
INFO : DGI, D/DCI, DDP, C/CI, C/GI/SL  
PRIORITY

DOC. MICRO. SER  
DEC 4 1974  
MICROFILMED

The following action is authorized: *Security*

Signed: *R. Hartman*

29 Nov 63 22 08z

DEFERRED  
ROUTINE

TO BOOK CABLE HELSINKI OSLO INFO  
HAGU-LOND

R.O. 41 - Unit *CZOPS* CITE DIR

85817

~~SECRET~~  
REF DIR 85133 \*

Note: If destruction, cite reasons and coordinate if appropriate.

*3P*

1. FOLLOWING SYNOPSIS IS FOR GOS BACKGROUND BRIEFING AND TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING ANY OPS LEADS GENERATED BY CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS:

- A. 9 OCTOBER 1959: ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL BRITISH TRAVEL RECORDS OSWALD ARRIVED IN SOUTHAMPTON THIS DATE CLAIMING ON HIS LANDING CARD THAT HE HAD NO FIXED ADDRESS BUT PLANNED REMAIN UNITED KINGDOM ONE WEEK FOR VACATION BEFORE GOING "SOME SCHOOL IN SWISSE." (HQS COMMENT: PROBABLY REFERRING ALBERT SCHWEITZER COLLEGE SWITZERLAND WITH WHICH HE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE.)
- B. 10 OCTOBER 1959: ACCORDING SAME OFFICIAL BRITISH TRAVEL RECORDS OSWALD LEFT LONDON THIS DATE BY AIR FOR HELSINKI.
- C. OCTOBER 1959: STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPER "DAGENS NYHETER" 25 NOVEMBER 1963 STATES LEE OSWALD PASSED THROUGH SWEDEN OCTOBER 1959. ARTICLE ADDS THAT OSWALD UNSUCCESSFUL OBTAINING VISA TO USSR IN HELSINKI WHICH RESULTED HIS RETURNING STOCKHOLM. TWO DAYS AFTER HE ARRIVED STOCKHOLM OSWALD TRAVELED DIRECTLY MOSCOW. CONCLUDING SENTENCE ARTICLE STATES "THIS INDICATES THAT RUSSIAN EMBASSY (STOCKHOLM) GAVE HIM A VISA." ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCE THERE WAS NO RECORD THERE WAS ANY REQUEST FOR USSR VISA PROCESSED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS FOR OSWALD ANY TIME DURING 1959 AND

*D-200-5-41*  
RELEASING OFFICER

COORDINATING OFFICERS

SECRET

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

*207-289248*

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.

Copy No. APR 1976

for FOIA Review on

document number

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

12-62

ORIG : R. T. Walsh  
UNIT : WE/SPO  
EXT :  
DATE :

- INDEX
- NO INDEX
- FILE IN CS FILE NO.

~~SECRET~~

ROUTING	
1	4
2	5
3	6

TO :  
FROM: DIRECTOR  
CONF:  
INFO :

PAGE TWO

*Plus 28*

7/23	
7/24	
7/25	
7/26	
7/27	
7/28	
7/29	
7/30	
7/31	
8/1	
8/2	
8/3	
8/4	
8/5	
8/6	
8/7	
8/8	
8/9	
8/10	
8/11	
8/12	
8/13	
8/14	
8/15	
8/16	
8/17	
8/18	
8/19	
8/20	
8/21	
8/22	
8/23	
8/24	
8/25	
8/26	
8/27	
8/28	
8/29	
8/30	
8/31	

DEFERRED  
ROUTINE

TO INFO CITE DIR **85817**

SOURCE INDICATED WAS DIFFICULT EXPLAIN HOW OSWALD MIGHT HAVE RECD VISA IN TWO DAYS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS. ONLY CONCLUSION WHICH CAN BE DRAWN IS OSWALD MUST HAVE RECD VISA DIRECTLY FROM SOVIET EMBASSY STOCKHOLM WHICH OCCASIONALLY DONE SPECIAL CASES BUT SOURCE HAD NO EVIDENCE CONFIRM THIS ASSUMPTION.

D. 10 TO 15 OCTOBER 1959: ACCORDING VERY RELIABLE BUT EXTREMELY SENSITIVE SOURCE OSWALD STAYED AT TORNI HOTEL HELSINKI 10 TO 11 OCTOBER AND THEN MOVED TO KLAUS KURKI HOTEL WHERE STAYED UNTIL 15 OCTOBER, APPARENTLY WAITING FOR VISA BE ISSUED HIM BY SOVIET CONSULATE HELSINKI. HE TRAVELED USSR BY TRAIN CROSSING AT VAINIKKALA 15 OCTOBER.

E. 13 MAY 1962: ACCORDING TO DUTCH OFFICIAL SOURCE, DUTCH CHARGE MOSCOW ISSUED TRANSIT VISA OSWALD'S WIFE 13 MAY 1962. THEIR RECORDS REVEAL WIFE WAS BORN 17 JULY 1941 INSTEAD OF 19 JULY 1941 AND SEVERODVINSK INSTEAD OF MINSK. THERE NO RECORD HER HAVING ACTUALLY TRANSITED NETHERLANDS.

F. 1962: OFFICIAL BRITISH RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT OSWALD RETURNED UNITED STATES FROM USSR THROUGH UNITED KINGDOM. HOWEVER IF HE WERE MERELY TRANSITING IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NECESSARY FOR HIM FILL OUT LANDING CARD AND THEREFORE THERE WOULD BE NO RECORD HIS TRAVEL IN OFFICIAL TRAFFIC INDEX.

G. 1963: ACCORDING EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND RELIABLE SOURCE, ON 23 NOVEMBER MARIA SMETHLAGE, HEAD OF "WERKGROUP INFORMATIE CUBA," TOLD EMPLOYEE

RELEASING OFFICER

COORDINATING OFFICERS

~~SECRET~~

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.

Copy No.

ORIG : R. T. Walsh  
UNIT : WE/SPO  
EXT :  
DATE :

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

~~SECRET~~

- INDEX
- NO INDEX
- FILE IN CS FILE NO.

12-62	
ROUTING	
1	4
2	5
3	6

TO :  
FROM: DIRECTOR  
CONF:  
INFO :

PAGE THREE

DEFERRED
ROUTINE

TO INFO CITE DIR 85817

CUBAN EMBASSY HAGUE SHE WAS SURE SHE HAD MET "THAT MR. LEE IN HAVANA WHO DID THE MURDER." SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS MAN OF VIOLENCE AND ENTIRELY FULL OF HATE AND INDICATE THAT IT POSSIBLE THIS MAN HAD BEEN MISUSED BY A GROUP. SHE SAID SHE HAD WRITTEN "GIBSON" ABOUT BAD IMPRESSION SHE HAD HAD OF THIS LEE. (HQS COMMENT: GIBSON IS FAIRPLAY FOR CUBA REP IN GENEVA) ALMOST THREE HOURS LATER SMETHLAGE AGAIN CONTACTED CUBAN EMBASSY HAGUE AND SAID "MR LEE OF THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE" HAD BEEN SLANDERED AND IT WAS ANOTHER PERSON NAMED LEE OSWALD WHO HAD DONE IT. SMETHLAGE SEEMED TO BE GLAD TO HAVE HEARD "CORRECT" VERSION. (HQS COMMENT: MR. LEE MAY BE IDENTICAL VINCENT THEODORE LEE WHO REPLACED RICHARD GIBSON AS HEAD OF FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK. ALSO LEE HARVEY OSWALD HAS USED ALIAS O. H. LEE; HOWEVER NO TRACES TRAVEL TO CUBA LOCATED AS OF THIS DATE.

H. ACCORDING RELIABLE INFO SMETHLAGE WAS IN CUBA JANUARY 1963 AND ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL DUTCH SOURCE SHE AGAIN TRAVELED CUBA FOR MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS 1963.

END OF MESSAGE

\*WE COMMENT - Requested liaison and station traces Lee Harvey Oswald.

*Richard Helms*  
Richard Helms DD/P  
RELEASING OFFICER

C/WE *[Signature]*  
COORDINATING OFFICERS

*[Signature]*  
R. T. Walsh, WE/SPO  
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

~~SECRET~~

GROUP  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.

Copy No.

*21289248*

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

ORIG :  
UNIT :  
EXT :  
DATE : 29 Nov 63

- INDEX
- NO INDEX
- FILE IN CS FILE NO.

[Redacted]

12-62	
ROUTING	
1	4
2	5
3	6

29 Nov 63 22 08 z

TO : SEE BELOW

FROM: DIRECTOR

CONF:

INFO:

PRIORITY

TO BOOK CABLE

INFO

DEPERKED

ROUTINE

85817

3P

0  
REF DIR 85133 \*

1. FOLLOWING SYNOPSIS IS FOR BACKGROUND BRIEFING AND TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING ANY OPS LEADS GENERATED BY CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS:

A. 9 OCTOBER 1959:

OSWALD ARRIVED IN SOUTHAMPTON THIS DATE CLAIMING ON HIS LANDING CARD THAT HE HAD NO FIXED ADDRESS BUT PLANNED REMAIN UNITED KINGDOM ONE WEEK FOR VACATION BEFORE GOING "SOME SCHOOL IN SWISSE." (HQS COMMENT: PROBABLY REFERRING ALBERT SCHWEITZER COLLEGE SWITZERLAND WITH WHICH HE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE.)

B. 10 OCTOBER 1959:

OSWALD

LEFT LONDON THIS DATE BY AIR

C. OCTOBER 1959: STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPER "DAGENS NYHETER" 25 NOVEMBER 1963

STATES LEE OSWALD PASSED THROUGH SWEDEN OCTOBER 1959. ARTICLE ADDS THAT OSWALD UNSUCCESSFUL OBTAINING VISA TO USSR IN HELSINKI WHICH RESULTED HIS RETURNING STOCKHOLM. TWO DAYS AFTER HE ARRIVED STOCKHOLM OSWALD TRAVELED DIRECTLY MOSCOW. CONCLUDING SENTENCE ARTICLE STATES "THIS INDICATES THAT RUSSIAN EMBASSY (STOCKHOLM) GAVE HIM A VISA."

RELEASING OFFICER

CC CONF  
COORDINATING OFFICERS

[Redacted]

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.

Copy No.

for FOIA Review on APR 1976

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

12-62

ORIG :  
UNIT :  
EXT :  
DATE :

- INDEX
- NO INDEX
- FILE IN CS FILE NO.

[Redacted Box]

ROUTING			
1		4	
2		5	
3		6	

TO :  
FROM: DIRECTOR  
CONF:  
INFO :

PAGE TWO

DEFERRED
ROUTINE

TO

INFO

CITE DIR

85817

OSWALD

MUST HAVE RECD VISA DIRECTLY FROM SOVIET EMBASSY STOCKHOLM WHICH OCCASIONALLY DONE SPECIAL CASES

D.

E.

F. 1962:

RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT OSWALD RETURNED UNITED STATES FROM USSR THROUGH UNITED KINGDOM.

G.

RELEASING OFFICER

COORDINATING OFFICERS

[Redacted Box]

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.

Copy No.

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

12-62

ORIG :  
UNIT :  
E/T :  
DATE :

- INDEX
- NO INDEX
- FILE IN CS FILE NO.

[Redacted]

ROUTING	
1	4
2	5
3	6

TO :  
FROM: DIRECTOR  
CONF:  
INFO :

PAGE THREE

DEFERRED  
ROUTINE

TO INFO CITE DIR: 85817

H.

END OF MESSAGE

COMMENT - Requested

traces Lee Harvey Oswald.

RELEASING OFFICER

[Redacted]

COORDINATING OFFICERS

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

REPRODUCTION BY OTHER THAN THE ISSUING OFFICE IS PROHIBITED.

Copy No.