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2 CIA Personnel in Tokyo, Japan (CIC)

The Committee investigated the allegation of former CIA employee, James Wilcott, who testified in executive session that shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy he was advised by fellow employees at the CIA's Tokyo Station that Lee Harvey Oswald was a CIA agent who had received financial disbursements under an assigned cryptonym. Wilcott explained that he had been employed by the CIA as a finance officer from 1957 until his resignation from the Agency in 1966. In this capacity, he served as a fiscal account assistant on the support staff at the Tokyo Station from June of 1960 to June 1964. Wilcott advised that in addition to his regular responsibilities, he had performed served security duty on his off-hours in order to supplement his income. This additional job put him in contact with

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other employees of the Tokyo Station who would come by the office and engage in informal conversations ~~regarding politics and their work.~~

~~Wilcott~~ told the Committee that Wilcott on the day after President Kennedy's assassination he was informed by a CIA case officer that ~~Lee Harvey~~ Oswald was a CIA agent. ~~Wilcott~~

further testified that he was told that Oswald had been assigned a cryptonym <sup>\*(see over)</sup> and that Wilcott himself had

unknowingly disbursed payments for Oswald's ~~project~~ using that cryptonym. Although Wilcott was unable to identify the specific case officers who had initially informed him of Oswald's Agency relationship, he named several employees of the Tokyo Station with whom he believed he had subsequently discussed the allegations.

Wilcott advised the Committee that after learning

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of the alleged Oswald connection to the CIA, he had never rechecked the Tokyo Station disbursement records for evidence of the Oswald project. He explained that this was because at that time he viewed the information as mere shop talk and gave it little credence. Neither did he report the allegations to any formal investigative bodies, following the assassination as he considered the information to be hearsay.

<sup>Over</sup> In an attempt to investigate Wilcott's allegations, concerning Lee Harvey Oswald's relationship with the CIA, the Committee interviewed several present and former CIA employees who were selected on the basis of the position each had held with the CIA during the years 1954-1964. Among those persons interviewed were individuals whose responsibilities covered a broad spectrum of areas within the Tokyo Station, during this period, including the chief and deputy chief of

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station as well as officers in finance, registry, the Soviet Branch and counterintelligence.        / ~~The Committee's investigation refuted Wilcott's allegation.~~

During the course of their employment in the Tokyo Station, none of these individuals interviewed had ever seen any documents or heard any information indicating that Lee        Harvey Oswald was a ~~CIA~~ <sup>an</sup> agent.        / This allegation was not known to anyone until it was published by critics of the ~~the time of publication~~ of Warren

~~Commission critical literature and the Garrison investigation~~ in the late 1960's.        / Some of the individuals, including

the chief of counterintelligence ~~within~~ the Soviet Russia Branch in Tokyo, expressed the belief that it was possible that Lee ~~Harvey~~        Oswald had been recruited by the <sup>Soviet</sup> KGB

during his military tour of duty in Japan, as the CIA's Tokyo Station had identified a KGB program aimed at recruiting

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U.S. military personnel in Tokyo during the period ~~that~~  
 Oswald was stationed there. An intelligence analyst whom  
 Wilcott had specifically named as having been involved  
 following the assassination <sup>about</sup> in a conversation ~~regarding~~  
 the Oswald ~~CIA-agent~~ allegation told the Committee that he  
 was not in the Tokyo Station at that time. A review of this  
 individual's Office of Personnel file confirmed that, in  
 fact, he had been transferred from the Tokyo Station to the  
 United States in 1962.

The chief of the Tokyo Station from 1961-1965 stated  
 that, had Oswald been used by the Agency within <sup>his Tokyo Station</sup> ~~their~~  
 jurisdiction, ~~they~~ certainly would have known about it.

Similarly, almost all those persons interviewed who worked  
 in the Soviet Russia branch of that station indicated ~~that~~  
 they would have known if Lee-Harvey Oswald had, in fact,

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been recruited <sup>by the</sup> ~~as a~~ CIA agent when he was in Japan.   /

These persons expressed the opinion that, had Oswald been recruited without their knowledge, it would have been a rare exception contrary to the working policy and guidelines of

the Tokyo Station. *The Committee concluded that Oswald's allegation was not worthy of belief.*

B. Lee Harvey Oswald's CIA File *(CIC) as an individual.*

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or indirectly, in any capacity for the CIA after his resignation on 26 September 1950."

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The Committee ~~does~~ not regard this explanation as satisfactory, especially since Snyder's 201 file indicates that for approximately one year during 1956-1957 he was used by an Agency case officer as a spotter at Harvard University, because of his access to other students who might be going to the Soviet Union. <sup>j</sup> nor was the Agency actually able to explain specifically why someone considered it necessary to red flag the Snyder file.

The remainder of the Snyder file, however, is entirely consistent with his testimony before the Committee concerning the absence of Agency contacts. In addition, the CIA personnel officer who handled Snyder's case in 1950 confirmed that Snyder had, in fact, terminated his employment with the

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