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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Shepanek
O/SA/DO/O

FROM : Mr. Rodger S. Gabrielson
OLC/C&R

SUBJECT : Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Harold Leap concerning CIA personnel at [Japan] Station.
2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.
3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

Rodger S. Gabrielson
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Attachment

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interview

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at 9:30 A.M on 5-14-78 ^{SCT} Staff

investigator Harold Deap interviewed
William Crawford, former executive officer
of the CIA station at Atsugi, Japan
concerning his knowledge of LHO and
the military intelligence that LHO may
have possessed from his military assignment
as Radio-radar operator at the Atsugi
Naval Airbase.

Crawford advised that he did not
know LHO and never heard the name
until after the assassination of J.F.K.
The U-2 program administered by
the CIA at Atsugi did not have
their own radio-radar facilities. The
U-2 planes utilized the naval base
communications ~~for~~ only for take-off
and landing clearance.

The ~~CIA~~ CIA employees at Atsugi
had no clandestine activity other than
the U-2 program. All human

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intelligence ~~units~~ ^{resources} were handled by ~~the~~ case officers stationed elsewhere in Japan.

The cover story for the U-2 plane at Atsugi was that it was used to monitor radio activity in the atmosphere. In fact the plane actually ~~had~~ ^{had} equipment installed to measure radio activity to facilitate the cover story. ~~When the~~

Oswald would have seen the U-2 take-off and land at the base however he would have ~~had~~ ^{had} no other information.

Radar operators would not be able to trace the U-2 ~~over~~ ^{over} the flights. The plane would take off in the opposite direction. The U-2 would ~~start~~ fly to a staging area (Pershan, Pakistan) before going into the flight plan for the over flight. However the Russians were aware of the over flights from the beginning of the program 1955.

The Russian did not have the ability to shoot the U-2 down at the altitude of the U-2 flight.

CIA recruited personnel for the program from the military service. The pilots would resign from their respective service units with the understanding that at the completion

of the program they would go back without losing service time and at a rank comparable to their contemporaries. All program employees were paid by CIA. General maintenance on the U-2 was provided at Ahsugi however major over haul was made only in U.S.

Although the program was directed and administered by the CIA, the commander of the Ahsugi program was Col. Marion "Hack" Nixon from the air force.

The program was terminated in 1960.

Harold:

Can you add the following statement:

Crawford said that had LHO been associated with the Atsugi ^{CIA} station, he, as exec officer, would've known about it.

~~However he would not have known of his assistance~~

Portrait Report

Pursuant to ^{publications} ~~critic~~ ~~allegations~~ and specific ~~statements~~ ^{allegations} by former CIA employee James Wilcott that LHO was a CIA agent, Staff Investigator Harold D. Reap, interviewed the following ~~CIA~~ ^{CIA} personnel to determine if there ~~was~~ ^{is} ~~any~~ ^{any} collaboration for ~~the~~ ^{the} Wilcott statements ~~related~~ ^{related} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} Oswald ^{CR} agent issue.

1. Robert P. Wheeler, DOB 4 Oct 15, SSN 258-17-0844, 6600 Melwood Rd, Bethesda, Maryland, telephone no. 229-6368. Position, with CIA, was Deputy Chief of Station, Tokyo, Japan, June 59 to ~~Oct~~ ^{Oct} 64. Interviewed at CIA Hqgs 4-13-78. Subject is retired.

2. Leo Krambaum, DOB 2 Dec 23, SSN 122-14-2221, 1815 Opalocka Dr., McLean, VA, telephone no 356-5283. Position with CIA for the period ~~May 60 to May 64~~ ^{Jun 60 to May 64} was Chief of Counter Intelligence, SE Branch, Tokyo, Japan. Interviewed CIA Hqgs 4-10-78. Subject is retired.

3. Hope Irene Mason, DOB 24 May 33, SSN [redacted]. Subject presently employed at CIA Hqgs and has covers. Mason's position with the CIA in 1963 at Tokyo, Japan was Intelligence assistant for the SE Section. Interviewed at CIA Hqgs on 4-7-78.

4. Frederick C. Randall, DOB 28 Oct 26, SSN 508-20-4068, Presently employed at CIA Hqgs and has covers. Randall position with the CIA in Sept 61 to Aug 65 was Chief of Prospecting at the Tokyo Station. Interviewed at CIA Hqgs on _____.

Jun 61
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Jun 63

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5. James S Wood, DOB 20 Feb 28, SSN _____
presently employed at CIA HQs. Wood's
position from April to Jan 68 at Tokyo
Station as Finance officer. Subject
interviewed at CIA HQs on 3-31-78.

^{James}
6. George von Bruegel, DOB 12 Dec 21
SSN 074-18-5912, 14801 Springfield Rd
Germantown Md, telephone 945-6908. Former
CIA case officers, Tokyo, Japan to S R B
from July 67 to July 67. presently retired,
interviewed 4-10-78. ~~interviewed 4-11-78~~

7. Howard M. Orr, DOB 22 Jul 22,
SSN 275 12 4377, address 8405 Weller Ave,
McLean Va, telephone 893-3325, presently
retired. Positions with CIA, HQS 59-61 (SR Div)
Tokyo ¹⁹⁶¹⁻⁶³ (case officer: SB.), Nov 63 HQS, SR
Div, desk officer for Japan. interviewed 4-11-78

8. George A Fill, DOB 29 May 21 SSN
address 27 Bay Tree, North Myrtle
Beach, South Carolina 29582, telephone
803-249-3193. Presently retired.
Fill was chief of the Soviet Branch at
the Tokyo Station from June 1960 to June 1965
interviewed 4-29-78

9. Robert N. Keith, DOB 11 Aug 27, SSN 257-78-6051, address 2011 Glenway Dr. Sanford, Fla. 32771, telephone - 305-323-7434 former ^{CIA} case officer at Tokyo Station, SR Branch Jan 59 - 6 Oct 63, interviewed 4-30-78.
10. Jerome E. Fox, DOB 9 Oct 18, SSN 102-22-9186 address 3663 NW 21 st, Miami, Fla. telephone 305-634-2997, former CIA intelligence analysis at Tokyo station 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 032 01 8164 address 111 Indian Trails, Scituate, Mass telephone 617-545-6113. former ~~CIA~~ CIA COS Tokyo, Japan from 1961 to 1965 interviewed 5-15-78
12. William Crawford, DOB 19 Sept 24, SSN 429-26-4954 address 4944 Cass St, Apt 806 San Diego, Ca. 92109 telephone 714-272-2770 former CIA executive officer at Atsugi air base in charge of the U-2 program. (Details of interview conducted 5-14-78 submitted in separate report)

CIA employees

The above ~~individuals~~ were selected for interview because of the position they held ~~at the time~~ with the CIA at the Tokyo station ~~during the time~~ ~~period~~ 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 Tokyo, Japan told him that LHO was a CIA agent and ~~also~~ also mentioned LHO's crypto ~~skills~~. The ~~conversation~~ ~~took~~ took place in the Tokyo station shortly after the word of the JFK assassination was received on 25 Nov 63. Wilcott ~~stated~~ ~~that~~ could not recall the name of the case officer or the cryptosystem. Wilcott also advised that considerable conversation ~~took~~ took place among CIA employees ^{at the time} 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 ^{intelligence} CIA agent or a source of information?
- (b) ~~Have~~ ^{Were} you ever heard advised orally that LHO was an agent?
- (c) Have you ever heard conversation or heard ^{conversational} speculation that LHO was a CIA agent or intelligence source for any government ^{service}?
- (d) Were you in a position to know if LHO was recruited as an ^{CIA} agent during his tour of duty with the military in Japan.

(e) When was the first time you ever heard the allegation that LHO ~~was~~ ^{may have been} a CIA agent.

(f) Did you know James & Elsie Wilcott in Japan?

~~Some of the~~ ^{all} individuals interviewed stated they never saw any documents nor heard any information that LHO was a CIA agent while stationed in Tokyo. Only after ~~these documents~~ the public publication and the Garrison investigation in the late 60s were they ~~so~~ aware of the ~~public~~ allegation.

Subjects 2, 7 & 8 expressed belief that LHO ~~could~~ ^{may} 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 CIA station in Tokyo had identified a KGB program specifically ~~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.

Subject Jerome E. Fox was ~~supposedly~~ ^{virtually} one person who Wilcat could remember ~~that~~ ^{with} who he had conversation ~~with~~ concerning the speculation that LHO was an agent for the CIA. The conversation supposedly took place in Japan after the information ^{was received} 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 reflected he was transferred from the Tokyo station to the U.S. in 1962.

Subjects 2, 7, 8, 9 and 11 all thought they would have known if LHO had been ~~re~~ recruited as a CIA agent while he was in Japan. All the subjects worked within the SR Branch of the Tokyo station ~~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.