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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1978

House of Representatives,
John F. Kennedy Subcommittee
of the Select Committee on
Assassinations,
Washington, D. C.

The subcommittee met at 10:20 a.m., pursuant to notice,
in room 2344 of the Rayburn Office Building, the Honorable
Richard Preyer (Chairman of the subcommittee), presiding.

Present: Representatives Preyer (presiding), Dodd and
Sawyer.

Also Present: Michael Goldsmith, Counsel, and Gary
Cornwell, Counsel.

Also Present: Elizabeth Berning, Chief Clerk, and
Charles Berk, Betsy Wolf and James Wolf.

Mr. Preyer. Thank you for being here today, and I will
call the subcommittee to order at this time.

I will ask if you will stand and be sworn.

Do you solemnly swear that the evidence you are about
to give before this subcommittee will be the truth, the
whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

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1 Mr. Wilcott. I do.

2 Mr. Preyer. I would like before we begin to read a
3 written statement concerning the subject of the investigation.

4 We are operating under House Resolution 222, which man-
5 dates the Committee to conduct a full and complete investi-
6 gation and study of the circumstances surrounding the assas-
7 sination and death of President John F. Kennedy, including
8 determining whether the existing laws of the United States
9 concerning the protection of the President and the investiga-
10 tory jurisdiction and capability of agencies and departments
11 are adequate in their provisions and enforcement; and whether
12 there was full disclosure of evidence and information among
13 agencies and department of the United States Government and
14 whether any evidence or information not in the possession of
15 an agency of department would have been of assistance in
16 investigating the assassination and why such information was
17 not provided or collected by that agency or department, and
18 to make recommendations to the House if the Select Committee
19 deems it appropriate for the amendment of existing legislation
20 or the enactment of new legislation.

21 That is what we are attempting to accomplish, which is
22 quite a big order.

23 We appreciate your being here today, Mr. Wilcott.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was taken while the members of the
25 Committee went to the floor of the House for a vote.)

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1 Mr. Preyer. We will come to order.

2 We will resume the session, and I will recognize Counsel
3 to begin his questioning.

4 TESTIMONY OF JAMES B. WILCOTT, A FORMER EMPLOYEE
OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY:

5 Mr. Goldsmith. For the record, would you please state
6 your name and address and occupation?

7 Mr. Wilcott. My name is James B. Wilcott. My address
8 is 2761 Atlantic Street, in Concord, and my occupation is
9 electronic technician.

10 Mr. Goldsmith. Where is Concord located?

11 Mr. Wilcott. It is a little bit east of Oakland,
12 California.

13 Mr. Goldsmith. Have you received a copy of the
14 Committee's rules?

15 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

16 Mr. Goldsmith. And a copy of the relevant House
17 Resolutions?

18 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

19 Mr. Goldsmith. And, Mr. Wilcott, is it true that you
20 are a former employee with the CIA and that you are here
21 today testifying voluntarily without a subpoena?

22 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

23 Mr. Goldsmith. During what years did you work for the
24 CIA?
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1 Mr. Wilcott. I worked from the years, May, of 1957 to,
2 April, of 1966.

3 Mr. Goldsmith. And in what general capacity did you
4 work with the CIA?

5 Mr. Wilcott. All in the finance -- in accounting all
6 of the time.

7 Mr. Goldsmith. How did you become employed with the CIA?

8 Mr. Wilcott. I was recruited from the school in Syracuse,
9 New York, where I was taking a course in accounting and busi-
10 ness administration.

11 Mr. Goldsmith. Very generally now, what were your
12 responsibilities as a finance employee with the agency?

13 Mr. Wilcott. Well, from May of 1957 to January of 1960 --

14 Mr. Goldsmith -- excuse me, just answer the question
15 very generally, without referring to anything right now, and
16 please describe generally what your responsibilities were as
17 a finance officer.

18 Mr. Wilcott. My responsibilities were primarily record
19 keeping and disbursing of funds.

20 Mr. Goldsmith. Mr. Wilcott, are you here with Counsel
21 today?

22 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, I am.

23 Mr. Goldsmith. Would your Counsel identify himself
24 for the recorder?

25 Mr. Schaap. My name is William Schaap, S - c - h - a -

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1 a - p (spelling), and I am an Attorney here in Washington.

2 I will give my card to the Committee.

3 Mr. Goldsmith. Mr. Wilcott, did I ask you to prepare
4 a list indicating the dates that you were employed with the
5 CIA and where you were stationed?

6 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, you did.

7 Mr. Goldsmith. Did you prepare such a list?

8 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, I did.

9 Mr. Goldsmith. Do you have that list with you today?

10 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, I do.

11 Mr. Goldsmith. Referring to that list, would you tell
12 the Committee where you were stationed during your period with
13 the CIA?

14 Mr. Wilcott. Certainly, from May of 1957 to January of
15 1960, I was in the pre-fab building on the Potomac in finance.
16 During the period, it was unvouchered funds, and my duties
17 were general accounting, and my rate in status was GS-5.

18 From about January of 1960 to about June of 1960, I
19 was transferred to Finance Field Payroll, also, in this same
20 building, on the Potomac. This was making payments and
21 keeping pay records.

22 From June of 1960 to June of 1964, I was stationed at
23 Tokyo Station, and my primary duty was finance and cash
24 disbursements. This was all cash payments and record keeping
25 for the station. And during that period, I had been promoted

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1 GS-7 and also gained a career status.

2 From June of 1964 to about December of 1964, I was at
3 Roseland. This was just prior to moving to Langley, in
4 finance, and my duties there were policing accounts, and
5 included auditing of special accounts.

6 From January of 1965 to about March of 1965, I was at
7 Langley in the same area, in finance, policing accounts and
8 auditing of special accounts, and I was promoted up to GS-9.

9 From April of 1965 to April of 1966, I was at Miami
10 Station in finance, and I was handling the staff payroll.
11 This was preparing and reconciling payrolls.

12 In April of 1966, I resigned from the CIA.

13 Mr. Goldsmith. I take it, from your testimony, that
14 in November of 1963, you were stationed in Tokyo, the Tokyo
15 Station, is that correct?

16 Mr. Wilcott. That is right.

17 Mr. Goldsmith. Drawing your attention to the period
18 immediately after the assassination of President Kennedy,
19 at that time, did you come across any information concerning
20 Lee Harvey Oswald's relationship with the CIA?

21 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, I did.

22 Mr. Goldsmith. And will you tell the Committee what that
23 relationship was?

24 Mr. Wilcott. Well, it was my understanding that Lee
25 Harvey Oswald was an employee of the agency and was an agent

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1 of the agency.

2 Mr. Goldsmith. What do you mean by the term "agent"?

3 Mr. Wilcott. That he was a regular employee, receiving
4 a full-time salary for agent work for doing CIA operational
5 work.

6 Mr. Goldsmith. How did this information concerning
7 Oswald first come to your attention?

8 Mr. Wilcott. The first time I heard about Oswald being
9 connected in any way with CIA was the day after the Kennedy
10 assassination.

11 Mr. Goldsmith. And how did that come to your attention?

12 Mr. Wilcott. Well, I was on day duty for the station.
13 It was a guard-type function at the station, which I worked
14 for overtime. There was a lot of excitement going on at the
15 station after the Kennedy assassination.

16 Towards the end of my tour of duty, I heard certain
17 things about Oswald somehow being connected with the agency,
18 and I didn't really believe this when I heard it, and I
19 thought it was absurd. Then, as time went on, I began to
20 hear more things in that line.

21 Mr. Goldsmith. I think we had better go over that one
22 more time.

23 When, exactly, was the very first time that you heard
24 or came across information that Oswald was an agent?

25 Mr. Wilcott. I heard references to it the day after

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1 the assassination.

2 Mr. Goldsmith. And who made these references to Oswald
3 being an agent of the CIA?

4 Mr. Wilcott. I can't remember the exact persons. There
5 was talk about it going on at the station, and several months
6 following at the station.

7 Mr. Goldsmith. How many people made this reference
8 to Oswald being an agent of the CIA?

9 Mr. Wilcott. At least -- there was at least six or
10 seven people, specifically, who said that they either knew
11 or believed Oswald to be an agent of the CIA.

12 Mr. Goldsmith. Was Jerry Fox one of the people that
13 made this allegation?

14 Mr. Wilcott. To the best of my recollection, yes.

15 Mr. Goldsmith. And who is Jerry Fox?

16 Mr. Wilcott. Jerry Fox was a Case Officer for his branch,
17 the Soviet Russia Branch, in the Tokyo Station, who purchased
18 information from the Soviets.

19 Mr. Goldsmith. Mr. Wilcott, did I ask you to prepare
20 a list of CIA Case Officers working at the Tokyo Station in
21 1963?

22 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, you did.

23 Mr. Goldsmith. Did you prepare such a list?

24 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, I did.

25 Mr. Goldsmith. Is that list complete and does it have

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1 every CIA Case Officer who worked in Tokyo in 1963?

2 Mr. Wilcott. Oh, no. It doesn't have every one. It
3 has every one that I can remember.

4 Mr. Goldsmith. Did you bring that list with you today?

5 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, I did.

6 Mr. Goldsmith. Were any of these people on your list
7 possible subjects who made references to Oswald being a CIA
8 agent?

9 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

10 Mr. Goldsmith. Would you read the list to the Committee?

11 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

12 Mr. Goldsmith. Only of Case Officers.

13 Ms. Berning. ^{Mr. Chairman,} ~~I think~~ we ought to state ^{for} ~~that~~ the record
14 ~~shows~~ that Mr. Sawyer is a member of the Kennedy Subcommittee.

15 Mr. Preyer. We will.

16 Mr. Goldsmith. Upon your memory and the list that your
17 brought with you today, will you tell the Committee the names
18 of the CIA Case Officers who you remember working in Tokyo
19 in 1963?

20 Mr. Wilcott. Yes. There was Glen Nelson, Japan Branch,
21 who had embassy cover.

22 Jerry Fox, SR Branch, Soviet Russia Branch --

23 Mr. Goldsmith. Excuse me, please proceed very slowly.

24 Mr. Wilcott. Jerry Fox, SR Branch; Reid Dennis, Chief
25 of Soviet Satellite Branch; and Bill Center, China Branch,

1 and he also had a cover.

2 John P. Horton, Political Section; John Ishi, Japan
3 Branch; and Chester Ito, Japan Branch; and Kan Takai, Japan
4 Branch; and Jim Delaney, China Branch; and Bob Rentner, SR
5 Branch -- and there is some question about that, the branch
6 he was with.

7 Larry Watanabi, Japan Branch, Senior Case Officer; and
8 Robert Hashima, deep commercial cover agent.

9 There was a person, Dave, who was a Deputy Chief.
10 Dave -- I can't remember his last name, Deputy Chief of the
11 China Branch, and then a person whose last name was Nakamora,
12 in the Japan Branch.

13 Mr. Goldsmith. Do you remember which of these individuals,
14 if any, made the specific allegation or reference that Oswald
15 was an agent?

16 Mr. Wilcott. It has been 15 years, and I can't remember
17 specifically who said what, but certainly I am sure that Jerry
18 Fox, for instance, had at least made some mention of it.

19 Mr. Goldsmith. At the time that this allegation first
20 came to your attention, did you discuss it with anyone?

21 Mr. Wilcott. Oh, yes. I discussed it with my friends
22 and the people that I was associating with socially.

23 Mr. Goldsmith. Who were your friends that you discussed
24 this with?

25 Mr. Wilcott. Bob Ojiri, George Breen, Ed Luck, and

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1 Pete Martin.

2 Mr. Goldsmith. Who was George Breen?

3 Mr. Wilcott. George Breen was a person in Registry,
4 who was my closest friend while I was in Tokyo.

5 Mr. Goldsmith. Was he a CIA employee?

6 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, he was.

7 Mr. Goldsmith. And would he corroborate your obser-
8 vation that Oswald was an agent?

9 Mr. Wilcott. I don't know.

10 Mr. Goldsmith. At the time that this allegation first
11 came to your attention, did you learn the name of Oswald's
12 Case Officer at the CIA?

13 Mr. Wilcott. No.

14 Mr. Goldsmith. Were there any other times during your
15 stay with the CIA at the Tokyo Station that you came across
16 information that Oswald had been a CIA agent?

17 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

18 Mr. Goldsmith. When was that?

19 Mr. Wilcott. The specific incident was soon after the
20 Kennedy assassination, where an agent, a Case Officer -- I
21 am sure it was a Case Officer -- came up to my window to draw
22 money, and he specifically said in the conversation that
23 ensued, he specifically said, "Well, Jim, the money that I
24 drew the last couple of weeks ago or so was money," either
25 for the Oswald project or for Oswald.

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1 Mr. Goldsmith. Do you remember the name of this Case
2 Officer?

3 Mr. Wilcott. No, I don't.

4 Mr. Goldsmith. Do you remember when specifically
5 this conversation took place?

6 Mr. Wilcott. Not specifically, only generally.

7 Mr. Goldsmith. How many months after the assassination
8 was this?

9 Mr. Wilcott. I think it must have been two or three
10 months after the assassination.

11 Mr. Goldsmith. And do you remember where this conver-
12 sation took place?

13 Mr. Wilcott. It was right at my window, my disbursing
14 cage window.

15 Mr. Goldsmith. Did you discuss this information with
16 anyone?

17 Mr. Wilcott. Oh, yes.

18 Mr. Goldsmith. With whom?

19 Mr. Wilcott. Certainly with George Breen, Bob Ojiri,
20 the circle of social friends that we had.

21 Mr. Goldsmith. How do you spell Bob Ojiri's last name?

22 Mr. Wilcott. O - j - i - r - i (spelling).

23 Mr. Schaap. For the record, I have made a list of all
24 of these spellings of the names which have been mentioned,
25 which I will give to the stenographer so that he will have

1 them correctly.

2 Mr. Goldsmith. Did this Case Officer tell you what
3 Oswald's cryptonym was?

4 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, he mentioned the cryptonym specifically
5 under which the money was drawn.

6 Mr. Goldsmith. And what did he tell you the cryptonym
7 was?

8 Mr. Wilcott. I cannot remember.

9 Mr. Goldsmith. What was your response to this revelation
10 as to what Oswald's cryptonym was? Did you write it down or
11 do anything?

12 Mr. Wilcott. No; I think that I looked through my
13 advance book -- and I had a book where the advances on projects
14 were run, and I leafed through them, and I must have at least
15 leafed through them to see if what he said was true.

16 Mr. Goldsmith. And are you saying then that you attempted
17 to investigate this allegation?

18 Mr. Wilcott. No, I am not saying that. It was more of
19 a casual kind of thing, to my way of thinking.

20 Mr. Goldsmith. Did you check your cash disbursement
21 files?

22 Mr. Wilcott. Not the files, no.

23 Mr. Goldsmith. I am not sure I am following, then, what
24 specifically you did check.

25 Mr. Wilcott. It was a book that I had. At the end of

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1 the day we would list all of the advances that were made in
2 an advance book. It was just a three-ring binder, and we
3 would list down the advances by cryptonym and the amounts
4 and then reconcile that with the daily disbursements.

5 Mr. Goldsmith. How long were these records maintained?

6 Mr. Wilcott. They were maintained on a thirty-day
7 basis, and then they were closed off at the end of the month.

8 Mr. Goldsmith. So, does that mean you were able to check
9 back only thirty days from the time that you were given this
10 information?

11 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

12 Mr. Goldsmith. I realize this is testimony 15 years
13 after the fact. However, if you received this information
14 two or three months after the assassination, at a time that
15 Oswald was already dead and had been dead for two or three
16 months, what purpose would have been served by checking
17 records that were only 30 days old?

18 Do you follow the question?

19 Mr. Wilcott. No.

20 Mr. Goldsmith. Well, in other words, if you got the
21 information three months after the assassination, Oswald had
22 already been dead for three months, is that right?

23 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

24 Mr. Goldsmith. Answer "yes" or "no" for the recorder.

25 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

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1 Mr. Goldsmith. You testified that your records were
2 only kept for thirty days, is that correct?

3 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

4 Mr. Goldsmith. Then, by checking your records, which
5 only went back thirty days, isn't it true that you wouldn't
6 have gotten any information concerning Oswald anyway because
7 Oswald had already been dead for one or two months?

8 Mr. Wilcott. That is true.

9 Mr. Goldsmith. So, then, really, no purpose would have
10 been served by checking those records?

11 Mr. Wilcott. That is right.

12 Mr. Goldsmith. And did you check any other records?

13 Mr. Wilcott. No.

14 Mr. Preyer. I understand this might be a good place
15 for us to break and go and vote, so that we will take another
16 recess for about ten minutes. I am sorry.

17
18 (Whereupon, a recess was taken while the members of
19 the Committee went to the floor of the House for a vote.)

20 Mr. Preyer. The Committee will resume.

21 Mr. Goldsmith. Mr. Wilcott, you indicated that after
22 receiving this information concerning Oswald's cryptonym, you
23 went back to check some files, is that correct?

24 Mr. Wilcott. Not really files; it was my book.

25 Mr. Goldsmith. Your book.

Mr. Wilcott. I flipped through it.

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1 Mr. Goldsmith. What is the name of the book?

2 Mr. Wilcott. It was my Request for Advance Book.

3 Mr. Goldsmith. And for purposes of clarification, now,
4 if Oswald was already dead at the time that you went to this
5 book, why did you go back to examine the book?

6 Mr. Wilcott. Well, I am sorry -- if Oswald was what?

7 Mr. Goldsmith. At the time you went to look at the
8 book, Oswald was already dead, is that correct?

9 Mr. Wilcott. That is right.

10 Mr. Goldsmith. Why did you go back to look at the
11 book?

12 Mr. Wilcott. Well, the payments that were made especially
13 to substations like Oswald's was operated -- it was a sub-
14 station of the Tokyo Station, and they had one in Hokkaido,
15 and they had one in Osaka -- and it may be six months or
16 even a year after the initial allocation that the final
17 accounting for those funds were submitted, and they would
18 operate out of revolving funds or out of their own personal
19 funds in many cases.

20 Mr. Goldsmith. So, is your testimony then that even
21 though Oswald was already dead at that time, the book might
22 have contained a reference to either Oswald or the Oswald
23 project and that that reference would have been to a period
24 six months or even a year earlier, is that correct?

25 Mr. Wilcott. That is correct.

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1 Mr. Goldsmith. Mr. Wilcott, how long were these advance
2 books retained?

3 Mr. Wilcott. They were retained for approximately one
4 year by the finance office, approximately one to two years,
5 and were destroyed at the time of audit.

6 Mr. Goldsmith. So that they would be routinely destroyed
7 at the time of auditing?

8 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

9 Mr. Goldsmith. Did you check any of the earlier books?

10 Mr. Wilcott. No, I didn't, as far as the Oswald crypto-
11 nym was concerned; no, I didn't.

12 Mr. Goldsmith. So basically, you checked only one of
13 the advance books, is that correct?

14 Mr. Wilcott. My current one that I had on my counter.

15 Mr. Goldsmith. And when you testified earlier that you
16 learned Oswald's cryptonym, by that do you mean that you
17 learned both Oswald's personal cryptonym and his project
18 cryptonym, or was it one of the two?

19 Mr. Wilcott. Well, it was just a cryptonym, and it
20 could refer to a person, or it could refer to something else,
21 and I would have no way of knowing what a cryptonym referred
22 to.

23 Mr. Goldsmith. So, when the officer told you -- strike
24 that.

25 So, when the Case Officer made reference to a cryptonym,

1 you didn't know whether the cryptonym referred to Oswald
2 specifically or to a project in which Oswald had been involved,
3 is that correct?

4 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, sir.

5 Mr. Goldsmith. Mr. Wilcott, assuming that Oswald had
6 been employed as an agent by the CIA, would there have been
7 a reference to that fact in the CIA's cash disbursement files?

8 Mr. Wilcott. No.

9 Mr. Goldsmith. Why not?

10 Mr. Wilcott. Anything they had there would have --
11 sometimes they used as many as two or three different crypto-
12 nyms and they would have -- it all depended on how far they
13 wanted to isolate it from the original source, from the
14 original source as to where the project was run.

15 Mr. Goldsmith. But as a matter of routine, would the
16 CIA cash disbursement files refer to the cryptonym of either
17 the person or the project that is receiving funds?

18 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, I am sure somewhere.

19 Mr. Goldsmith. As a matter of routine, there would be
20 that reference? Do you believe that there was such a reference
21 to Oswald?

22 Yes, I do, and I believe there was such a reference.

23 Mr. Goldsmith. Well, if I understand you correctly,
24 then, your answer now was somewhat different from what you
25 testified earlier. And I will ask the question again, okay?

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1 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

2 Mr. Goldsmith. Assuming that Oswald was an agent for
3 the CIA, would the agency's cash disbursement files have
4 referred to either Oswald or to his cryptonym?

5 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

6 Mr. Goldsmith. And you have had access to the cash
7 disbursement files at the Tokyo Station?

8 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, for a limited period.

9 Mr. Goldsmith. Were you ever able to check those par-
10 ticular files?

11 Mr. Wilcott. I was able to, but I never did.

12 Mr. Goldsmith. So, you never checked the cash disburse-
13 ment files to see if any reference was made there to Oswald's
14 cryptonym, is that correct?

15 Mr. Wilcott. That is right. It was only my personal
16 files -- my internal files, prior to the end of the month.

17 Mr. Goldsmith. I understand.

18 How long were the Tokyo cash disbursement files or
19 records retained?

20 Mr. Wilcott. The details approximately two years. We
21 had accountings, or we had audits about every two years,
22 and then the files that I kept the requests for advances,
23 the details of the accountings that were done usually on a
24 monthly basis by the Tokyo Station Branches, would be destroyed
25 and then they would be -- and, in fact, I helped destroy them.

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1 Mr. Goldsmith. Are you saying, then, that the cash
2 disbursement files as a matter of routine would be periodically
3 estoryed?

4 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

5 Mr. Goldsmith. Do you know whether CIA Headquarters would
6 have had either copies or originals of the cash disbursement
7 files?

8 Mr. Wilcott. They would have summaries of some sort.

9 Mr. Goldsmith. Would those summaries be destroyed as a
10 matter of routine, to your knowledge?

11 Mr. Wilcott. I really don't know.

12 Mr. Goldsmith. Were you ever able to find any indication
13 in any of the Tokyo Station's records that Oswald was, in
14 fact, a CIA agent?

15 Mr. Wilcott. Well, I never really looked.

16 Mr. Goldsmith. To your knowledge, would any records at
17 CIA Headquarters document that Oswald was a CIA agent?

18 Mr. Wilcott. I believe they would at one time. Whether
19 they are there now or not is hard to say.

20 Mr. Goldsmith. Do you have any personal knowledge that
21 any records at CIA Headquarters were ever destroyed?

22 Mr. Wilcott. No.

23 Mr. Goldsmith. Do you have any knowledge of any records
24 of the CIA at the Tokyo Station ever being destroyed out of
25 the ordinary course of business, not as a matter of routine?

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1 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

2 Mr. Goldsmith. To your personal knowledge, CIA records
3 in Tokyo were destroyed?

4 Mr. Wilcott. Destroyed or changed.

5 Mr. Goldsmith. Could you give an example of that?

6 Mr. Wilcott. Yes. Let us say, for instance, that there
7 was a certain project going on, and the project was one that
8 became known that this project was being carried out --
9 and we call it "flaps," -- and the Case Officer in charge
10 might get word that somebody from headquarters was coming
11 to review the files to investigate the flap. Well, they
12 would go through the files and take out anything that they
13 thought was, say, indicative of how this flap occurred and
14 change the files.

15 For instance, in accounting, when we had our audits,
16 for instance, in most of the audits, he would call up some-
17 body -- let's say in China Branch -- and say "I know you
18 were having problems with this, would you like to look it
19 over before the auditors come?", and they might look it over
20 and retype the accounting for funds for their project and,
21 you know, make changes that they might think were in their
22 interest to do.

23 Mr. Goldsmith. Did you ever actually Xerox records
24 being destroyed or changed?

25 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, I did.

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1 Mr. Goldsmith. And have you just described one of
2 those instances to us?

3 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

4 Mr. Goldsmith. Mr. Wilcott, after leaving the Tokyo
5 Station, was there any other time when you came across any
6 information that indicated that Oswald was a CIA agent?

7 Mr. Wilcott. In conversation.

8 Mr. Goldsmith. Is the answer to that "yes"?

9 Mr. Wilcott. Yes.

10 Mr. Goldsmith. When did that occur?

11 Mr. Wilcott. From the time I left I talked at various
12 times, especially at parties and things like that, on social
13 occasions, with people at headquarters and with people at my
14 station, and we would converse about it and I used to say
15 things like, "What do you think about Oswald being connected
16 with the CIA?", and things like that.

17 Mr. Goldsmith. What was their response?

18 Mr. Wilcott. The response was, among quote a few people,
19 "Oh, well, I am sure he was."

20 Mr. Goldsmith. What were these people's names?

21 Mr. Wilcott. Well, George Breen, again, after we came
22 back from Tokyo, for instance, Dick Cummings was a person
23 that I knew before I had gone to Tokyo Station, and I met
24 with him, and I had dinner at his house with his wife and my
25 wife.

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1 Mr. Goldsmith. Just give us their names. Anyone else?

2 Mr. Wilcott. Not that I can recall.

3 Mr. Goldsmith. So, it is your testimony that, once your
4 left the Tokyo Station, people, both at headquarters, in
5 Langley, and at the Miami Station, made references to Oswald
6 being an agent, is that correct?

7 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, in a speculative manner.

8 Mr. Goldsmith. How many people have you spoken to that
9 said that Oswald was an agent of the CIA, to the best of
10 your recollection?

11 Mr. Schaap. Do you mean, how many people who were in,
12 the CIA or how many people in the general population?

13 Mr. Goldsmith. How many people in the CIA?

14 Mr. Wilcott. With any degree of certainty, other than
15 just speculation, I would say, six or seven, with some degree
16 of certainty.

17 Mr. Goldsmith. Do you have a personal opinion as to how
18 or for what purpose the CIA might have handled any projects
19 that involved Lee Harvey Oswald?

20 Mr. Wilcott. I am sorry?

21 Mr. Goldsmith. Do you have an opinion as to how the
22 CIA might have handled any projects involving Oswald and
23 for what purpose they might have used Oswald?

24 Mr. Wilcott. Yes, I have opinions.

25 Mr. Goldsmith. What is that opinion?



1 Mr. Wilcott. I believe that Oswald was a double agent,
2 was sent over to the Soviet Union to do intelligence work,
3 that the defection was phoney and it was set up and that
4 I believe that Marina Oswald was an agent that had been
5 recruited sometime before and was waiting their in Tokyo
6 for Lee Harvey Oswald.

7 Mr. Goldsmith. What is the basis for that opinion?

8 Mr. Wilcott. The basis for that is discussions that
9 I had with people at the Tokyo Station. Those are discussions
10 with people who gave the indication that there was every cer-
11 tainty that Oswald was an agent of CIA, runout of Osaka
12 Station, and that he was freed from Russia there in the
13 final courses in Russia and was trained by CIA people at
14 Atsugi.

15 Mr. Goldsmith. However, your testimony is that you
16 spoke to only six people as an estimate who indicated that
17 Oswald was a CIA agent -- and when I say six people, I mean
18 six CIA people, is that correct?

19 There were more people than that that believed it, and
20 six people with any degree of certainty that, you know, I
21 felt from what they were saying that they either had some
22 kind of substantial knowledge, or they had talked to somebody
23 who had some knowledge.

24 Mr. Goldsmith. How many people from the CIA did you
25 speak to who speculated that Oswald was an agent?

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