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830-358-A
(Vol. 49)

9/11/64 letter, Rankin to Helms, requesting confirmation that CIA rec'd. 8 State Dept. communications which were mentioned in 590-252 (3/6/64 memo, Helms to Rankin re info. in CIA's Possession RE LHO Bur to 11/22/63) - also part of CD 692.

These docs. all do exist in Bulky Vol. 27 XAAZ-22595 w/exception of 3/3/62 Navy Message 20197/RB/3 which is listed as unavailable in file, but available at National Archives.

No new info. in this doc.

890-433

Re Joachim Toester This doc. is CD 1532

892-909

10/2/64 MFR, Subject: H.C. Report - Info. on Dutkanyez & Sloboda, who were mentioned in HCR as having been attached to Army Int. Units in H. Ukr. prior to their defections in summer of 1960. This info, which was classified, was mistakenly released in ^{referred to} ~~mentioned~~ the HCR.

893-910

10/2/64 Memo for Chief, CI Liaison from SE/CI/R, Subj: Info. on Dutkanyez & Sloboda

1. Dutkanyez - mentions possible notations in 201 file suggesting Army assignment may have included intell. operations of some kind.
2. Both defectors had previous KGB connections.
3. Immed. cause of defection appears to be ~~Army~~ security investigations.

Attachments

- 1) Case Summary 2-62-2 on Dutkanyez; Prepared by Production Branch, Satell. Division, HQ USAF&UR, APO 403, US FORCES

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893-910(cont.) 2. 3/28/62 MFR, Subject: JAGUAR Reg. for ?'s for interview w/ Pna. Sloboda

921-923
(Vol. 51)

11/2/64 Memo for: Asst. Chief of Staff, Intell. Dept. of Army, Attn: Dir. of Sec.

Subj.: Test. in WCR re Dutkanyj & Sloboda

Info. essentially same as that contained in 893-910.

986-927-BC
(Vol. 53)

1/16/65.

Article entitled "Solons to Propose Defector Study" by R.H.S. Allen and Paul Scott

988-927-BD
(Vol. 53)

2/2/65 Dispatch, Chiefs of All Stations from Chief, KUDOVE;

RE: selected excerpts from N.C. testimony, pertinent portions of which have been side-lined.

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961-927-A6

(Bulky Vol. 51)

2/9/72 Letter, Frensteward to Asst. to Dir., CIA

Requests any records pertaining to "debriefing" of LHO by or on behalf of CIA after his return from USSR.

Refers to Helms' statement of 4/14/71 before Am. Society of Newspaper Editors in N.Y.C. (N.Y.T., 4/15/71, p. 30) that "... if there is a chance that if a private citizen travelling abroad has acquired foreign information that can be useful to the American policymakers, we are certainly going to try to interview him". Frensteward states that LHO appears to be such a person.

962-927-AH

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2/17/72

Draft of letter, Angus M. Thuermer to ^{Frensteward} ~~Frensteward~~

Response to 2/9/72 letter; Refers to testimony of Malone & Helms before N.C., starting at 5H120.

"This testimony, under oath, made clear that this Agency never contacted Oswald, interviewed him, talked with him, or received or solicited any reports or info. from him, or communicated w/ him directly or in any other manner."

This testimony is still valid; therefore, the info. you request does not exist."

969-927-AD

(Bulky Vol. 51)

4/11/72 Letter, Frensteward to Angus M. Thuermer, Asst. to Dir., CIA

States that 2/18/72 letter ^{states} ~~states~~ conclusions "based upon statements of persons other than yourself." & asks for his (Thuermer's) position w/ respect to these records.

970-927-AP

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4/13/72 Draft of letter, A.M. Thuermer to Frensteward

Response to Asst. 4/11/72 letter - that letter of 2/18/72 is "a simple

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declarative statement on the best possible authority that this Agency never had any contact w/ Oswald & that, therefore, the info. sought by you in your letter of Feb. 9th does not exist & never did exist."

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12/1/64 Article in Wash. Post entitled "1960 Defectors Were Red Ex-Agents" RE: Sloboda & Butkiewicz

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1038-405-B 5/19/64 Yetter, McClure to Rankin ; RE: Enclosure of affidavit to
the effect that LHO was not agent, employee or informant of CIA.
w/att. affidavit

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(16131) 610-263

3/18/64 Memo for J. H. Rankin, ^{from Helms, AAP,} Subj: Article Alleging O was interviewed
by CIA in Moscow.

Repeats info in para 1. of 609-786

States for record that "allegation carried in this press report
is utterly unfounded as far as CIA is concerned."

Additional details for pursuit by W.C.:

a. Cable → despatch as in para. 2. of 609-786

b. Article also in Human Events

Attachments

- copy of article -

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- copy of 2/28/64 article in North Va. Sun

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9/18/75 Memo, Paul Hartman to Chief, CI Staff; RE: Allegations of LHO's connection w/Agency; Ref.: Memo of Conversation, Dan Ratten / Ken Yredgley & the DCI, Dated 9/6/75

1. Memo contains 2 pts. which require comments. 1st pt. concerns allegations made shortly after assass. & later that LHO had been connected w/Agency. "The alleg. are totally unfounded."

2. Facts re this matter are as follows:

a. 11/27/63, instructed by R. G. Rocca to make a thorough check w/in Agency at HQS to determine whether LHO had ever been used by Agency or connected w/it in any ^{conceivable} way. Ordered me to make checks directly & personally to degree possible & not to accept stats. of intermediaries. He explained he was following instructions from Helms, then DDP & who served as 1 of Agency's key contacts w/H.C.

b. Had checked Main Index of IP (then RIB) on night of assass., & rechecked main index & found no record beyond that which I had obtained before (plus it was integrated into records system since assass.). Nothing in DDO records indicating any Agency connect. w/O.

c. DED - no record in HQS files. Arrangements made for me to check teleph. w/each DED base in US. Chiefs of Bases searched their records & spoke w/their officers. I was then advised by each of chiefs or their designees individually that there had been no contact w/O.

D. Then checked w/ Division A, SE Div. & LA's Div's Lab. Ops. Group (COB)

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for any informal desk records. Results - neg.

e. Through Security Research Section (SRS) of OS I had sec. files checked - no record of O.

f. Altho, CRS keeps no recs. on Am., I checked their Sov., Mex., & Cuban holdings - no record.

g. In my presence the chief of CI Staff's Admin. Office called OP & rec'd. word that there was no record on employee or applicant for employ. named LHO.

h. Checked Office of Radical Services - no record.

i. Court Action Staff - no record.

j. CI Staff's Operational Approval Group (CI/OA) - no record.

k. Checks completed on 12/4; sent brief informal note to Roca specifying checks made & stating results showed that LHO had never had any contact w/agency. Eventually a stat. to this effect was communicated to H.C.

3. Similar checks re use or empl. of O had been req. ^{by} foreign divs. of their appropriate stations, & was told, & results - neg.

4. Recall concern that O, as an Am. returning from USSR, might have been routinely debriefed by ACD, thus having estab. contact w/agency.

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Same pt. has now been made by 2 CBS newsmen. "Having some know-
ledge of this subject I have personally concluded that there is valid
reason for DCD's lack of interest in O at that time. He would surely
have been contacted & debriefed by DCD had he been to the USSR
& ret. to the US before 1957/1958. Travel to the S.U. by Newsmen,
partic^{ularly} by Am., before that time was quite uncommon; we were hungry
for eyewitness info. in those days. ^{The} ~~the~~ ^{hear} began in @ 1956 & by the
end of that decade there were so many persons travelling to & from the
S.U. that DCD was incapable of talking to all of them. Therefore,
a program of selectivity & specific target applicability was in-
stituted. In light of the above, it seems to me that O - if he
came to DCD's attention at all - would have easily been by-passed,
because he simply did not possess the type of info. that DCD was
seeking at that time. DCD would surely have used its ^{ext.} man-
power on travellers who ^{had} had much greater access in the USSR."

5. Should be added that above-described search produced no record
or indication that any other U.S. govt. agency had used him as
a source or had considered him for recruitment.

6. 2nd pt. concerns papers avail. at HQS on O before the assass.
Specifically, there were 5 docs. which had been sent to Agency before
assass. - 2 by FBI, 2 by SA & 1 by US Navy. A 201 file
had been opened on 12/9/60 on basis of receipt of 1st of those 5 docs.
The 201 file contained no Agency originated records. The MCS's
reporting of monitoring of O's activities had not yet been included in 201 file.
Pertinent cables from M.C. were held at Mex. Branch at HQS, while data
contained in them had been dissem. to FBI upon receipt. Cables were

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incorporated into file following areas & were made avail. to all concerned,
incl. W.C.

7. No partic. great ingratly ^{attached} was path. to handling of records O before assass.
because O's name had no part. meaning before then.

8. Facts re records we possessed before assass. as well as make up of our
computerized records system were explained to ^{Chief Justice} Mr. Herder, members
of Comm. & group of Comm's staff members when they visited HQS in @ 3/64.
201 file on O also shown them then. ... visitors were satisfied w/ records
system & manner in which we kept our records.

Attached: 9/6/75 Memos of conversation: ^{Don Ratten & Leo Mudgey} A.P. & V.M. 9/31/75
Written by W.E. Colby, Dir.

- Discussed fact that CIA had not contacted an ex-Marine who worked in the S.H. & returned.
- I stated that CIA had no contact w/O either during Russ. period or afterwards.
- Ratten pointed out Helms' agitation over Marx. allegations; I stated it was easily explained that Helms would be concerned that such false alleg. ^{be made} against CIA. Also stated he knew of no indication that H's agitation was because H was revealing inf. @ Agency which Helms wanted to remain concealed.
- * W/ respect to O's 1 appearance in our records, I exp. that CIA might well have shield off from any interview w/ them if there was indication of prior FBI interest. As for the military, I said the Inter-Agency Source Register did not indicate Mrs. O. was a clandest. source & that DCS Joint Detripping Program w/ the mil. services from 1953 on

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