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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 EO 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 EO 1532

892-909

10/2/64 MFR, Subject: H.C. Report - Info. on Dutkasey & 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 & mentioned in the HCR.

893-910

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

1. Dutkasey - mentions possible notations in 201 file suggesting Army assignment may have included intell. functions 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 Dutkasey; Prepared by Production Branch, Intell. Division, HQ USAF EUR, 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. Slotoda

921-923
(Vol. 51)

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

Subj: Text in WCR re Butkiewicz & Slotoda

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

986-927-BC
(Vol. 53)

1/16/65.

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

988-927-BD
(Vol. 53)

2/2/65 Dispatch, Chief 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, Furstewald 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." Furstewald states that LHO appears to be such a person.

962-927-AH

(Bulky Vol. 51)

2/17/72

Draft of Letter, Angus M. Thuermer to Furstewald

Response to 2/9/72 letter; Refers to testimony of Malone & Helms before W.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, Furstewald to Angus M. Thuermer, Asst. to Dir., CIA

States that 2/18/72 letter ^{states} ~~under~~ 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 Furstewald

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."

976-927-AV
(Vol. 52)

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 Ketter, McCre 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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6/30/71 Memo, Donovan E. Pratt C/CI/REA to C/CI ; RE: CIA
exp. Provided the H.C.

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(Bulky Vol. 54)
p. 3

2/1/73 insert for CI Staff History (Based on A.E.U. Memo, 1/30/73)
"The Assass. of Pres. Kennedy"

- Describe Agency's contribution to investigation by H.C., components involved such as:

SR ID no.: David Murphy

WH " : J.C. King

Max. Desk: John W. Hittles

Yes. Station: Lin Scott

Rocca: Chief of CT/R&A ^{attenu} backed up by Dooley, Thos. Hall, & Paul Hartman

"The Agency's coverage of Oswald's activities at the 2 units in Mexico later proved invaluable to the Hanes Comm."

2/25/70 Dispatch, COS, YMC. to Chief, NOMUSE/REH; RE: Forwarding
of personality file from YMC. on LHO
[See BULKY] 6 vols.

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3/25/64 Letter, Slawson to Helms, Enclosing 3/19/64 Letter from Hoover to H.C re Anton Erdinger
3/26/64 " , Rankin to Helms, " " " " " " " " investig.

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whether further invest. is appropriate

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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 → despatched as in para. 2. of 609-786

b. Article also in Human Events

Attachments

- copy of article -

3/14/64 - Human Events

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

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(Vol. 54)

9/18/75 Memo, Paul Hartman to Chief, LI Staff ; RE: Allegations of LHO's connection w/Agency ; Ref.: Memo of Conversation, Dan Ratter / Ken Wedgley & the DCT, 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 LP (then RTD) 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 & Div's Sub. Ops. Group (COB)

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for any informal disk records. Results - neg.

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

f. Altto, 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 WHO.

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 WHO 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 ^{by} req'd by foreign divs. of their appropriate stations, I 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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6. 2nd pt. concerns papers avail. at HQS in D before the assass.

The 201 file contained no agency originated records. The MCS's reporting of monitoring of V'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 parties great ^{attached} negatively was path to handling of records O before assass. because O's name had no past 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 Memo of Conversation: ^{Don Rather & Leo Magely} A.P. & H.M. 9/3/75
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.
- Rather 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 info. @ Agency which Helms wanted to remain concealed.
- * W/ respect to O's 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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would probably have indicated any mt. debriefing for intell. purposes, but none appear in our files, so I believed none existed.

Comment: From their attitude, I believe there's a chance program will indicate no CIA connection w/ other than that noted above. Could make contrib. to knocking down paranoid belief in country. "He must, however, insure that Mr. Ratten does learn anything which would cause the slightest doubt in the above acct. before he produces the programs in Nov. "

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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 LHD Div to 11/22/63) - also part of CA 692.

These docs. all do exist in Bulky ^{590-252 etc.} [redacted] w/exception of 3/3/62 Navy Message 20197/RB/3 which is listed as unavailable in file, but available at National Archives.

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Re Joachim Joesten

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892-909

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893-910

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

Attachments

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foreign liaison re Mrs. Sloboda.

893-910(cont.) 2. 3/28/62 MFR, Subject: [REDACTED]

921-923
(Vol. 51)

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

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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, [REDACTED]; Agency official

Re: Selected excerpts from H.C. testimony, pertinent portions of which have been side-lined.

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2/4/72 Letter, ~~Wheat~~ 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." ~~Wheat~~ states that LHO appears to be such a person.

962-927-AH

(Bulky Vol. 51)

2/17/72

Draft of Letter, Angus M. Thuermer to ~~Wheat~~ ^{~~Wheat~~}

Response to 2/9/72 letter; Refers to testimony of ~~McClone~~ Helms before W.C., starting at 5H/20.

"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."

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

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970-927-AP

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4/13/72 Draft of Letter, A.M. Thuermer to ~~Wheat~~

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. 94 does not exist & never did exist."

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12/1/64 Article in Nash Post entitled "1960 Defectors Were 'Red Ex-Agents'" Re: Sloboda & Butkiewicz

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5/19/64 Letter, Malone to Rankin ; RE: Enclosure of affidavit to

the effect that LHO was not agent, employee or informant of CIA.

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Agency official Agency components
6/30/71 Memo, [redacted]; RE: CIA
Info. Provided the H.C.

- States that CIA withheld no info. from H.C.
- some info. provided by Agency to Comm. remains class. & is not available to the public.
- Describes work of Commission
- States WR's coverage of LHO in M.C. & his contacts w/ Cub. & Sov. unbr. there
- States ans. provided by CIA are reviewed every 5 yrs. to determine declass. A list of those rel. & unrel. (as of '70) is avail. [redacted]

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(Bulky Vol. 54)
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2/1/73 Insert for [redacted] History (Based on [redacted] Memo, 1/30/73)
"The Assass. of Pres. Kennedy"

- Describes Agency's contribution to investigation by H.C., components involved such as:

Agency officials
and components

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[redacted]: Chief of [redacted] backed up by [redacted] & [redacted]
"The Agency's coverage of Oswald's activities at the 2 unbr. in Mexico later proved invaluable to the Warren Comm."

1134-94B
(Vol. 56)

2/25/70 Dispatch, COS. [redacted]; RE: Forwarding
of personality file from M. on LHO
* [See BULKY] 6 vols.

1173-432-H
(Vol. 56 BULKY)
same as 628-921-A

3/25/64 Letter, Slawson to Helms, Enclosing 3/19/64 Letter [redacted]
3/26/64 " Rankin to Helms, " " " " " " " " [redacted]

RE: Anton Lindgren

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whether further invest. is appropriate

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^{from Helms, AWP,}

(Vol. 31) 610-263

3/18/64 Memo for J. K. Rankin, Subj.: Article Alleging O was interviewed by CIA in Moscow.

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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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(Vol. 54)

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9/18/75 Memo, [redacted] to Chief, [redacted]; RE: Allegations of LHO's connection w/Agency; Ref.: Memo of Conversation, Dan Rather / Ken Medgley & the DCT, 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 [redacted] to make a thorough check w/in Agency & 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/ W.C.

b. Had checked Main Index [redacted] 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. DDO - no record in HQS files. Arrangements made for me to check teleph. w/each DDO 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 [redacted]

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for any informal disk records. Results - neg.

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e. Through [REDACTED] of OS I had sec. files checked - no record of D.

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

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

h. Checked Office of Medical Services - no record.

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i. [REDACTED] - no record.

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j. [REDACTED] - no record.

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

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

4. Recall concern that D, 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 knowledge of this subject I have personally concluded that there is valid reason for ACD's lack of interest in O at that time. He would surely have been contacted & debriefed by ACD had he been to the USSR & ret. to the US before 1957/1958. Travel to the S. U. by Newsmen, particularly Am., before that time was quite uncommon. We were hungry for ~~any~~ ^{any} info. in those days. ~~It~~ ^{the} began in @ 1956 & by the end of that decade there were so many persons travelling to & from the S. U. that ACD was incapable of talking to all of them. Therefore, a program of selectivity & specific target applicability was instituted. In light of the above, it seems to me that O - if he came to ACD's attention at all - would have easily been by-passed, because he simply did not possess the type of info. that ACD was seeking at that time. ACD would surely have used its ~~alt.~~ ^{alt.} manpower on travellers who ^{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 11/9/60 on basis of receipt of 1st of these 5 docs.

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incl. W.C.

7. No partic. great negatively ^{attacked} was ~~path~~ to handling of memo on O before assass.
because O's name had no partic. 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} ~~Chief Justice~~ ~~Mr. Burger~~, 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.

Attacked: 9/6/75 Memo of conversation: ^{Don Rather & Wes Hedges} ~~A.R. & H.M.~~ 9/31/75
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