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TO Chief of Station, German	HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 2-1-
FROM Chief of Station, Berlin	DATE
SUBJECT OFFICER Background Information on <u>RECCAB</u>	RE "433" - 1050X T-ONE MARKED FOR INDEXING NO INDEXING REQUIRED INDEXING CAN BE LOGGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY
ACTION REQUIRED As Stated in Paragraph 1	DATE 3 Jan 57 S. F. M.
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1. Forwarded herewith for your records and action as deemed appropriate are the following materials:

- Two photographs of RECCAB, in three copies each, taken circa 1900 at the time when he claims to have known Marina OSWALD. (201-743848)
- Two copies of the personal history statement prepared by PEPASSOCK in April 1963.
- One copy of the West Berlin Foreigner's Police file on RECCAB.
- Two copies of the letter to his brother-in-law which he wrote in our presence, and which we mailed. The wording of the letter clearly indicates the strained relations between the two.

2. The attached materials and RECCAB's statements to DITOND clearly give the picture of a perpetual failure, who seems to have trouble wherever he goes. He failed in his studies in Paris, couldn't get along in Berlin and incurred the wrath of his in-laws in Morocco. The Berlin police would not give him a work permit because he came to Germany without a residence permit, and he couldn't pass the test to get into school in Berlin because his German wasn't good enough. He told DITOND the reason he didn't get his residence permit before coming to Germany was that he intended to only transit Berlin as a tourist on his way to study in Sweden, but then he squandered all his money in Berlin and couldn't afford to leave. His documents problems in Berlin were complicated by his having lost his passport, which he later found in a suitcase in his own apartment. In order to support his request for a work permit, he and his pregnant wife went on a hunger strike and thus got their story written up in one of the local papers, but to no avail. He told DITOND he had reached the point where he had no reasonable alternatives and thus was seriously considering suicide. Under these circumstances, fabrication of the story about Marina clearly does not seem out of character for RECCAB. He may have done it in hope of financial gain, for publicity, or in hopes of American support vis-a-vis the German police on his documents problems, but none of the motivations were apparent either from his actions or his statements. DITOND suspects his motivation was simply boredom. RECCAB was living in a narrow apartment with no heating, no hot water, no money for even simple amusements or diversions.

APPROVED: *John*

DATE: 3 Jan 57
AS Stated Above

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Maybe he did know a girl named Larina, or perhaps Larina's picture did bear some resemblance to someone he knew in Moscow, so he perhaps reasoned that by going to the Americans, who had treated him well once before, he could at least spend an interesting evening and get a free cup of coffee. The fact he did not foresee the consequences of this act is typical of his past record, but once he got involved he naturally had to go through with it for fear we would denounce him to the German police and cause him even more difficulties.

3. For the record, RUECA3 knows DRECK as Charles Reynolds, an American Intelligence officer. He has the low-level phone number 74-6312, and the equally low-level address, Postfach 66, Berlin-Zehlendorf.

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