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Shep phoned to say that James Wilcott, Jr., a finance clerk with the Agency from 1957 (EOD as GS-4), who served in Tokyo 1960 to October 1964, has told HSCA people that CIA hired Lee Harvey Oswald when Oswald served in Atsugi. Wilcott, after returning from Tokyo was assigned to JMWAVE in 1965, and resigned/retired in 1966.

I noted that Oswald retired from the Marine Corps in September 1959 and went to the USSR in October that year, returning to the US in June 1962. He was gone from Japan by the time Shep told me Wilcott got there. Anything that Wilcott thinks he knew had to be second hand. I said that Russ Holmes inherited the so-called Oswald files, but that he has assured me the Agency had no contact with Oswald. If there are contrary records they would have to be in EA files at WTC, and EA should be on it right away to identify what is involved. When anything turns up to be checked, O/Fin should then get at it right away. He is after it.

SDB

24 Mar 878

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\* I certainly could have missed something, but I reviewed the contents of about 47 volumes of ~~the~~ Oswald 201 <sup>file</sup> and saw no indication of CIA's having hired Oswald. Others (like  CI Staff and Louise Ziegler went thru the same 47 vols several times).

V/PW