

## **Military/Postal mail list problem**

During a review of classified postal records from the period of 1966 to 1969, it appeared that it was common practice for the various branches of the armed forces to ask for mail covers to be placed on military personnel suspected of being foreign intelligence assets or leftists. At times the basis for some of these mail cover operations was the receipt of left wing literature or proselytizing socialism to fellow servicemen.

Oswald's left-wing sympathies were well known and it is documented that he received Russian language literature. It is also documented that at least one member of his unit, while stationed in California, told the FBI that one of Oswald's Lieutenants was disturbed by the Russian language literature he received in the mail. Further, research may show that other Oswald superiors were concerned about possible receipt of left wing publications etc. while stationed at Atsugi, Japan.

If mail cover programs existed in the fifties, the question raised within the context of a possible false defector program is why is there no record of a request for a mail cover on Oswald. If such a request were made and no mail cover carried out then this raises other questions. Why was no mail cover carried out?

## **Possible interviews:**

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Victor Marchetti - Asked why he made the statement about a Navy false defector program using enlisted sailors and Marines. What basis did he have to make such a statement? If it is true that he recanted, why did he make the statement in the first place?

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Oswald superiors when he was with MACS 1 and MACS 9 -Were they aware of the kind of mail he was receiving? Did they disregard the problem or did they pass it on to the appropriate security/intelligence personnel for further handling? Were they informed of any action taken?