

The following is a working chronology of Oswald's time spent in Moscow designed to explore his possible relations, if any, with any U.S. intelligence service. The question to be answered is this: Did the CIA or any U.S. intelligence service have an operational interest in Oswald?

Questions and Information

Oswald -- 2010289248
-- FBI FILE# 100-353-496

E-100-300-11 According to Newman, the Fair Play for Cuba ops file. DO WE HAVE?

Richard E. Snyder (State consular officer) 201-748009 ??? WHY WOULD A STATE OFFICER HAVE A 201 FILE? Number first appears as file # on Routing sheet (# DST 11807) from RID/AN to CI/RA 2 Nov 59.

Oswald personality: joined Marines after junior year of high school, finished high school in Marines?, Mother described him as always a studious type of individual who liked to read deep books. Earlier newspaper article quoted an acquaintance who said he was intelligent but with little inclination toward attending high school.

Chronology

10 Sept 59 Passport issued (in N.O. or S.F.?) # 1733242

3 OR 11 Sept 59 Marine discharge becomes official

14 Oct 59 In Helsinki, applies for a Soviet tourist visa. (Ref in DST 11807--State Despatch)

15 Oct 59 Enters USSR from Helsinki (Ref State Telegram Control # 1304).

16 Oct 59 According to Oswald, he writes letter to Supreme Soviet requesting citizenship. (Ref DST 11807--State Despatch).

31 Oct 59 Interview with Richard Snyder at Embassy.

31 Oct 59 State Telegram (Control # 1304) announcing Oswald's desire to renounce citizenship and offer to Sovs any info gathered as Marine enlisted radar operator. Signed by Freers.

2 Nov 59 Interview with Richard E. Snyder renouncing his citizenship reported. State
Despatch #234 refs Control #1304. Despatch also signed by Freers (Charge d'Affairs).

2 Nov 59 Note to CIA(?) "Mr. Papich" wants to know what we know about this
ex-Marine who recently defected in the USSR. (FOIA Doc # 592-252B)

4 Nov 59 Response to FBI Liason Sam Papich. "Mr Papich was advised that we had no info
on subject. (FOIA Doc # 592-252B)

9 Nov 59 State Telegram (# 1448) from Tokyo to Moscow to pass on "please
reconsider" message from ½ brother John Pic to Oswald.

9 Nov 59 State Telegram (# 1358) from Moscow to Tokyo. Consular officer
attempted personal delivery of message from ½ brother John E. Pic to Oswald today
but unable to make contact. (Message from Brother Robert?)

13 Jan 60 Oswald goes to work in the Belorussian Radio and TV Factory in Minsk as a metal
worker in the research shop. (Reported in State Despatch #29 11 July 61)

22 Jan 60 FBI report (Dallas 105-976) that Oswald's mother purchased a foreign money
transfer of \$25. FBI interview with Robert and Marguerite Oswald. (FBI report dated 5/12/60)

27 April 60 FBI interview with Robert Oswald in Fort Worth. Report written by Special
Agent John W. Fain (Record # 173-10002-10028)

25 Oct 60 Letter from Hugh Cumming Director of INR to DDP Richard Bissell on list of
American defectors of possible CI concern. Lee Harvey Oswald is # 8 and described only as a
tourist.

2 Nov 60 Bissell send a "we're looking" response to Cumming.

21 Nov 60 Response from S.H. Horton AC/CI over Bissell's signature to Cummings
gives basic info on Lee "Henry" Oswald--nothing that could not be gotten from State
cables. IF NO 201, WHERE DID THIS INFO ON ALL THE "DEFECTORS" COME
FROM? SOME OF IT IS CLASSIFIED SECRET! SOURCE???

9 Dec 60 CIA opens 201 on Lee "Henry"Oswald No crypt, restricted file. WHO
OPENED FILE? NO SIGNATURE, WHICH COUNTRY WAS 2ND INTEREST- now
covered over?

26 Jan 61 State Memo of Conversation: Marguerite Oswald talks to State in

Washington, DC (LONG WAY FROM TEXAS TO DC FOR SOMEONE WHO IS DESTITUTE) about Lee's citizenship and also that she "thought there was some possibility" that Oswald had gone to USSR as a secret agent and that, if true, she needed some compensation as she was destitute. State assures Marguerite that there is no evidence Lee is an "agent".
WHERE DID MARGUERITE GET THIS "AGENT" IDEA? WHY NOW?
WAS ANYTHING PAID TO HER? CHECK FINANCIAL RECORDS FOR HIDDEN PAYMENTS FROM SECRET SOURCE!!! DID SHE STAY "DESTITUTE?"

13 Feb 61 Embassy receives a letter from Oswald postmarked 5 Feb 61 asking if he could get his passport back and return to US "if we could come to some agreement concerning the dropping of legal proceedings against me." He also said he could not leave Minsk without permission and was therefore writing instead of visiting the Embassy. COULD HE? WHY/HOW DOES HE COME TO EMBASSY ON 8 JULY? (Info. From FBI John Fain report sent to CIA on 13 July 61)

20 Mar 61 Embassy receives a letter from Oswald postmarked 5 March 61 stating that he found it inconvenient to come to Moscow for an interview at the Embassy since he could not leave Minsk without permission. He asked to be sent a questionnaire in place of a personal interview. (Info. From FBI John Fain report sent to CIA on 13 July 61)

13 Apr 61 State Memo on Oswald's citizenship and passports A-273. (Refs Embassy Despatch # 575 of 26 Feb 61 and #659 of 24 March 61 WHERE ARE THEY?? With "particular reference to the last 2 paragraphs") Sounds like Oswald is considering returning to US and Embassy must decide if he gets his passport back. Cable requests developments be "promptly reported" with a report of his travel data when available and confirmed by Embassy.

30 April 61 Oswald marries Marina

26 May 61 State Despatch # 806 signed by Freers-- Reports Embassy received 25 May 61 an undated letter from Oswald mailed 16 May 61 asking for a guarantee of no "persecution" if he returns to U.S. with a Russian wife. Freers asks for Dept. advice on whether, if, or how to restore Oswald's citizenship.

26 May 61 Routing sheet from SR/CI/P/dl to C/SR/CI/P contains the note "WP (?) had originally asked me to pull together all refs on this man." Cite Amemb Moscow Desp. #806.

8 July 61 Oswald shows up at Embassy on his own initiative in connection with his desire to return to US with his wife. Reported in State Despatch #29.

10 July 61 Fills out questionnaire and undergoes lengthy questioning. Application for Renewal of Passport executed by Oswald. Reported in State Despatch #29. WHAT HAPPENED ON THE 8TH????? WHY DIFFERENCE IN DATES AT BEGINNING AND END OF CABLE????

11 July 61 State Despatch #29 on Oswald's citizenship and passports. Cable signed by Boris Klosson (Counselor for Political Affairs) but reporting done by Richard Snyder AGAIN? (who did 1st Oswald interview and who, according to newspaper article, Oswald did not like). Oswald says he never applied for Soviet citizenship and gives no evidence of any act which might have caused loss of US citizenship. Embassy asks for Dept approval of passport renewal at Embassy's discretion.

13 July 61 J. Edgar Hoover sends DDP Bissell the FBI report on Oswald after John Fain's interview with Marguerite and various others in Fort Worth.

10 Sept 61 Oswald's passport expires. Embassy states in State Despatch #29 of 11 July 61 that Embassy will not renew passport w/o Dept approval of enclosed renewal application.

12/13 Oct 61 State Despatch on Oswald's citizenship and passports by Boris H. Klosson Counselor for Political Affairs. (Refs Department's OM of 18 Aug 61???) Oswald having trouble obtaining exit visas for himself and his wife. Also cites 4 letters received from Oswald on 15 July, no date Aug, 8 Aug, and 4 Oct.