

Topic Questions for Paul Garbler Interview
April 4, 1997

Headquarters:

1. As branch chief of SR/10, did you ever encounter LHO's name?
2. Were legal travellers ever asked to perform operational tasks?
3. Do you remember seeing Richard Snyder's cable from Moscow on LHO's attempted defection?
4. Do you remember ever seeing a file on LHO?

Background Information on Moscow:

1. When did you arrive in Moscow?
2. Can you briefly describe your position in the Embassy?
3. Did you live in the Embassy?
4. How many CIA officers were stationed in Moscow?
5. How closely did James Angleton monitor or dictate operations in the USSR?
6. Did Angleton ever run any agents in Moscow?
7. Did you ever service any dead drops or other means of agent communication at Angleton's request? Did you inform Headquarters (SR Division) of your actions?
8. Did John McVickar or Richard Snyder provide information to the Station?
9. Did Marie Cheatham or Verna Deane Brown provide information to the Station?

Were there CIA personnel in the embassy when you arrived? Where there any CIA personnel who had been in the embassy since 1959?

Were there any backchannel forms of communication between the Station and Headquarters?

Oswald

1. Had you ever heard the name Lee Harvey Oswald prior to Nov. 22, 1963?
2. Did you ever see LHO in the American Embassy?
3. Did anyone ever discuss LHO with you or mention his name to you prior to Nov. 22, 1963?
4. Did anyone ever discuss LHO and his activities in the USSR with you after Nov. 22, 1963?
5. Did LHO meet with any CIA officers during his visits to the embassy in 1959? In 1961? In 1962?
6. Was the Station aware of LHO's arrival and presence in Moscow in 1959? In 1961? In 1962?
7. Was the Station told of LHO's intention to defect? By whom? When?
8. Did LHO interact with any CIA officers at any time during his 1959-62 stay in the USSR?
9. Did the Station have any contact with LHO during his 1959-62 stay in the USSR?
10. Did any CIA officers visit the USSR for the purpose of making contact with LHO?
11. Did the Station monitor LHO's actions in Moscow or Minsk?
12. What was the reaction in the Embassy to news of the assassination in Dallas?
13. Was the reaction what you would have expected?

Embassy Details - 1959

1. Could you describe the general layout of the Embassy?
2. What offices were on each floor?
3. On which floor was your office?

4. Who else shared the floor with you?
5. Could you describe the general layout of the first floor visitors area? (Sketch)
6. Could you describe the layout of the first floor consular area?
7. Who else had an office on the first floor?
8. Was there a receptionist on the first floor?
9. What were the procedures for Embassy visitors?
10. Were visitors normally taken to the upper floors of the Embassy?
11. Were any floor/sections of the Embassy assumed to be "secure," that is, free of Soviet listening devices?