

MEMO

TO: State dept. File

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On March 10, 1997, I reviewed the State Department records contained in the JFK Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives. The State Department records consist of the following record groups:

1. Lee Harvey Oswald LOT File 69 D 186.

These contain numerous sub-files from the office of security and consular Affairs (SCA). These are mostly post-assassination records relating to the Warren Commission's investigation of the assassination, and relating to the Department of State's work in support of the Commission. The file folders within this LOT file were labeled, as follows:

- Oswald File IX. Contained Nov. 26, 1963 correspondence from Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., U.S. Embassy in Moscow to John C. Guthrie, Esq., Director, Office of Soviet Affairs, DOS, Washington, DC, forwarding embassy's documentation on Lee Harvey Oswald (LHO).
- State Dept. Report to the Warren Commission. The Report was in a folder marked, "Documents Selected from SCA Files re Oswald's Alleged Association w/ Cuba," but no such documents were in the folder.
- Oswald File XII. DOS documents collected re repatriation loan (the documents were copies).
- Department Telegrams Re: Oswald. Miscellaneous telegrams from U.S. embassies abroad to DOS, Washington, DC after the assassination
- P-Oswald. Appears to be Q&A guidance for press inquiries on LHO>
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- **Request from Warren Commission re: Declassification of Material.** Correspondence between the Warren Commission and DOS re: Declassification.
- SCS File Re: Oswald. Chron set of documents from 1959 to 1964. This appears to be a pre-assassination file on LHO, from Special Consular Services (SCS), and the file was assigned file No. 261.1122. The file includes documentation on LHO's return to the United States and on the repatriation loan. \*

\* The file also contained some analyses regarding the reparation loan prepared by Allyn C. Donaldson, SCS, after the assassination.

- **PPT Oswald.** Miscellaneous post-assassination memos regarding LHO's passport file.
- **SY and PPT re: Oswald Case.** Miscellaneous post-assassination memos re: Department of State's "look out" procedures.
- **Requests for Info from Warren Commission (Letters To and From L):** Correspondence between the Commission and the Department of State.
- Oswald, Lee Harvey -- Original. This is the Department of State's original pre-assassination file on LHO. It is labeled "261.1122 Oswald, Lee Harvey/3-760 CS/MDR." The documents cover March 1960 to June 1962. The file contains the originals of numerous documents. The file appears to be from the office of Special Consular Services (SCS)
- **Clippings re: Oswald.**
- **Memo from PPT.**
- **State Dept. Witnesses Before the WC.** Contains questions submitted by Warren Commission to Dept. of State.
- Best Copy. This file contained originals of certain post assassination documents of the Dept. of State, particularly regarding the Department's task force regarding recommendations of the Warren Commission Report.
- **Repatriation Loans.** Internal Dept. of State memos on repatriation issues.
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### Repatriation Loans (Warren Commission).

- Report of Department of State -- Lee Harvey Oswald. Contained 1966 Dept. of State memos re transmission of assassination/LHO files to Nara.
- Congressional Correspondence re Oswald.
- Material Relating to After Release of Warren Commission Report.
- Dept. Correspondence w/ Mother of Oswald.
- Copy of Dept. of State Report

### 2. Lee Harvey Oswald Lot File No. 85D275

These are the assassination/LHO files of the Dept. of State Legal Advisor's Office. In 1963 - 64, the principal persons from that Office working on the assassination appeared to include: Abram Chayes, Legal Advisor; Leonard C. Meekey, Acting Legal Advisor; Richard A Frank; and Thomas Ehrlich. These were numerous file folders, and I did not have time to index all of them. Some of the records were as follows:

- A file containing original papers (1961-62) re Marina Oswald's immigrant visa ("Oswald File VIII" also relates to Marina)
- Documents on the Dept. of State's efforts to obtain records from Cuba after the assassination .
- Records re the May 5, 1964 diplomatic note of Ambassador Dobrynin enclosing certain Soviet Government records including LHO medical records.
- File re allegations of Sergievsky that Oswald knew Ruby.
- File on Hoover's Statement to the Warren Commission.
- Requests from Dept. of State for statements of Moscow Embassy personnel who had contact with LHO, and the responses there to the statements. Responses are contained in a folder marked "Oswald File VII."
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- Dept. of State's Interview with DeMohrenschildts in Haiti after the assassination.
- Other "Oswald" Files w/ Roman Numeral
- Documents from the Office of Security, Division of Investigations (some of these documents are contained in "Oswald File VI:). It was the Office of Security that received the Oct. 10, 1963 CIA cable re LHO in Mexico.

3. Office of Security File (In NARA Boxes entitled "Bureau of Diplomatic Security." \_

The office of Security, Division of Investigations, received FBI reports on LHO, including those denoted internal security prior to assassination . Some of the reports bear a handwritten file no. for the Office of Security; it is file no. 39-141-122.

4. Central Policy File, POL 15-1 US/Kennedy.

This contains memos and cables re foreign reaction to and foreign policy implications of the a\*. Numerous cables from U.S. embassies around the world.

5. Papers from Miscellaneous Files.

There was a miscellaneous collection of documents from the following files: POL 30-2 Cuba; POL 15 Cuba; Def 15 Cuba - USSR; POL 6-1 US/Oswald; POL 2-1 Mexico

6. Miscellaneous Europe Files.

7. Correspondence between HSCA and Dept. of State.

The Assistant Secretaries of State for Congressional Affairs. Robert G. Beckel and Douglas J. Bennel who dealt with the HSCA were XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.

8. Llewellyn E Thompson Records (LOT No. 67 D 2).

The documents were copies only

9. Intelligence and Research ("INR") Records re Assassination (LOT No. 90D 329).

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The INR Director was Thomas L. Hughes. Another INR person involved was John D. Hemenway. This file contained INR "morning Briefs."

10. Soviet File Records (Lot No. 90D481).

This included post assassination documents re Marina Oswald, re Communications with the Soviet Government.

11. Secretary of State Dean Rusk Records (Lot No. 72D92).

This included short internal memoranda regarding Secretary Rusk's telephone conversations shortly after the assassination, including conversations with Katzenbach, Dobrynin, and Dillon.

12. Records of the Office of Overseas Citizen Services.

13. Lot No. 71D 198 L/ARA.

This appears to be records of Richard Frank, an attorney in the office of Legal Advisor.

14. Alexis Johnson Files on Oswald.

This is a substantial and well-organized set of files on the assassination and LHO from Alexis Johnson, UnderSecretary of State under Rusk (?)XXXXXXXXXXXXX.

Note: Where are the Mexico City Files, Files of Ambassador Mann

Attached hereto is an index of the NARA boxes containing the State Dept. records.

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## State Department Records in the JFK Collection

1. Robert L. Oswald File 261.1122, Central Decimal File, 1955-59 (Box 1)
2. LHO Lot File No. 69D186 (Bo 1 and 2) 1959-64
3. LHO Lot File NO. 85D275 (Boxes 1,2,2a,3,4,5.
4. Bureau of Diplomatic Security (Boxes 1 and 1a)
5. Bureau of Diplomatic Security to Passport Office (Box 2)
6. Passport Office to Central Files, Pol 15-1 Kennedy (Box 3)
7. Central Files, POL 15-1, Kennedy (Box 4)
8. Mexico City and Moscow Embassy Files: Miscellaneous Central Files to Central Files: POL 15-1 Kennedy (Box 5)
9. Central Files, POL 15-1 Kennedy, Moscow Embassy Files (Box 6)
10. Central Files, POL 15-1 Kennedy (Box es 7-12)
11. Miscellaneous Central Files (and other files) (Box 13)
12. Miscellaneous Files (Box 14)
13. Miscellaneous Files to INR Files (Box 15)
14. Box 16 \*
15. EUR and ADS Files (Post Legislation) to Passport Office (Box 17)
16. State Dept. Records Box
17. Referred Documents (Boxes DOS 1 and DOS 2)

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