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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

HEMMING, Gerald Patrick

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FROM:

Jerry G. Brown
Deputy Chief
Security Analysis Group

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8 April 1977

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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1. Inspector General
Att: Mr. Leader
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It would be interesting to determine if Hemming was discharged from the Santa Anna Marine Air Base. *g*

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From a perusal of Agency files, which are meager, I have been unable to corroborate a possible relationship between Oswald and Hemming. A comparison of their (limited) records did not produce any matches.

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John Leader
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Analysis Group

FROM : Jerry G. Brown

SUBJECT : HEMMING, Gerald Patrick
OS#429 229

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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

1. Reference is made to the attachment which is a copy of a memorandum contained in Subject file dated 7 November 1960 from Chief/Contact Division/00 to Chief/Personnel Security Division/Office of Security captioned "Jerry P. HENNING, Jr., Ex-US Marine who served in Cuban Army and Air Force OO-A-3170536", a copy of which was sent to WH Division and CI Staff. It is apparent that the HENNING referred to therein is identical with Gerald Patrick HEMMING.

2. Of pertinence for the purposes of instant memorandum is that information contained in paragraphs four and five of the reference and related by HEMMING voluntarily to the Contact Division/Los Angeles Office between 11 and 21 October 1960, to wit:

"Henning returned to California in October 1958....He left for Cuba by air via Miami on or about 18 February 1959 arriving in Havana on 19 February 1959."

"He claimed to have contacted officials in the Cuban Consul's office in Los Angeles prior to his departure."

3. In substance relative to the above, the HEMMING file reflects that he served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 19 April 1954 to 17 October 1958. (The 201 file concerning HEMMING reflects that he served in Japan with a U. S. Marine Air Wing.) He then returned to the Los Angeles area for discharge and then left for Cuba circa 18 February 1959 and joined Castro's forces.

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4. The pertinence of the foregoing is that Lee Harvey OSWALD served with a U. S. Marine Air Wing in Japan, and when OSWALD returned to the United States, he was assigned to Santa Anna, California (Los Angeles area). Extensive testimony contained in the Warren Commission hearings by OSWALD's fellow Marines at Santa Anna contain the theme that OSWALD was interested in going to Cuba to join Castro (upon his discharge) in early 1959 and that in early 1959 OSWALD allegedly made some contact with the Cuban Consul's Office in Los Angeles.

5. The above as well as the Office of Security file concerning HEMMING which is replete with information possibly linking HEMMING and his cohorts to OSWALD was brought to the attention of Mr. John Leader (and Mr. Scott Breckinridge), Inspector General, on 6 April 1977. Mr. Leader advised he would pursue the matter.

Jerry G. Brown
Deputy Chief
Security Analysis Group

Attachment

cc: IG/John Leader

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