


13
Fidr 14
#1A

SENDER WILL CHECK CLASSIFICATION TOP AND BOTTOM					
UNCLASSIFIED		CONFIDENTIAL		SECRET	
OFFICIAL ROUTING SLIP					
TO	NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE	INITIALS		
1	Mr. Shepaxek	13 JUN 1978	[Signature]		
2	DX-6 Green				
3					
4	Barbara S				
5					
6					
ACTION		DIRECT REPLY		PREPARE REPLY	
APPROVAL		DISPATCH		RECOMMENDATION	
COMMENT		FILE		RETURN	
CONCURRENCE		INFORMATION		SIGNATURE	
Remarks:					
<p><i>Passed 506</i></p> <p><i>Returned</i></p> <p><i>Sanitize/Classify</i></p> <p>APPROVED FOR RELEASE 1993</p> <p>CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM</p> <p>LEAP</p>					
FOLD HERE TO RETURN TO SENDER					
FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.					DATE
DL/CVR					
UNCLASSIFIED		CONFIDENTIAL		SECRET	

RETURN TO CIA
Background Use Only
Do Not Reproduce

141-10238

TRANSMITTAL SLIP		DATE 6/22/78
TO: CI/EXO		
ROOM NO. 2D39	BUILDING	
REMARKS: BARBARA: AS PER OUR CONVERSATION. 		
FROM:		
ROOM NO. 120420	BUILDING HQS	EXTENSION 9173

FORM NO. 241
1 FEB 55

REPLACES FORM 36-8
WHICH MAY BE USED.

(47)

APPROVED FOR RELEASE 1993
CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

Barbara
X 1839

2D 39
CI/EXO

~~SECRET~~

OLC 78-1065/42
12 June 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Shepanek
O/SA/DO/O

FROM : Mr. Rodger S. Gabrielson
OLC/C&R

SUBJECT : Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Harold Leap concerning CIA personnel at ¹³[Japan] Station.

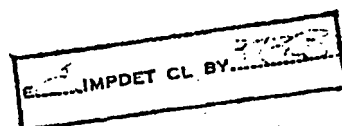
2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.

3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

Rodger S. Gabrielson
Rodger S. Gabrielson

Attachment

~~SECRET~~



interview

Name William Crawford

DOB

SSN

address - 4944 Park St, Apt 806

San Diego, Ca 92109

Telephone - 714-272-2770

at 9:30 A.M. on 5-14-78 ^{SCA} Staff

investigator Harold Deas interviewed
William Crawford, former executive officer
of the CIA station at Atsugi, Japan
concerning his knowledge of LHO and
the military intelligence that LHO may
have possessed from his military assignment
as Radio-radar operator at the Atsugi
Naval Airbase.

Crawford advised that he did not
know LHO and never heard the name
until after the assassination of J.F.K.
The U-2 program administered by
the CIA at Atsugi did not have
their own radio-radar facilities. The
U-2 planes utilized the naval base
communications ~~for~~ only for take-off
and landing clearance.

The ~~staff~~ CIA employees at Atsugi
had no clandestine activity other than
the U-2 program. All human

AM 59
Oct 11

intelligence ~~assets~~ ^{resources} were handled by ~~for~~ case officers stationed elsewhere in Japan.

The cover story for the U-2 plane at Atsugi was that it was used to monitor radio activity in the atmosphere. In fact the plane actually ~~had~~ ^{had} equipment installed to measure radio activity to facilitate the cover story. ~~When the~~

Oswald would have seen the U-2 take-off and land at the base however he would have ~~had~~ no other information.

Radar operators would not be able to trace the U-2 ~~over~~ ^{over} the flights. The plane would take off in the opposite direction. The U-2 would ~~start~~ fly to a staging area (Persian, Pakistan) before going into the flight plan for the over flight. However the Russians were aware of the over flights from the beginning of the program 1955.

The Russian did not have the ability to shoot the U-2 down at the altitude of the U-2 flight.

CIA recruited personnel for the program from the military service. The pilots would resign from their respective service units with the understanding that at the completion

of the program they would go back without losing service time and at a rank comparable to their contemporaries. All program employees were paid by CIA. General maintenance on the U-2 was provided at Ahsugi however major overhaul was made only in U.S.

Although the program was directed and administered by the CIA, the commander of the Ahsugi program was Col. Marion "Hack" Nixon from the Air Force.

The program was terminated in 1960.

Harold:

Can you add the following statement:

Crawford said that had LHO been associated with the Atsugi ^{CIA} station, he, as exec officer, would've known about it.

~~fact.~~

~~However he would not have~~
~~known of his existence~~

1877-78

Referred to Civil Liberties and
specific ~~attestations~~ former Civil
employee James Willcutt that LHO was
a CIA agent, Staff Sergeant Harold H.
Heck, interviewed the following 12/17/77. The
personnel to determine if there is ~~any~~ information
for ~~the~~ Willcutt statements to ~~be~~ ~~present~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~
relating to the Oswald agent issue.

1. Robert P. Wheeler, DOB 4 Oct 15, SSN 238-17-0844, 6600 Mulwood Rd, Bethesda, Maryland, telephone no. 239-6368. Position with CIA, was Deputy Chief of Station, Tokyo. Japan, June 59 to ~~Feb~~ 64. Interviewed at CIA Hqs 4-13-78. Subject is retired.
2. Leo Kramerson, DOB 2 Dec 23, SSN 123-14-0221, 1815 Oaklodge Dr., NW, Wash, DC, telephone no. 356-5283. Position with CIA for 46 years. ~~SSN 123-14-0221~~ was Chief of Counter Intelligence, 3R Branch, Tokyo Japan. Interviewed CIA Hqs 4-10-78. Subject is retired.

[illegible]

With the C-1A on 1963 at 10,490 ft. m was
lost because current for No 5 E Section.
Determined at C-1A 1899 on 4-7-78

- H. Frederick C. Randall DOB 280426, 35m
508-30-4068, Recently employed at 204 N. 1st
and 1st corner. Randall problem with his car
on Sept 6. To Aug 15 was checked showing not
the proper license. Intermediary at 217 1/2 N. 1st

notes ~~scribble~~

5. James S Wood,

station

at Tokyo

James
6. George von Brulzel, DOB 12 Dec 21
SSN 074-18-5912, 14801 Springfield Rd
Germantown Md, telephone 945-6908. Former
Tokyo, Japan

7. Howard M. Orr, DOB 22 Jul 22,
SSN 275 12 4377, address 8405 Weller Ave,
McLean Va, telephone 893-3325, presently
retired.

Tokyo

8. George A Fiel, DOB 29 May 21 SSN
address 27 Bay Tree, North Myrtle
Beach, South Carolina 29582, telephone
803-249-3193. Presently retired.

the Tokyo station

9. Robert N. Keith, [redacted]

[redacted]
Tokyo Station

10. Jerome E. Fox, [redacted]

[redacted] former CIA
intelligence analyst at Tokyo station from
Jul 1959 to Dec 1962, worked in program involving
military intelligence. interviewed 5-1-78

11. William V. Broe, DOB 24 Aug 18, SSN 032 01 8164
address 111 Indian Trails, Scituate, Mass
telephone 617-545-6113. former ~~CIA~~ CIA
COS Tokyo, Japan from 1961 to 1965
interviewed 5-15-78

12. William Crawford, DOB 19 Sept 24, SSN
429-26-4954 address 4944 Cass St, Apt 806
San Diego, Ca. 92109 telephone 714-272-2770
former CIA executive officer at Atsugi air base
in charge of the U-2 program. (Details of interview
conducted 5-14-78 submitted in separate report)

CIA employees

The above ~~individuals~~ were selected for interview because of the position they held ~~at the time~~ with the CIA at the Tokyo station ~~during the time period~~ frame of 1959 to 1964.

James Wilcott ~~made~~ gave testimony in a closed hearing before the SCA that a CIA case officer ~~told him~~ stationed in Tokyo, Japan told him that LHO was a CIA agent and ~~also~~ mentioned LHO's crypto ~~system~~. The ~~conversation~~ took place in the Tokyo station shortly after the word of the JFK assassination was received on 23 Nov 63. Wilcott ~~stated~~ ~~that~~ could not recall the name of the case officer or the cryptosystem. Wilcott also advised that considerable conversation ^{Took place among CIA employees} concerning the Oswald-CIA agent issue.

The basic questions asked of the CIA employee selected were as follows

- (a) Have you ever seen written documents which ^{indicated} that LHO was a ^{intelligence} CIA agent or a source of information?
- (b) ^{Where} have you ever heard advised orally that LHO was an agent?
- (c) Have you ever heard conversation or heard ^{conversational} speculation that LHO was a CIA agent or intelligence source for any government ^{service} ~~agent~~?
- (d) Were you in a position to know if LHO was recruited as an ^{CIA} agent during his tour of duty with the military in Japan.

(2) When was the first time you ever heard the allegation that CIA ^{may have} ~~was~~ ~~possibly~~ a CIA agent?

(4) Did you know James & Eric Wilder in Japan?

~~none of the~~ all individuals interviewed stated they never saw any documents nor heard any information that LHO was a CIA agent while stationed in Turkey. Only after ~~their departure from the~~ civilic publication and the serious investigation in the late 60's were they ~~so~~ aware of the ~~past~~ allegations.

July 18, 1978 expressed belief that LHO ~~could~~ have been recruited by the KGB during his tour of duty in Japan. They based their belief on the fact that during the period of time that LHO was in Japan, the 21st Station in Tokyo had identified a KGB program apparently ~~described~~ assigned to recruit U.S. military personnel in Tokyo. However they had no information that the recruitment of LHO by the KGB did in fact take place.

Subject Jerome E. Fox was ~~supposedly~~ ^{with who} one person who Wilcat could remember ~~that~~ he had conversation ~~with~~ concerning the speculation that LHO was an agent for the CIA. The conversation supposedly took place in Japan after the information ^{was received} that LHO was the assassin of JFK. Fox advised investigator Leap that he was in the U.S. at the time of assassination on 23 Nov 63. Fox's CIA personnel reflected he was transferred from the Tokyo station to the U.S. in 1962.

Subjects 2, 7, 8, 9 and 11 all thought they would have known if LHO had been ~~re~~ recruited as a CIA agent while he was in Japan. All the subjects worked within the SR Branch of the Tokyo station and theoretically ~~would have~~ one of them would have handled or had knowledge of the recruitment. All thought if Oswald had been recruited without their knowledge it would have been a rare exception to the working policy and guidelines of the station.