2022 RELEASE UNDER THE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION RECORDS ACT OF 1992 Classification: (This form is to be used for material extracted from CIA—controlled documents.) CIA Personnel in Tokyo The Committee investigated the allegation of former CIA employee James Wilcott, who testified in executive designated session that shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy he was advised by fellow employees at the CIA's Tokyo Station that Lee Harvey Oswald was a CIA agent who had received financial disbursements under an assigned cryptonym. (Wilcott explained that he had been employed by the CIA as a finance officer from 1957 until his resignation from the Agency in 1966. In this capacity, he served as a fiscal account assistant on the support staff at the Tokyo Station from June of 1960 to June 1964. that, in addition to his regular responsibilities, he had served security duty on his off-hours in order to supplement

This additional job put him in contact with his income.

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other employees of the Tokyo Station who would come by the office and engage in informal conversations regarding politics and their work.

Wilcott told the Committee that on the day after President

Kennedy's assassination he was informed by a CIA case

officer that Lee Harvey Oswald was a CIA agent. Wilcott

assigned a cryptonym and that Wilcott himself had
unknowingly disbursed payments for Oswald project using
that cryptonym. Although Wilcott was unable to identify the
specific case officers who had initially informed him of
Oswald's Agency relationship, he named several employees
of the Tokyo Station with whom he believed he had subsequently

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of the alleged Oswald connection to the CIA, he (had never rechecked the Tokyo Station disbursement records for evidence of the Oswald project. He explained that this was because at that time he viewed the information as mere shop Neither did he report talk and gave it little credence. the allegations to any formal investigative bodies following the assassination as he considered the information to be hearsay. In an attempt to investigate Wilcott's allegations, concerning Lee Harvey Oswald's relationship with the GIA the Committee interviewed several present and former CIA employees who were selected on the basis of the position each had held with the CIA during the years 1954-1964. those persons interviewed were individuals whose responsibilities covered a broad spectrum of areas within the Tokyo Station,

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During the course of their employment in the Tokyo Station, none of these individuals interviewed had ever seen any documents or heard any information indicating that Lee-Harvey Oswald was a CIA agent. _/ This allegation was not it was pullular of the known to anyone until the time of publication of Warren Commission critical literature and the Carrison investigation in the late 1960's. / Some of the individuals, including the chief of counterintelligence within the Soviet Russia Branch in Tokyo, expressed the belief that it was possible that Lee Harvey Oswald had been recruited by the KGB during his military tour of duty in Japan as the CIA's Tokyo Station had identified a KGB program aimed at recruiting

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U.S. military personnel in Tokyo during the period that
Oswald was stationed there. An intelligence analyst whom
Wilcott had specifically named as having been involved
following the assassination in a conversation regarding
the Oswald CIA agent allegation told the Committee that he
was not in the Tokyo Station at that time. A review of this
individual's Office of Personnel file confirmed that, in
fact, he had been transferred from the Tokyo Station to the
United States in 1962.

that, had Oswald been used by the Agency within their jurisdiction, the certainly would have known about it.

Similarly, almost all those persons interviewed who worked in the Soviet Russia branch of that station indicated that they would have known if Lee-Harvey Oswald had, in fact,

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Lee Harvey Oswald's CIA File

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or indirectly, in any capacity for the CIA after his resignation on 26 September 1950."

The Committee does not regard this explanation as satisfactory, especially since Snyder's 201 file indicates that for approximately one year during 1956-1957 he was used by an Agency case officer as a spotter at Harvard University, because of his access to other students who might be going to the Soviet Union nor was the Agency actually able to explain specifically why someone considered it necessary to red flag the Snyder file.

The remainder of the Snyder file, however, is entirely consistent with his testimony before the Committee concerning the absence of Agency contacts. In addition, the CIA personnel officer who handled Snyder's case in 1950 confirmed that Snyder had, in fact, terminated his employment with the

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