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Legat, Bonn (62-36)

4-29-64

Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

Reurnairtel 4-21-64, same caption, relating to two articles appearing in the "Deutsche National-Zeitung und Soldaten-Zeitung" (DNZESE) on 11-28-63 regarding former General Edwin A. Walker and the assassination of President Kennedy.

(S) You should follow with the Bundesamt fuer Verfassungsschutz (BfV) in its efforts to locate and interview Helmut Hubert Kunsch and Dirk Kuntz concerning the basis and preparation of the above two articles.

British Security Service, MI-5, has furnished the following information regarding Kuntz, which is classified "Secret." Kuntz was born 1941 and formerly resided at 2 Hamburg-Fahlsb, Brochowerweg, 75, West Germany. He was reported to have previously studied law and history at Hamburg University and to have been studying in December, 1963, at the University of Dallas, Dallas, Texas, where he was also a research assistant in the Department of History. MI-5 has advised that Kuntz has strong "right-wing" views. (S)

Dallas, which has been previously furnished information regarding Kuntz, is being furnished copy of referenced Legat, Bonn, airtel. Dallas should make a discreet inquiry to determine if Kuntz still at the University of Dallas, and, if not, his possible whereabouts. Furnish Bureau promptly with results of this inquiry. Dallas should not interview Kuntz in this matter without prior Bureau authority.

2 - Dallas (100-10461) (Enclosure)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route thru for review)

NOTE: SEE PAGE 2

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Legat, Bonn (62-36)  
re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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105-82555

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NOTE: Articles in the DNESE of 11-29-63 related to General Edwin A. Walker, one article being a report of a transatlantic telephone interview with Walker by a representative of that paper and the second related to statement that Oswald made an attempt on the <sup>General</sup> subject's life early in the Summer of 1963, and following arrest he was released by order of Attorney General Robert Kennedy. The above publication has been identified as an extreme right-wing publication by the [BIV]. The Bureau learned from Marina Oswald [CS] on 12-3-63 of Oswald's attempt on Walker's life in April, 1963, which is several days after the article appeared in Germany. The Bureau desires to determine the basis for the allegations in the German newspaper. The [BIV] believes that Muench was probably the [CS] author of the 2 articles above and was in the U.S. some time before 11-22-63 conducting interviews and research for the DNESE. Legat, Bonn, advises that the [BIV] is obtaining original copies of the DNESE issue 11-29-63 wherein the 2 articles appear. Dallas being instructed to check whereabouts of Kunert who was supposed to have returned to West Germany on April 1, but this not yet verified. Kunert reportedly a German student studying at the University of Dallas and a contributor to DNESE. Dallas not to interview Kunert if he is still at University of Dallas since possibility he not involved in preparation of articles. If Muench in interview by [BIV] implicates Kunert in the articles and Kunert is still in the U.S., consideration will then be given to interviewing him. Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory info re Muench.

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Legat, Paris (100-1793)

4/20/64

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Director, FBI (100-334341)

- 1 - Branigan
- ① - Lenihan
- 1 - J. M. Sizoo

THOMAS GITTINGS BUCHANAN, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Paris letters 3/19/64 and 3/20/64 captioned  
"Thomas Gittings Buchanan, Jr., Security Matter - C."

No active investigation being conducted by the Bureau concerning Buchanan. While the Bureau does not possess confirmatory information regarding Buchanan's alleged visits to Dallas and other United States cities to prepare his articles, it is known that he was in the United States and did make some inquiries. This information may be furnished to Alain Montarras, your principal contact in the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire. *JCC*

Enclosed for your information and per your request in relet 3/20/64 is a copy of a translation of Buchanan's article in the 3/19/64 issue of the French newspaper "L'Express," as well as copies of an article refuting Buchanan and Buchanan's reply which appeared in the Hamburg, Germany, newspaper "Die Welt," on 3/17 and 3/19/64, respectively, and translations thereof.

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- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route thru for review)
- 1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

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NOTE:

Paris letter 3/19/64 requesting information as to whether Buchanan had actually visited the U. S. and, particularly Dallas, to gather information for his series of articles on the President's assassination which have been appearing in the French newspaper, "L'Express." Buchanan admitted Communist Party membership in 1948, 1952, and 1953 and is carried on the Reserve Index.

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Legat, Paris (100-1793)

4/15/64

Director, FBI (100-354841)

- 1 - Branigan
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- 1 - J. M. Sizoo

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Letter to Paris  
Re: THOMAS GITTINGS BUCHANAN, JR.  
100-354341

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His articles in "L'Express" have been received from Legat, Paris, translated and copies thereof forwarded to the President's Commission. No active investigation being conducted on Buchanan, but information re his presence in the U. S. being furnished Legat for reference to the DST which wants to know if Buchanan's articles were or were not written in Paris. If information shows articles prepared in Paris without visit to U. S. to get facts, Legat says DST may be able to take some discreet action to discredit or neutralize Buchanan. Answers to Legat letters held up pending receipt of translations of Buchanan's articles received in Paris 3-20-64 letter and of articles in "Die Welt" 3-17-64 and 3-19-64 which could be furnished to Legat, Paris, in one letter. Legat, Paris, also furnishing DST appropriate background information re Buchanan. Baltimore, Dallas, Miami, and WFO also being furnished copies of translations of Buchanan's articles and "Die Welt" items 3/17 and 3/19/64 for information by separate communication. Above offices being requested to make no inquiry, but to furnish any available information re Buchanan's visit for transmittal to Legat, Paris.

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4-3-64

AIRTEL

1 - Branigan  
1 - Mullins  
1 - Lenihan  
1 - J. H. Sizoo  
1 - Rogge  
1 - Anderson

To: SAC, New York (105-38431)

From: Director, FBI (105-62365)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

ReNYairtel 4-1-64 setting forth allegation of Theodore Lee received from NY 3948-C. Allegation set forth in reairtel is similar to allegation made by Mark Lane who is known to your office in testimony before the President's Commission alleging that a week prior to the assassination of President Kennedy a meeting took place at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas, which was attended by Mr. Bernard Weissman, Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tiggott, and Jack Ruby. Investigation has developed no information indicating that such a meeting ever took place or that such a meeting was ever likely.

In view of the nature and Commission's interest in above allegation, additional efforts should be made to reinterview Lee specifically concerning statements set forth in reairtel. While protection of your informant should be born in mind, if cooperative, Lee should be pinned down to specifics. If uncooperative, we should at least give him opportunity to put up or shut up in view of his past position and influence as head of Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).

Incorporate pertinent information set forth in reairtel as well as results of attempt to interview Lee concerning this matter in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination to the President's Commission.

1 - Dallas (100-10451)

1 - 105-96362 (Theodore Lee)

1 - 105-9146 (FPCC)

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- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Mullins
- ① - Leahan
- 1 - J. H. Sizoo
- 1 - Rogge
- 1 - Anderson

**AIRTEL**

**To: SAC, New York (105-38431)**

**From: Director, FBI (105-82555)**

**LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA**

ReNYairtel 4-1-64 setting forth allegation of Theodore Lee received from NY 3048-C. Allegation set forth in reairtel is similar to allegation made by Mark Lane who is known to your office in testimony before the President's Commission alleging that a week prior to the assassination of President Kennedy a meeting took place at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas, which was attended by Mr. Bernard Weisman, Dallas Police Officer J. B. Yippett, and Jack Ruby. Investigation has developed no information indicating that such a meeting ever took place or that such a meeting was ever likely.

In view of the nature and Commission's interest in above allegation, additional efforts should be made to reinterview Lee specifically concerning statements set forth in reairtel. While protection of your informant should be born in mind, if cooperative Lee should be pinned down to specifics. If uncooperative, we should at least give him opportunity to put up or shut up in view of his past position and influence as head of Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).

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1 - Dallas (100-10461)

1 - 105-96382 (Theodore Lee)

1 - 105-9146 (FPCC)

LLA:rlp  
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1 - Branigan  
1 - Mullins  
1 - Lenihan  
1 - Anderson  
4-3-64

Airtel

To: SAC, New York (105-38431)

From: Director, FBI (105-82655)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

ReNYairtel 4-1-64 setting forth allegation of H. Theodore Lee received from NY 3948-C.

Allegation set forth therein appears to be similar to other unsupported allegations previously received concerning association of Police Officer Tippit with Oswald and Ruby, which allegation appears to attempt to discredit Officer Tippit.

In view of the above and the recent uncooperative attitude of Lee, no further action desired. However, New York should incorporate pertinent information concerning this allegation in its next report concerning captioned matter suitable for dissemination to the President's Commission.

1 - Dallas (100-10861)

1 - 105-96362 (Theodore Lee)

1 - 105-9146 (FPCC)

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NOTE:

Lee is former head of FPCC. Following assassination of President Kennedy, he made available to FBI through his attorney certain correspondence between Oswald & FPCC; however, he subsequently has refused to be interviewed. Lee now relates statements allegedly received from former FPCC members that Police Officer Tippit assassinated President Kennedy having met individual suggested as possibly Oswald in Jack Ruby's night club approximately one week before assassination.

1 - Branigan  
1 - Mullins  
1 - Lenihan  
1 - Anderson  
4-3-64

**Airtel**

**To: SAC, New York (105-28431)**

**From: Director, FBI (105-82555)**

**LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - B - CUBA**

ReNYairtel 4-1-64 setting forth allegation of R Theodore Lee received from NY 2948-C.

Allegation set forth therein appears to be similar to other unsupported allegations previously received concerning association of Police Officer Tippit with Oswald and Ruby, which allegation appears to attempt to discredit Officer Tippit.

In view of the above and the recent uncooperative attitude of Lee, no further action desired. However, New York should incorporate pertinent information concerning this allegation in its next report concerning captioned matter suitable for dissemination to the President's Commission.

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1 - 105-96362 (Theodore Lee)

1 - 105-9146 (FPCC)

LLA:fas  
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Legat, Ottawa (183-364)

4-1-64

Director, FBI (105-32565)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

Bourlet 3-11-64, a copy of which is attached for information of Dallas.

Attached for your assistance are two copies of a Dallas report dated 3-11-64 re subject. The copy of the report not having the cover pages should be furnished the RCMP for its interest. Attached report constitutes a summary of investigation concerning Albert Osborne, also known as John Howard Bowen. On page 16 of this report, data is set out concerning a Canadian passport #4-347387 issued to Albert Osborne in June, 1953, and Canadian passport #5-605377 issued to Osborne on 10-10-53 as well as a reference to Osborne's alleged former service in the Canadian Armed Forces.

In transmitting the attached report, you should point out the foregoing data appearing on page 16 to RCMP. Also advise RCMP for its information that Osborne's dual identity has been brought to the attention of our INS and, in particular, that Osborne has been in the U.S. since 1914 except for the years 1916 through 1919 which he spent in Canada and has never become a U.S. naturalized citizen. During the last twenty years, Osborne has spent the greater part of his time in Mexico where he operates a Baptist Mission. He is more or less a self-ordained Baptist minister. RCMP may also be interested to learn we have advised the U.S. Chief Postal Inspector that Osborne/Bowen has been receiving contributions for his mission in Mexico at a Laredo, Texas, address, and thereafter these contributions are forwarded to Osborne/Bowen in Mexico.

The above data should be of interest to the RCMP as the possibility exists that INS may eject Osborne/Bowen from the U.S. and bar him from further entry. There is also a possibility he may be asked to leave Mexico. Therefore, he may have to return to Canada where he claims to be a naturalized citizen.

Enclosures (2)

2 - Dallas (Enclosure)

1 - Mexico (Enclosure)

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1 - 64-42137 (Osborne)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route thru  
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Legat, Ottawa (100-304)  
re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA  
100-32855

A copy of attached Dallas report 3-11-64 is also being furnished to Legat, Mexico, for its information in view of possible action INS or the Chief Postal Inspector may take against Osborne.

ReDallaslet 3-11-64 transmitting Dallas report 3-11-64 wherein Dallas desired to be advised if additional investigation should be conducted to establish Osborne's activities and movements in recent years. For Dallas' information, the Dallas report 3-11-64 was furnished to the Presidential Commission on 3-30-64 and the Commission was advised that no additional investigation concerning Osborne/Bowen would be conducted unless a specific request was received from the Commission.

NOTE: A man named John Bowen sat next to the subject during the bus trip from Texas to Mexico City on 9-26, 27-63. Bowen has been identified as Albert Osborne, born 11-12-38 in Grimsby, England. He is a self-ordained Baptist minister who runs a mission in Mexico and appears to be a con man. He was interviewed in Nashville 3-3-64 at which time he admitted furnishing false info as to his identity and denied any knowledge of Oswald or being a passenger on the above bus. We have conducted considerable investigation and have established that Osborne was sitting next to the subject on the bus on the above-mentioned trip and to pursue this point further will not furnish us any additional productive data. It does not appear that Osborne has any personal knowledge relating to Oswald or any connection with Oswald. His hesitancy and vagueness during interview is attributable to the fact that he is a con man operating a missionary in Texmelucan and is soliciting funds for this missionary under the name of Osborne and Bowen. He recently advised one of the contributors that Bowen had been his associate in the operation of the mission and had died and so as not to lose money Osborne arranged with banking authorities for payments in both the name of Osborne and Bowen. By letter 3-30-64 we furnished the Commission the copy of the Dallas report and suggested it may desire to subpoena Osborne and place him under oath in view of the fact that he has continually lied to us. We also advised INS and the Chief Postal Inspector by letters 3-30-64 as indicated in the outgoing. Legat, Ottawa, had been requested to obtain all data available concerning Osborne from RCMP. RCMP had little data of value and requested additional data of an identifying nature from us. There is no further need to continue the Osborne aspect of this investigation in that we have resolved he has no connection with Oswald.

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1 - Branigan  
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1 - Sizoo

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Legat, Bonn (62-36)

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3-30-64

Director, FBI (105-32555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

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Reurairtel 3-5-64 relating to two articles appearing in the "Deutsche National-Zeitung und Soldaten-Zeitung" on November 29, 1963, regarding General Edwin A. Walker and the assassination of President Kennedy.

Through sources available to your office you should attempt to obtain two copies each of the two articles which can be forwarded to the Bureau for translation and dissemination to the President's Commission.

In addition, you should determine from the Bundesamt fuer Verfassungsschutz (BFV - West German Federal Agency for the Protection of the Constitution) the status of their consideration for more precisely identifying the sources of the two articles and also obtain the specific circumstances regarding preparation of the articles. Submit results of your further inquiry promptly.

1 - Dallas (100-10461)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

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NOTE:

Articles in the "Deutsche National-Zeitung und Soldaten-Zeitung" of 11-29-63 related to General Edwin A. Walker, one article being a report of a transatlantic telephone interview with Walker by a representative of that paper and the second related to statement that Oswald made an attempt on the subject's life early in the summer of 1963, and following arrest he was released by order of Attorney General Robert Kennedy. The above publication has been identified as an extreme right wing publication by the BFV. The Bureau learned from Marina Oswald on 12-3-63 of Oswald's attempt on Walker's life in April, 1963, which is several days after the article appeared in Germany. The Bureau desires to determine

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Letter to Legat, Bonn  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
105-82555

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the basis for the allegations in the German newspaper, although Legat, Bonn, has advised that the [RFV] suggests the allegations resulted from speculation by a writer for the paper. [RFV] has advised Legat that it does not have sources close to the newspaper in question but is exploring the matter of pinning down the circumstances regarding preparation of the two articles. Bulet 2-20-64 requested Legat, Bonn, to determine if such articles did appear in the German newspaper since information of their appearance had been set forth in "The Herald of Freedom" Staten Island, New York. [S] [S]

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1 - Branigan  
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Legat, Ottawa (163-364)

3/19/64

Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

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ReBuairtel 12/13/63 captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald"  
and your letter 1/22/64 captioned "Assassination of President  
John F. Kennedy, 11/22/64, Dallas, Texas," re information  
from Mr. Jean Paul Tremblay that he received in Montreal  
in August, 1963, a pamphlet entitled "Fair Play for Cuba"  
from an individual he believed was Lee Harvey Oswald. (C)

Pursuant to instructions in Buairtel 12/13/63 you  
should prepare an appropriate letterhead memorandum in this  
matter suitable for dissemination, omitting the Bureau  
property stamp. Include in letterhead memorandum the contents  
of the letter received by Secret Service from the Bureau of  
Customs in Montreal which was later furnished to the Bureau by  
Secret Service. Also set forth in letterhead memorandum the  
results of the RCMP inquiry conducted in this matter. Bureau  
is enclosing three sets of photographic prints made from the  
RCMP album furnished by your letter of 1/22/64 and you should  
make one set an enclosure to each of two letterhead memoranda  
for dissemination to the President's Commission at the Bureau.  
The third set of prints is for your file. (C)

The album of photographs of participants of the "Walk  
for Peace" loaned to you by the RCMP is enclosed for return to  
RCMP. (6)

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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**NOTE:**

Secret Service on 12/11/63 furnished us with copy of a  
letter of 11/29/63 from U. S. Bureau of Customs in Montreal,  
Canada, which reported that Jean Paul Tremblay, Investigator,  
Customs and Excise, Montreal, advised that he had received a  
pamphlet entitled "Fair Play for Cuba" in Montreal in what he  
believed was August, 1963, from a man whom he believed was  
Lee Harvey Oswald. Legat was requested to contact sources to  
(NOTE CONTINUED PAGE TWO) (C)

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Letter to Ottawa  
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
105-82555

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[determine if Oswald was in Montreal at alleged period. RCMP inquiry negative but they did furnish the Legat with a photo album of individuals participating in a "walk for Peace" in Montreal on June 7 and 8, 1963. Mr. Tremblay stated that the individual he believed was Oswald was seen by him on the same day he saw six other individuals handing out "Cuba" literature. He has identified by photographs two of the individuals as passing out literature on the day in question. According to RCMP, however, Tremblay could not point out in these photos the person who gave him the pamphlet and who he believes to have been Oswald.] We know that Oswald was at work in New Orleans on June 7, 1963, from time punch cards of the William B. Reilly Company, New Orleans. Commission will be furnished letterhead memorandum from Legat on receipt of Bureau. [ < ]

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