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BY HAND

Mrs. Else Siegle, Director  
Community Service Society  
Department of Family Services  
105 East 22 Street  
New York 10, N. Y.

Marguerite Claverie Oswald #219055

Dear Mrs. Siegle:

We hand you the file #219055 in the names of Marguerite Claverie Oswald (James John). Also enclosed is a clipping from the Daily News dated December 3 mentioning the Community Service Society.

This is to report that we conferred in this office on Tuesday, December 10, with Special Agent John Hurley of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Hurley was given an opportunity to examine the file after giving me his absolute assurance that any information or material contained therein would be held confidential. I explained to Mr. Hurley the policy of the Community Service Society with respect to confidentiality. In all the circumstances, we believe that this treatment of this particular file was warranted. However, please be assured that we do consider such treatment a precedent for future cases.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

*Peter M. Brown*

BROWN (PETER) EXHIBIT No. 1

## COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY

TO File

FROM Else Siegle

DATE 12/5/63

RE Oswald - #219055

It was brought to our attention that this situation (Lee Oswald) is a young man who was accused of killing the President of the United States and who was killed later himself was known to CSS in 1953. In looking at the folder, I learned that in reality no member of the family was ever seen but the mother telephoned, was offered an appointment and did not keep it. There also were various collateral contacts in February and later in May 1953. As the newspapers had gotten wind of the fact that CSS had some contact with the family, I discussed this situation with our legal counsel. I was advised that no information whatsoever should be given to anybody and that the folder should be sent to our lawyer's office and any possible inquiry will be answered by him.

This situation was handled accordingly.

cc; Legal Counsel folder

Case record folder ✓

BROWN (PETER) EXHIBIT No. 1—Continued

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December 3, 1963

*Received*  
Mrs. Else Siegle  
Assistant Director of Family Services  
Community Service Society  
105 East 22 Street  
New York 10, N. Y.

Marguerite Claverie Oswald  
James John - #219055

Dear Mrs. Siegle:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Oswald file which I shall return to you when the coast is clear.

You are quite correct that you should arrange for all inquiries at the Society regarding Lee Oswald or his mother to be channeled to you and that you may refer all such inquiries directly to me. In this way we can both protect, in my opinion, the best interests of the Society from misinterpretation and unwanted publicity.

It was a pleasure to speak with you again.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

PMB/tmc

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*12/3/63*

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*Comm. #9.26*



COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY

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DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES

December 2, 1963

Peter M. Brown, Esq.  
Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft  
14 Wall Street  
New York 5, New York

Re: OSWALD, Marguerite Claverie  
James John  
#219055

Dear Mr. Brown:

Here is the record I just discussed with you. I am very grateful for your help in this matter. As I understand it, I will let you know as soon as possible if somebody wants any information and not give your name and telephone number to the reporter. Is this right? Please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Else Siegle  
Director

ES/jj

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BROWN (PETER) EXHIBIT No. 1—Continued

SURNAME <b>OSWALD</b>		MAN'S FIRST NAME <b>James or John</b>		WOMAN'S FIRST NAME <b>Marguerite</b>		WOMAN'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Claverie</b>		ALIAS - PREVIOUS MARRIAGE		IF SINGLE - NAMES OF PARENTS		CASE NO. <b>219055</b>
ADDRESS <b>825 East 179 St.</b>		TEL. NO.	NO. OF ROOMS SING. FURN.		<input type="checkbox"/> WITH OTHER FAMILY <input type="checkbox"/> BOARDING <input type="checkbox"/> IN INSTITUTION OR SHELTER		RENT MONTH OR WEEK		DATE <b>1-16-53</b>		DISTRICT <b>Bronx</b>	
BIRTHPLACE		COLOR	EXACT BIRTH DATE	OCCUPATION OR SCHOOL OR WHEREABOUTS IF AWAY <b>(dec.)</b>		RELIGION		CITIZEN YES NO		DATE CAME TO CITY U. S.		
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WOMAN										CASEWORKER <b>WD</b>		
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<b>2 boys</b>				<b>in service</b>								
PERSONAL APPLICATION; HEARD OF AGENCY THRU: <b>Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies</b>												
REFERRED BY _____ TEL. NO. _____												
REPORT FROM REGISTRATION BUREAU AND SOCIAL SERVICE EXCHANGE <b>1-16-53 No record</b>												
OTHERS IN HOUSEHOLD RELATIONSHIP APPROX. BIRTH DATE												
RELATIVES RELATIONSHIP ADDRESS												

SURNAMES  
**OSWALD**  
 MARRIAGE  
**Marguerite Claverie**  
 WOMAN'S FIRST NAME & MAIDEN NAME

JAMES OR JOHN (D)  
 MAN'S FIRST NAME

CROSS REFERENCE

219055  
 CASE NO.

1-10-53 Mrs. O phoned and sounded rather upset as she went on to ask for an appt. "as soon as possible." She mentioned that the problem is with her only boy Lee, 13 yrs. of age. Mrs. O is a widow and along with boy came to N.Y. from Texas in this past October. Ever since the boy has been in N.Y. he has been refusing to go to school. There has been frequent truancy and in recent hearing before the school Attendance Board of JHS 117, Mrs. O was warned that she would have to do something about the boy or else the school would take authoratative action, just what kind of action, Mrs. O would not say. I was able to clarify that suspension was not specifically threatened. Mrs. O said she felt the problem was probably due to the change in environment and the problems that Lee was having in adapting himself to the new surroundings. At present, the boy hasn't been back to school since the hearing, and it is "nearly driving her crazy." To complicate things further, Mrs. O said she had to move and this will mean Lee will have to be transferred to a new school - because she is now out of the district which is covered by JHS 117. Mrs. O mentioned that she had learned of us as a result of a phone call to the Federation of Protestant Wel. Agency who in turn had suggested she call us. Mrs. O was quite uncertain as to the kind of services we have here and although I suggested perhaps we could give some fuller clarification of this in an interview which I would be glad to give her, she went to a good deal of questioning as to the type of services which I tried to clear up for her to some extent.

When it came to the question of giving an appt., there was not one available before the 30th and Mrs. O expressed approval of this, felt that she would need to be seen sooner because she was a busy woman, worked and it was difficult for her to keep getting time off. However, accepted rather reluctantly my explanation as to how interviews are based on appts. and unfortunately we do have a bit of a waiting list in relation to this. Wondered what to do immediately about Lee's not going to school, wondered if she should discuss this with the principal and I said that she certainly might do this if she wished and that I would like to be able to clear with the school as to understanding L's problem there a little more clearly. This was

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1-16-53 contd. permissible with Mrs. O who finally accepted an appt. for Friday, Jan. 30th at 2 PM with MVR.

Near end of day, Mrs. Neill of Federation of Protestant "el. Agencies, SF 7-4800, phoned to inquire as to whether Mrs. O had called for an appt. Mrs. N confirmed that Mrs. O had called her to engage Federation in helping out with the problem with Lee. Mrs. O wanted a worker to come to the home and talk with the boy, something which incidentally I neglected to record above was a request which Mrs. O had made when she called me. At any rate, what Mrs. N gave me was substantially along the lines of what Mrs. O had discussed in her phone conversation earlier with me. It was made clear to her that the Federation only has a referral service and suggestion was made that she try CSS. Mrs. Neill requested that we be in touch with her in relation to disposition in the case which I promised would be done.

Denham:mhb

1-23-53 Called JHS 117, TR 8-6211, to find out boy's new school. Talked with Miss Kann, assistant principal. And explained that she was not able to give much in the way of impressions about the boy because she has only seen him once or twice and actually he only came to school while he was in 117 a total of 15 days, being absent 47 1/2, during the period 9-30 thru 12-31-52. Lee arrived in N.Y. in Sept. and initially attended the Trinity Lutheran School in the Bronx from 9-8-to-9-20-52, where the record indicates he was present 9 days, absent 6 days. Miss Kann felt that the boy seemed rather withdrawn, was rather difficult to reach him on the one instance she spoke with him. Miss Kann thought that PS 44 was the new school, but suggest I call the attendance office for this information.

person's interest

Spoke with Mr. Keating of the Attendance Bureau, LU 3-2470. Mr. Keating explained that he is not currently assigned to case, rather Mr. Brennan is working with the boy. However, in Mr. Brennan's absence, Mr. A was able to give me some background on the contact of Attendance Bureau with the family. Mr. Keating advised that he has actually, before case was transferred to Mr. Brennan, spoken once with the mother. Mrs. O complained at the time she simply couldn't handle Lee, that he was stubborn and refused to go to school and kept expressing wish to return to Texas where he said he felt more at home. On the other hand, mother later admitted that she does nag the boy quite a bit and that she would try easing up on him to see whether he would go to school. L is now attending JHS 44, but apparently has only been in school there for about 2 days, since the first of Jan. School dispatched a visiting teacher to the home who spoke with the boy, trying to persuade him to come to school. Lee is alleged to have replied that he would think about it and hadn't made up his mind, etc. To the hearing, this was held on 1-13-53 and the District Superintendent's recommendation was that the boy be placed on probation, to Mr. Brennan until June. Mr. Keating said that it seemed there was a question of possible suspension here and agreed at my suggestion that this might be something that JEC should be involved in rather than CSS at this point. He, however, promised to have Mr. Brennan phone me for further discussion on this.

Wm? BC

Denham:mhb

1-30-53 Appt. failed. Case closed.

Russell:fs

CASEWORK UNIT 101 DATE CLOSED 1/31/53  
DRUG SERVICE  COMMUNITY SERVICE

4-23-53 Miss Strickman, Youth House (AL. 4-1350) telephoned for summary which was given. Lee is with them on account of truancy. He seems pretty "schizy", Hallett:RH  
REPORT ONLY - CENTRAL SERVICES

4-29-53 Request for Information from DRC.

**BROWN (PETER) EXHIBIT No. 1—Continued**

Comm. # 926

DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT  
CITY OF NEW YORK

APR 29 1953

1118 GRAND CONCOURSE  
Bronx, N. Y.

PROBATION BUREAU

Date 4/28/53

To the Registrar

Community Serv. Soc.  
Family Div.  
105 E. 22 St.  
N.Y., N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Re: Lee H. Oswald

Father's name Robert or Jas. John

Mother's maiden name Clavorie Marguerite

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address 825 E. 179 St.

The Social Service Exchange reports the above family known to you under date of 1/16/53  
your Case No. 219055

We are interested in Lee H., B. 10/19/39 This case is scheduled for hearing in Court  
on 5/8, and we should appreciate a summary of your contact with the family and  
any special information you may have regarding this family (if possible) before  
that date.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

J. Carro

Probation Officer.

*4/13 Tel. report accepted by Mr. Carro  
in conjunction with completion of  
intake inquiry -*

BROWN (PETER) EXHIBIT No. 1—Continued

5-7-52 Telephone inquiry from Mr. Carro, Children's Court, LU8-5000 ext. 30. Lee, 13, a serious truancy problem, came with mother from Texas in 8-52. Problem seems to have evolved around difficulty of adjustment to new environment, relationship with mother. Father died when Lee was in infancy.

Complete study made by Youth House indicated "Personality pattern disturbance with schizoid features, passive aggressive tendencies, ~~total lack of~~ <sup>total lack of</sup> thought, rejection by a self-involved, conflicted mother." While Mrs. O denies any problem, there was consensus in the study that both Lee and Mrs. O needed help. It was felt that a child guidance clinic or family service agency would be preferable, with a male therapist for Lee, as he "can be reached by a male, shown at Youth House." Mother works; Lee has isolated himself, preferring to stay home and watch TV. He is intelligent, has an I.Q. of 118. Family is Lutheran and therefore a non-sectarian agency was considered first. It is known at this time that Catholic Charities has closed their intake for a month; Salvation Army intake situation is similar to ours. Mr. Carro has spoken with supervisor, Miss Corning, and they were in agreement that, had been paroled until September, it was inadvisable to consider letting the boy wait so long for any kind of individual attention. The alternative if therapy cannot be found, is a placement away from the mother.

Mr. Carro said that he would be glad to talk with Salvation Army and at the same time pleaded for further consideration. I indicated that I felt in view of the difficulties presented, the skill required in treating such a disturbed boy, that there was little likelihood of our being able to take on the case. Nevertheless I would take it up with the intake supervisor while Mr. Carro in the meantime talked with Salvation Army. It was agreed therefore that I would get in touch with him either the following day or early the next week to advise whether there was any greater likelihood of our taking responsibility for such a case at this time.

Application pending.

Benjamin:bb

5-12-52 Following discussion with Intake Supervisor on 5-13, telephoned Mr. Carro and indicated that due to our intake situation and waiting list we could not give this situation the proper attention it appeared to require. Mr. Carro was appreciative of this, said that he was planning to call Salvation Army, was anxious to get the matter attended to, as he is going on vacation at the end of this week.

Mr. O accepted report of our previous contact in answer to form inquiry which we had received. Agreed that we would not need to send written report. Benjamin:cp

5-31-53 Case closed.

CASEWORK UNIT 12 DATE CLOSED 5/31/53

BRIEF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ CONTINUED SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

64-7-17-53

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