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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

The following investigation was conducted at Houston, Texas, for the purpose of determining whether Lee Harvey Oswald or a member of his immediate family may have rented a safe deposit-box in a Houston bank subsequent to Oswald's return from Russia in June, 1962.

In making inquiries at the banks listed below, checks of appropriate records were made concerning any persons having the surname of Oswald and any persons using the name A. Hidell, Alek James Hidell, or O. H. Lee. In each case, the person having access to appropriate bank records made checks of such records against the above names. In addition, a photograph of Oswald was displayed to bank employees who control access to the safe-deposit area and who observe persons entering and leaving the area. The identities of the banks contacted at Houston, Texas, were obtained from the 1964 edition of the "Texas Banking Red Book" published by the Banker Digest, Empire Bank Building, Dallas, Texas.

The banking institutions at Houston, Texas, at which investigation was conducted are set forth below, along with the identities of the bank employees who were interviewed and the dates on which such interviews were conducted. As a result of these interviews the respective employees of each bank reported that no record could be located indicating that Oswald or any member of his immediately family using his own name or any of the names set out above in this memorandum had ever rented a safe-deposit box in Houston. These bank employees also reported after viewing a photograph of Oswald that they could not recall having seen him in the banks where they are employed.

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Gulf Coast National Bank (4/14/64)
11310 Chimney Rock
L. A. Gentry, Jr. - Cashier
Martha Smith - Safe-Deposit Box Custodian
Chemical Bank & Trust (4/14/64)
3805 Kirby Drive
G. L. Schroder - Cashier

Houston Bank & Trust Co. (4/14/64)
1801 Main Street
W. W. Hall - Cashier
Mrs. M. W. Wright
E. W. Wilmore
Margaret Barcelona
Hertha Woyzich - all safe-deposit section

Belfort State Bank (4/14/64)
6035 Belfort Boulevard
Mrs. Dorothy Galleraud - Secretary to the
President, in charge of safe-deposit boxes

Medical Center National Bank (4/14/64)
6631 South Main Street
Miss Hazel Garrett - Secretary
Mr. Bob Sandlin - Safe-Deposit Teller

Fannin State Bank (4/13/64)
Mrs. Hallie Patton - Vault Clerk

Commercial State Bank (4/15/64)
9420 Jensen
Mr. Carroll C. Simmons - Cashier
Mrs. Jane Wernell - Safe-Deposit Department
Mrs. Juniata Elliot - Safe-Deposit Department

Northeast National Bank (4/15/64)
8305 East Houston Road
Vallo A. McElish - Cashier
Mrs. C. Leo Chivers - Safe-Deposit Clerk

Longpoint National Bank (4/14/64)
1708 Long Point Road
Albert Bacarisse - Vice President
and Cashier

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Longpoint National Bank (continued)
June Johnson
Dorothy Hyde
Sandra Bright - all Safe-Deposit Department

Heights State Bank (4/15/64)
Miss Helen Rau - Safe-Deposit Custodian
Richard H. Dimon - Cashier

Chimney Rock National Bank (4/15/64)
Mrs. Selma Dawson - Safe-Deposit Custodian
Browne B. Rice - Vice President

River Oaks Bank & Trust Co. (4/14/64)
Mrs. Janie W. Pace - Assistant Cashier
and in charge of Safe-Deposit Boxes
Max J. Prels - Assistant Vice President

Southside State Bank (4/14/64)
Stella Link Road at South Braswood
Mrs. Peggy Waldrop - New Accounts
Thomas C. Willis - Assistant Cashier

Sharps town State Bank (4/14/64)
400 Sharps town Center
Mrs. Ruby Simpson
Mrs. Samille Jorbert Grove
Mr. Nelson Long - Vice President

Post Oak Bank (4/14/64)
2120 South Post Oak
Miss Evelyn Mico
William T. Keenan - Vice President

Gulfgate State Bank (4/15/64)
204 Gulfgate Mall
Mrs. J. R. Erwin - Safe-Deposit Department
Frank Green - Department Supervisor
Jane Ransome

South Park National Bank (4/15/64)
7425 South Park Boulevard
James S. Garbs - Vice President
Barbara Cecil - Safe-Deposit Department

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MacGregor Park National Bank
5730 Cahoon
William Schmidt - Operations Officer
Mrs. Inez Salter - Records Department

Central National Bank (4/14/64)
2100 Travis
Mrs. Jean McGurdy - Custodian, Safe-Deposit Boxes
Mrs. Sharon Sue Roesch - Safe-Deposit Boxes
Mrs. Mamie Terrell - Safe-Deposit Boxes

North Side State Bank (4/14/64)
2010 North Main Street
Mrs. Vivian Furlow - Custodian, Safe-Deposit
Boxes

Port City State Bank (4/14/64)
3602 Jensen Drive
Mrs. Katherine Kasavage
Mrs. Charlene Kobbehaus - Custodians,
Safe-Deposit Boxes

Reagan State Bank (4/14/64)
545 West 19th Street
Gay Montze - Cashier
Clara Snell - Safe-Deposit Clerk

University State Bank (4/15/64)
5117 Kelvin
Hugh L. Whiteside - Vice President

Industrial State Bank (4/15/64)
6750 Capitol
Henry A. Dube - Vice President
Fannie V. Richardson - Safe-Deposit Custodian
Pauline McLain, Relief Safe-Deposit Custodian

Harrisburg National Bank (4/15/64)
507 Broadway
W. N. Sick - Vice President
Velma Wasiman - Safe-Deposit Custodian
Mary Draemer - Relief Safe-Deposit Custodian

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Lockwood National Bank (4/15/64)
 5405 Clinton Drive
 C. C. Widenan - Assistant Vice President
 Ladian Crenshaw - Safe-Deposit Custodian

Fairbanks State Bank of Houston (4/15/64)
 13636 Hempstead Highway
 Mrs. Annette Mock - New Accounts and
 Safe-Deposit Boxes
 Mrs. June Lindley - Secretary

American Bank & Trust Co. (4/13/64)
 1500 Waugh Drive
 F. A. Noret - Assistant Cashier

Bank of Texas (4/14/64)
 800 Travis
 Guyla Walton - Vault Custodian

International Bank (4/14/64)
 1300 Texas
 John W. Hazard - President
 Jean Sheffield - Vault Custodian

Texas National Bank of Commerce (4/14/64)
 Mr. C. A. Berrett - Vice President - Cashier
 Mrs. Vera Hayes
 Mrs. Willie Wilbanks - Safe-Deposit Box
 Custodians

Riverside National Bank (4/14/64)
 2602 Blodgett
 Mr. Lenton B. Clark - Cashier
 Mrs. Dorothy Owens - Safe-Deposit Box
 Custodian

East End State Bank (4/14/64)
 Mr. John A. DeVolke, Jr. - Cashier
 Mrs. G. C. Emery - Safe-Deposit Box
 Custodian

Bank of the Southwest (4/14/64)
 Curtis W. Regner - Assistant Vice President,
 Safe-Deposit Department

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Bank of the Southwest (continued)
 Jewel DeWolf - Clerk, Safe-Deposit Department
 Joyce Kelly - Clerk, Safe-Deposit Department

Highland Village State Bank (4/15/64)
 4030 Westheimer
 Mrs. Isabelle Browne - Clerk, Safe-Deposit
 Department

Homestead State Bank (4/15/64)
 10022 Homestead Road
 Joe T. Verdina - Assistant Cashier

Oak Forest State Bank (4/15/64)
 1120 West 43rd Street
 Doyle Strickland - Vice President
 Mrs. Waldene Howard - in charge of
 safe-deposit boxes

The Republic National Bank of Houston (4/15/64)
 5200 North Shepherd
 Robert A. Gray - Assistant Cashier
 Wanda Rasco - in charge of new accounts
 Ada Rose - in charge of safe deposit boxes

Pinecrest State Bank (4/15/64)
 12160 Hempstead Highway
 Mrs. C. E. Mitchell - Auditor and
 in charge of safe-deposit boxes

Citizens State Bank (4/14/64)
 400 Main Street
 Mr. C. F. Horn - Vice President
 Lucy Albertson - Secretary
 Mrs. Earl Goetzee - Secretary
 Mr. G. K. Miller
 Mrs. Iru Purefoy - Relief Safe Deposit
 Mrs. Florence Newton - Safe-Deposit Custodian

Houston National Bank (4/14/64)
 202 Main Street
 Mrs. Billie Seher - Information Desk Clerk
 Mr. R. H. McElrath - Auditor
 Mrs. Greta Ellis - Relief Vault Clerk

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Fidelity Bank and Trust Company (4/14/64)
1602 Milam Street
Mr. Marcus Thomas - President
Mrs. Ernestine Cain - Custodian of
Safe-Deposit Vault

Meyerland State Bank (4/15/64)
Mrs. Hilda Krepac - Assistant Cashier

South Main State Bank (4/16/64)
Mr. S. R. Morton - Cashier

First City National Bank (4/16/64)
Mr. Roy Baldwin - Assistant Cashier

Continental Bank & Trust Co. (4/14/64)
Fannin and Rusk Streets
Miss Sadie Ritter - Teller in Charge
of Safe Deposits

Southern National Bank (4/14/64)
Main at McKinney Streets
Marvin Peterson - Cashier

Tennessee Bank & Trust Co. (4/14/64)
Don French - Assistant Cashier

Northshore National Bank (4/17/64)
13301 Northshore Drive
Miss Nancy Singleton - Custodian,
Safe-Deposit Boxes

Spring Branch Bank (4/14/64)
8800 Brogdon at Katy Road
Mrs. Marjorie Andrew - Clerk and Custodian,
Safe-Deposit Boxes

First State Bank of Greens Bayou (4/14/64)
1420 Federal Road
Wayford Hollis - Cashier and Custodian,
Safe-Deposit Boxes
Mrs. Joan Bradshaw - Receptionist and
person who rents safe-deposit boxes

The following investigation was conducted at all known banks at Dallas, Fort Worth, Irving, and other suburban towns in the metropolitan Dallas - Fort Worth, Texas, area, for the purpose of determining whether LEE HARVEY OSWALD or a member of his immediate family may have rented a safe-deposit box in any of such banks subsequent to OSWALD's return from Russia in June, 1962.

The investigation consisted of a check of the records of each of the listed banks on the dates indicated for any record of a checking, savings, or loan account or a safe-deposit box rental in the names LEE HARVEY OSWALD, A. HIDEELL, A. J. HIDEELL, ALEX J. HIDEELL, ALEK JAMES HIDEELL, H. O. LEE, HARVEY OSWALD LEE, O. H. LEE, ALIKSEI OSWALD, L. H. OSWALD, LEE OSWALD, LEE H. OSWALD, LESLIE OSWALD, MARINA OSWALD, MARGUERITE OSWALD, ROBERT EDWARD LEE OSWALD and JOHN EDWARD PIC. A photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was exhibited to each of these individuals, except where otherwise noted, for the purpose of determining if OSWALD may have made use of the bank's safe-deposit box facilities under any other name. A photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was not exhibited to a bank official who had nothing to do with the actual rental of a safe-deposit box and whose location in a bank was not within the proximity of the safe-deposit box section. In each such instance, a statement is included noting that a photograph was not exhibited to the bank official contacted.

All of the following checks in this matter were negative in all respects, except where otherwise stated hereinafter:

<u>NAME OF BANK</u>	<u>BANK EMPLOYEES FURNISHING IN- FORMATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Citizens State Bank 200 Main Street Richardson, Texas	Mrs. MADELINE SWOR, Secretary	4/13/64