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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

By letter dated May 7, 1964, the President's Commission advised that it appeared LEE HARVEY OSWALD first became acquainted with members of the so-called "Russian Community" in the Dallas-Fort Worth area through his contacts with Mr. PETER GREGORY and Mr. MAX CLARK of Fort Worth. This letter reflected that Mr. CLARK had testified that he thought that OSWALD had obtained his name, as well as Mr. GREGORY's, through the Fort Worth office of the Texas Employment Commission.

The President's Commission requested that Mr. CLARK's testimony be verified by interviews with appropriate personnel of the Texas Employment Commission office in Fort Worth. The President's Commission also expressed a desire to know the identity of the person or persons who provided OSWALD with the names of GREGORY and CLARK and the reasons they did so.

On May 13, 1964, Mr. PETER PAUL GREGORY, Geologist, Continental National Bank Building, Fort Worth, Texas, was re-contacted and furnished the following information:

GREGORY recalled that when LEE HARVEY OSWALD first contacted him, he told him that he had obtained GREGORY's name from someone at the Fort Worth Public Library. GREGORY has conducted classes in Russian at the Fort Worth Public Library for about four years. He stated he had made inquiry at the Fort Worth Public Library but had been unable to locate anyone who had talked to OSWALD and might have given his name to OSWALD.

On May 13, 1964, Mr. MAX CLARK, attorney, Ridgela State Bank Building, Fort Worth, Texas, furnished the following information:

CLARK recalled that during the first interview he was not sure as to the source of OSWALD in obtaining the name of

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Mrs. CLARK, but first thought it might have been the Fort Worth Public Library. He later talked to his wife, Mrs. GALI CLARK, and she said that when OSWALD called her the first time he told her he had obtained her name from some person at the Texas Employment Commission. CLARK further advised that his wife vaguely recalled that OSWALD might have told her the name of this person was SMITH, but she was not certain as to this information. CLARK advised that his sister works at the Texas Employment Commission and one of his aunts was employed there for many years until her death three years ago. He related that many persons at the Texas Employment Commission are acquainted with him and also know that his wife is from France and is of Russian descent. CLARK stated he and his wife had made some inquiry out of curiosity to try to learn the name of the person who gave Mrs. CLARK's name to OSWALD, but they had not been successful.

On May 13, 1964, Mr. ARLISS NIXON, Manager, Fort Worth Public Library, Fort Worth, Texas, furnished the following information:

He and his assistants had checked all library records in the past but had failed to develop the names of any individuals at this library who might have given the name of PETER GREGORY to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. NIXON was unable to furnish any information concerning any person who might have given this name to OSWALD.

On May 13, 1964, Mrs. VIRGINIA HALE, 6475 Fortune Road, Fort Worth, Texas, employed in the Job Placement Division of Texas Employment Commission, Fort Worth, Texas, furnished the following information:

She recalled LEE HARVEY OSWALD quite well and she sent him out on the job to the Leslie Welding Company. Mrs. HALE stated she did not give the names of MAX CLARK or PETER GREGORY to OSWALD, but she believed that Mrs. ANNIE LAURIE SMITH of Texas Employment Commission might have furnished the name of CLARK to OSWALD.

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On May 13, 1964, Mrs. ANNIE LAURIE SMITH, 301 South Bowen Road, Arlington, Texas, employed as a Counselor at the Texas Employment Commission, Fort Worth, Texas, furnished the following information:

She has been so employed for the past nine years. She interviewed LEE HARVEY OSWALD in June 1962 when he came to this office seeking a job. OSWALD had not been to the employment office before and was not sure as to his qualifications for any particular type of job. In applicants of this type, the Counselors interview these persons to obtain their background, their job experience, and try to advise them the type of job they might best be qualified for. Mrs. SMITH talked to LEE HARVEY OSWALD on two different occasions. She recalled that at times he was quite cooperative, then other times he acted rather moody and did not want to furnish some of the information.

Near the close of the last interview, LEE HARVEY OSWALD mentioned to Mrs. SMITH that his wife was from Russia; that she could only speak the Russian language, and he would like to get acquainted with any persons in Fort Worth who might speak the Russian language, and in this way his wife could talk to them and maybe they could make more friends in Fort Worth. Mrs. SMITH advised she is personally acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. PETER PAUL GREGORY, and she wrote the name of Mr. GREGORY on a piece of paper showing the office number and phone number of Mr. GREGORY and she gave this to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. During part of this conversation, a Mrs. HALL, sitting at the next desk to Mrs. SMITH, overheard the conversation and mentioned to Mrs. SMITH that Mrs. MAX CLARK, who lives in Fort Worth, is of Russian descent and speaks Russian and also French. Mrs. SMITH recalls Mrs. HALL wrote the name and phone number of Mrs. CLARK on a slip of paper, handed it to Mrs. SMITH, and she, in turn, passed it on to LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mrs. SMITH advised she was not personally acquainted with Mr. or Mrs. MAX CLARK, but had heard of them. She stated that Mrs. HALL never talked to OSWALD and she only furnished the name of Mrs. CLARK to Mrs. SMITH, and she, in turn, gave it to OSWALD.

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Mrs. SMITH stated that LEE HARVEY OSWALD did not discuss any politics or anything about the governments of the United States or Russia, and that she only talked to him about his past employment and the type of work he had done prior to going to Russia; also, the work he had done in Russia, and if he had done any work since he had returned from Russia. She stated he wanted the names of these individuals so that he and his wife might visit them and OSWALD's wife would then be able to talk to these people in Russian since she could not speak any English.

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