

OSWALD, LEE12335

1/5/54 contacted the Children's Court as suggested and that Mr. Carro Cont'd was on vacation and she talked with Mr. Dunn who was handling Mr. Carro's cases while he was away. She stated that Mr. Dunn advised her that the court had supervision over the boy and that she should bring the boy to the court on Monday morning 1/11 when Mr. Carro was expected to be back in his office. She stated that she would be glad to go down there alone, but hesitated to take Lee with her because she felt that if she did they would probably remand him or in some way not allow him to return home and inasmuch as her rent is paid up to the 15th of the month, she wanted to move some day before that time. Later on in the day talked with Mr. Dunn about this and he stated that the boy must appear before the Court before permission is granted for him to leave the city. WEG.

1/6/54 Called at the home of Mrs. Oswald. Explained again to her what Mr. Dunn had advised should be done but she was most sceptical about taking Lee before the Children's Court. Suggested to her that inasmuch as she felt this way, that she contact Mr. Carro upon his return as the boy was on parole to Mr. Carro and be guided by what suggestions he made. Suggested to Mrs. Oswald that we would be happy to hear from her if she wished to write when she got located and settled in New Orleans. WEG.

1/10/54 Learned from Mr. Carro, Probation Officer, of the Bronx Children's Court that he had written to Mrs. Oswald so that the boy could be brought in for a hearing and that the letter was returned to him marked "moved - left no address." This evidently means that Mrs. Oswald carried out her intentions which were told to the writer on 1/5. At that time she said that she would not report to Mr. Carro because he might take Lee away from here and all her plans would be up-set. Please close. WEG.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
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Assassination of President Kennedy
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Pursuant to your letter of May 12 and the subpoena addressed to the Community Service Society and its counsel we enclose my affidavit to which are attached clear photostatic copies of all materials relating to Lee Harvey Oswald in the possession or control of the Community Service Society or its counsel.

We trust this complies with your request and that the subpoena for our appearance on May 18 is accordingly withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

Peter Megargee Brown
Peter Megargee Brown

Enclosures
Via Air Mail

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2224

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION :

ON THE :

ASSASSINATION OF :

PRESIDENT KENNEDY :

AFFIDAVIT
-----XSTATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

PETER MEGARGEE BROWN, being duly sworn, says:

I am a member of the firm of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, counsel for the Community Service Society and am familiar with the papers and records in the possession of the Society relating to Lee Harvey Oswald.

This firm has caused a search of the files of Community Service Society under my supervision which reveals one file entitled "Marguerite Claverie Oswald #219055". The foregoing file is now in the possession of the deponent. To the best of my knowledge this file contains the only papers relating to Lee Harvey Oswald in the possession or control of the Community Service Society. Accordingly under my supervision photostatic copies have been made of this entire file, such copies being attached to this affidavit.

On information and belief the attached photostatic copies are of the entire file and comprise all the papers

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relating to Lee Harvey Oswald in the possession and control of the Community Service Society or its counsel.

Peter Megargee Brown
Peter Megargee Brown

Sworn to before me

this 13th day of May, 1964.

Teresa M. Cofone
Notary Public

TERESA M. COFONE
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 24-0676950
Qualified in Kings County
Certificate filed in New York County
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GOSNOLD		James or John		Marguerite		Claverie		219055	
ADDRESS		825 East 179 St.		BIRTH DATE		1-16-53		BIRTH PLACE	
WOMAN		(dec.)		RELIGION		P.		TOTAL FAMILY INCOME	
NAME OF SINGLE CHILDREN		1 son 2 boys		BIRTH DATES		10-19-39		OCCUPATION OR SCHOOL	
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION		in service		FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION		in service		FEDERATION OF Protestant Welfare Agencies	
OTHER IN HOUSEHOLD		RELATIONSHIP		APPROX. BIRTH DATE		RELATIONSHIP		ADDRESS	

GOSNOLD
 MARGUERITE CLAVIERIE
 JAMES OR JOHN (D)
 CROSS REFERENCE
 219055
 CASE NO.

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 Wel. Agencies, SP 7-2800, 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 it 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:mb

1-23-53 Called JHS 117, TR 8-6211, to find out boy's new school. Talked with Miss Kahn, 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 47½, 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 Kahn felt that the boy seemed rather withdrawn, was rather difficult to reach him on the one instance she spoke with him. Miss Kahn thought that PS 44 was the new school, but suggest I call the attendance office for this information.

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 was 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 CSS should be involved in rather than CSS at this point. He, however, promised to have Mr. Brennan phone me for further discussion on this.

Denham:mb

1-20-53 Appt. failed. Case closed. Russell:fs

CASEWORK UNIT 12 DATE CLOSED 1/31/53
 BRIEF SERVICE ✓ CONTINUED 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:RB
 REPORT ONLY - CENTRAL SERVICES

4-29-53 Request for Information from DRC.

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 authoritative 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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5-7-53 Telephone inquiry from Mr. Carro, Children's Court, LUS-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, not of a severe type, 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 Lee 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

5-13-53 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:pc

5-31-53 Case closed.

CASEWORK UNIT 221 DATE CLOSED 5/31/53
 BRIEF SERVICE _____ CONTINUED SERVICE _____
 62-7-17-53

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DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT
 CITY OF NEW YORK

1118 GRAND CONCOURSE

Rm 202, N. Y.

Date 4/28/53

PROBATION BUREAU

To the Registrar

Community Serv. Soc.Family Div.105 E. 22 St.N.Y., N.Y.Re: Leo H. Oswald

Dear Sir:

Father's name Robert or Jas. JohnMother's maiden name Claverie 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 Leo 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.

5/13 Tel. report accepted by Mr. Carro
 in conjunction with completion of
 intake inquiry

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