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Report of: SA RICHARD L. KESLER Office: CHARLOTTE
Date: 12/18/63
Field Office File #: 105-1731 Bureau File #:
Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Synopsis: Records of Socialist Party maintained by Duke University, Durham, N. C., contain handwritten letter dated 10/3/56 from one LEE OSWALD, 4936 Collinwood, Ft. Worth, Texas. Letter advises writer is 16 years of age, a Marxist and has been studying Socialist principles for over 15 months. Letter requested information regarding "Youth League." Records also contain advertisement coupon of "The Socialist Call," New York, which was filled in with name and address of LEE OSWALD as above and requested more information about the Socialist Party. Following handwritten notation appeared at bottom of this coupon: "Sent additional lit. 10/9/56."

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DETAILS:AT DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Set forth hereinafter is information concerning correspondence with Socialist Party from one LEE OSWALD, Ft. Worth, Texas, in 1956.

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On December 18, 1963, Dr. BENJAMIN E. POWELL, Librarian, Duke University Library, Durham, North Carolina, advised that during routine processing of inactive files of the Socialist Party of America in possession of the Duke University Library Manuscript Collection, the following items were found:

A. Handwritten letter dated October 3, 1956, which reads as follows:

"Oct. 3, 1956

"Dear Sirs;

"I am sixteen years of age and would like more information about your youth League, I would like to know if there is a branch in my area, how to join, ect., I am a Marxist, and have been studying socialist principles for well over fifteen months. I am very interested in your Y.P.S.L.

"Sincerely

"/s/ Lee Oswald

"(Address over)

"Send To;

"Lee Oswald
4936 Collinwood
Forth Worth,
Tex"

B. Advertisement coupon of "The Socialist Call," 303 4th Avenue, New York 10, New York. This advertisement coupon contained three blocks to be checked as follows:

Enclosed please find.....(\$3.00 for one year's subscription) for a subscription to the Socialist Call.

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by SA CHARLES S. MILLER/cjs Date dictated 12/18/63

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Date January 17, 19641

_____ I want more information about the Socialist Party.

_____ I want to join the Socialist Party.

The only block which was checked was the second one above and the following name and address was hand printed on the coupon:

"LEE OSWALD
4936 Collinwood
Forth Worth
Texas"

The following handwritten notation appeared on the bottom of the coupon:

"Sent additional lit. 10/9/56."

Photostat copies of these items were made available. The originals are being maintained in the Manuscript Collection of the Library. In the event it is necessary to subpoena them the subpoena should be directed to Dr. MATTIE RUSSELL, Curator of Manuscripts, Duke University Library, Durham, North Carolina.

Mr. SANER DAVIS, King Candy Company, 813 E. Ninth, furnished the following information. Records of this company reflect Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD was employed by King Candy Company in August of 1953. She terminated her services in June of 1959. During this time, she was employed as a Saleslady in the candy department of Fair Ridgley Department Store. During the latter part of her employment, a jar fell from a shelf and hit her on the nose. She filed a claim against the company and employed an attorney. The injury was slight, but the case was settled for approximately \$2750. LEE HARVEY OSWALD was never employed by this company. There was no derogatory information concerning the loyalty of Mrs. OSWALD.

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