

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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PREDICATION

On December 2, 1963 the Dallas Office of the FBI reported the following data had been recorded in the address book of LEE HARVEY OSWALD:

HORACE TWIFORD
7018 Schley
MI 9 1900
WA 3-5492.

H. WARNER KLOEPELER
UN 6-3089
UN 6-2741, Extension 276.

The Dallas Office further advised that information had been received that OSWALD's wife and Mrs. RUTH PAINE had last seen OSWALD in New Orleans, Louisiana on 9/23/63 at which time he indicated he had a friend in Houston, Texas and might proceed either to Houston or to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. When OSWALD next contacted his wife and Mrs. PAINE at Irving, Texas on October 4, 1963 he reportedly claimed he had been in Houston, Texas looking for a job.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

RE: HORACE ELROY TWIFORD

On December 2, 1963 Mrs. DAISY BROWN, Credit Bureau of Greater Houston advised her agency had maintained a record since June, 1956 pertaining to HORACE ELROY TWIFORD. This record was last revised in September, 1962 at which time TWIFORD was reported to be 39 years of age and residing at 7018 Schley, Houston, Texas with his wife ESTELLE TWIFORD. His employment was listed as second mate with Local #20 of the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots. TWIFORD was reported to have been so employed for 10 or 12 years at a salary of approximately \$9,000 per year. He had previously resided at 7823 Dixie Drive, Houston, Texas, at several other Houston addresses, and prior to 1956 at Manteo, North Carolina. Mrs. BROWN stated TWIFORD had a good credit record at Houston.

Copy to:

Report of: SA EDWIN DALRYMPLE Office: HOUSTON
Date: December 4, 1963
Field Office File #: Houston file 105-1291 Bureau File #: 62-109030
Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis: Subject's address book reported to contain name of HORACE TWIFORD with Houston address and telephone number. Subject reportedly informed his wife on 9/23/63 he might proceed to Houston, Texas from New Orleans. HORACE TWIFORD identified as merchant seaman who left Houston on 10/10/63 for South America and will return approximately 12/14/63. Mrs. ESTELLE TWIFORD and attorney KENNETH ROUGHINS interviewed on 12/2/63. They stated Mr. and Mrs. TWIFORD distributed literature for Socialist Labor Party (SLP). Mrs. TWIFORD exhibited envelope apparently used by OSWALD in corresponding with SLP at New York. HORACE TWIFORD reportedly mailed OSWALD literature at Dallas in September, 1963 after this envelope was sent to him by SLP. Mrs. TWIFORD reported she received telephone call from man identifying himself as OSWALD on date she believed to be in late October, 1963. OSWALD informed her he was flying to Mexico and desired to speak to HORACE TWIFORD. Mrs. TWIFORD has never seen OSWALD and feels certain HORACE TWIFORD not acquainted with OSWALD. H. WARNER KLOEPELER, whose name also in possession of OSWALD, not identified in area of Houston, Texas.

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This file also contained a credit report dated June 27, 1956 from Elizabeth City, North Carolina indicating TWIFORD had recently moved to 4315 West Alabama Street, Apartment 5, Houston, Texas but had previously resided for several years at Manteo, North Carolina. TWIFORD was reported to have been single in 1956, had been a seaman during World War II and he was well regarded at Manteo, North Carolina.

On December 2, 1963 Detective D. D. COLLINS, Intelligence Unit, Houston, Texas Police Department advised he had checked the arrest records of that department on that date and had found no record indicating that HORACE TWIFORD had ever been arrested in Houston, Texas. COLLINS stated HORACE TWIFORD had become known to the Houston, Texas Police Department inasmuch as he had been publicly identified in 1962 as the head of a committee appointed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) at Houston which was referred to as the "Due Process Committee." COLLINS stated that this committee was reportedly formed to look into allegations of police brutality at Houston and another member of this committee was attorney KENYON HOUGHINS. COLLINS stated this committee actually never functioned beyond writing a few letters in the Houston area. COLLINS stated several people with whom he talked considered TWIFORD to be rather immature inasmuch as he frequently wore a goatee and impressed people as being of college age.

On December 2, 1963 Mrs. ESTELLE TWIFORD, 7018 Schley Street was interviewed by SAs JAMES W. RUSSELL and EWMAN DALRYMPLE. Mrs. TWIFORD stated her husband, HORACE TWIFORD, was the second mate on the "SS Del Monte" operated by the Delta Lines, Inc. She stated this vessel left Houston in late October for a trip to South America and was scheduled to return to Houston on December 14, 1963.

Mrs. TWIFORD first stated that she had never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD except for newspaper reports she had read since the assassination of President KENNEDY. She stated she had never seen OSWALD and felt sure her husband was not acquainted with him. Mrs. TWIFORD acknowledged that she and her husband distributed various types of literature including literature of the Socialist Labor Party in which

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they were active. She acknowledged that her husband had records of people to whom he had mailed such literature but she initially refused to consult these records or to furnish any information from them.

Mrs. TWIFORD then acknowledged that she did not have other information about OSWALD but declined to discuss the matter until she had telephoned attorney KENYON HOUGHINS. HOUGHINS arrived at the TWIFORD residence within a few minutes, stated that he was thoroughly familiar with the matter and instructed Mrs. TWIFORD to cooperate completely.

Mrs. TWIFORD then stated that she and her husband were among the few members of the Socialist Labor Party in Texas and the headquarters of this organization at New York, New York frequently furnished them the names of any persons in the Texas area who made inquiry about the organization. She recalled her husband had received OSWALD's name in this manner and had mailed him literature of the Socialist Labor Party to a post office address in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. TWIFORD related that at some time which she believed to be in late October or early November she answered a telephone call and the man making this call identified himself as LEE OSWALD. OSWALD asked for her husband and stated he had received a copy of the "Weekly People" and wanted to know how HORACE TWIFORD had obtained his name. Mrs. TWIFORD explained that the "Weekly People" is a newspaper published by the Socialist Labor Party. Mrs. TWIFORD stated her best recollection was that OSWALD stated on that occasion that he was flying to Mexico, had a few hours, and desired to talk with Mr. TWIFORD. She believes OSWALD identified himself as a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee but stated neither she nor her husband was a member of that organization and to the best of her knowledge the Fair Play for Cuba Committee had never been active in the Houston area. A characterization of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is set forth in the appendix of this report.

Mrs. TWIFORD stated she informed OSWALD that her husband was then at sea but if he desired to correspond with Mr. TWIFORD he could direct a letter to 7018 Schley, Houston, Texas.

Mrs. TWIFORD attempted to recall more specifically the date of this telephone call by relating it to some other event and finally stated she still believed it had been received in late October or early November, 1963. She was sure that it came a few days before HORACE TWIFORD left Houston for his current trip to South America. She states her husband had left Houston on the "SS Del Monte" and had proceeded to Louisiana, back to Freeport and Corpus Christi, Texas and back to Houston, Texas where it remained a very short time before leaving Houston for South America. Mrs. TWIFORD recalled that the telephone call from OSWALD was received while her husband was on this coast wise trip because she told her husband of this telephone call during the few hours he had at home before leaving for South America. She said that when she told HORACE TWIFORD that OSWALD had called her husband did not show any particular reaction at all and it appeared to her that the name OSWALD did not mean anything to him. Mrs. TWIFORD stated that she did in fact recall this incident only since the publicity about the assassination. She stated it should be possible to check records of the Delta Lines, Inc. to determine the approximate date of this telephone call by relating it to the coast wise trip made by this vessel. Mrs. TWIFORD stated OSWALD made no mention of looking for a job in Houston and did not specifically say he was in Houston and she assumed it was a local telephone call because no telephone operator was involved and because of the remark of OSWALD to the effect that he only had a few hours and desired to talk with her husband. She stated she actually had no information concerning OSWALD's exact whereabouts when this call was made.

Mrs. TWIFORD further stated that except for the above incident she had never had any contact whatever with OSWALD, has never seen him, and to the best of her knowledge HORACE TWIFORD has never had any personal contacts with OSWALD at any time. Mrs. TWIFORD also stated that she has never known JACK RUBY and that she could furnish no information whatever concerning the persons involved in the assassination of President KENNEDY, the later murder of OSWALD or the possible motives involved.

Mrs. TWIFORD then obtained from her records a small manilla envelope printed and bearing the address of the New

York Labor News Company, 51 Cliff Street, New York 39, New York, P. O. Box 76. She identified this as the envelope which had been mailed to her husband by the Socialist Labor Party. It was noted the upper left corner of this envelope carried the return address, in hand printing as follows:

"J. F. Oswald
Box 2915
Dallas, Texas.

The above envelope was originally post marked at Dallas, Texas on November 10, 1962 and a rubber stamp impression indicated it was received at New York, New York on November 13, 1962. There was no indication of the date on which this envelope had been mailed to HORACE TWIFORD. A handwritten note across the front of this envelope contained the words "Labor Day issue WP, 9/11/63." Mrs. TWIFORD stated this was the handwriting of her husband and this note indicated to her her husband had mailed to OSWALD on September 11, 1963 the above issue of the "Weekly People". Mrs. TWIFORD stated she would retain this envelope permanently.

Attorney KERNON HOUGHINS, 1207 Welch Street was also interviewed on the above occasion at the residence of Mrs. TWIFORD. HOUGHINS stated he was likewise active in the Socialist Labor Party and noted that there were actually only 5 or 6 members of this organization in the entire State of Texas. HOUGHINS explained it was fairly common when the New York headquarters of this organization received an inquiry from anyone in Texas for that organization to advise HORACE TWIFORD just in case TWIFORD might have an opportunity to make a personal contact. HOUGHINS stated he did not know of the receipt of the above telephone call by Mrs. TWIFORD until a few days after the assassination of President KENNEDY at which time he had discussed the matter thoroughly with Mrs. TWIFORD. HOUGHINS stated he also at that time telephoned DAN RATHER, a member of the NEC news staff to inform RATHER on a confidential basis of the receipt of this telephone call. HOUGHINS stated he had not reported this matter to the FBI or any other law enforcement agency. HOUGHINS stated he had discussed with TWIFORD various individuals in Texas who had shown an interest in the Socialist Labor Party but to the best of his knowledge HORACE TWIFORD had never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD. HOUGHINS volunteered the following comments as being of possible value in this investigation:

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HOUGHINS recalled that TWIFORD once told him he had received correspondence from someone in Arlington, Texas requesting information concerning the program of the Socialist Labor Party. TWIFORD informed HOUGHINS he had written that person but no names were mentioned. HOUGHINS stated he mentioned this incident only because he believed he had read that LEE OSWALD had a brother or some relative residing in the area of Arlington, Texas between Dallas and Fort Worth in connection with this incident. HOUGHINS located a notation dated May 22, 1963 containing the name JACK E. GRIMMER, 500 South Cooper, Arlington, Texas. HOUGHINS stated he could not recall for sure but GRIMMER may have been the person who requested the above literature.

HOUGHINS further recalled that during the summer of 1963 HORACE TWIFORD had received the name of some man in Fort Worth, Texas who was also interested in the Socialist Labor Party. He stated that HORACE TWIFORD made a trip to Fort Worth and later remarked to him he had seen two or three people in Fort Worth who appeared to be interested in this organization but that one man in particular showed the most interest. HOUGHINS recalled TWIFORD described this man as a young man who indicated he could not discuss the Socialist Labor Party at his residence and when they got together elsewhere this man had very little to say and acted rather strangely. HOUGHINS stated this is a very vague recollection but he volunteered it on the remote chance the man referred to could have been OSWALD.

Both Mrs. TWIFORD and KENYON HOUGHINS stated they were not acquainted with JACK RUEY and that no additional information had come to their attention which might relate in any way to this investigation.

Mrs. TWIFORD stated she felt sure her husband would be glad to cooperate in this investigation but it would be impossible to interview him prior to December 14, 1963 except by radio telephone which would not afford any security.

Mrs. TWIFORD stated she and her husband have had telephone number WA 3-5492 since they moved to 7018 Schley in November, 1962. She pointed out their previous telephone number was MI 9-8500 when they resided at 7823 Dixie Drive.

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She stated the old address and telephone number still appear in the current (January, 1963) Houston telephone directory because the directory had already been prepared at the time they changed residences.

On December 2, 1963 N. J. RAITHEL, Assistant Manager Delta Lines, Inc., 1300 Texas Street furnished the following information concerning the recent movements of the "SS Dal Monte" operated by his company:

8/31/63	Departed Brazil enroute to Houston
9/16/63	Arrived Houston
9/23/63	Departed Houston for New Orleans, with brief stop at Galveston, Texas on 9/23,24/63
9/26/63	Arrived New Orleans, Louisiana
9/30/63	Departed New Orleans, Louisiana
10/1/63	Arrived Houston, Texas
10/3/63	Departed Houston, Texas
10/4/63	Departed Galveston, Texas for Freeport, Texas
10/5/63	Departed Freeport for Lake Charles, Louisiana
10/6/63	Proceeded from Lake Charles to Corpus Christi, Texas
10/9/63	Corpus Christi, to Houston, Texas