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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

The following investigation was conducted in connection with the Imperial Reflex camera identified as Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory D-146.

On February 16, 1964, ROBERT LEE OSWALD, 1009 Sierra Drive, Denton, Texas, viewed photographs of a Stereo Realist Camera and a Cuera-2 camera and advised that he did not recognize either of the cameras as having been the property of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, but also stated he was not familiar enough with the cameras owned by LEE HARVEY OSWALD to either state that the cameras in question did or did not belong to LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On February 17, 1964, a photograph of the "Smena-2" camera (referred to above as the Cuera-2 camera), which is Inventory Item 378, and bears Serial No. 627250, was exhibited to MARINA OSWALD and she identified this camera as identical with the Russian camera owned by LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She was also shown the photograph of the Stereo-Realist camera which is Inventory Item No. 378 and which bears Serial No. A60979, but she could not identify this camera and stated it was not the property of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, as far as she knew.

On February 18, 1964, MARINA OSWALD described the camera with which she took the photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD holding a rifle in his hands. She stated she believed she took this photograph with an American camera owned by OSWALD. She stated it was an American-made camera which had a grayish color, somewhat like aluminum and stated it was a box-type camera. She stated she was not completely sure, however, as to whether

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the camera had an extending bellows. She stated she could recall that she sighted the camera by looking down into a viewer at the top of the camera. She stated she did not know the whereabouts of this camera at the present time, but could identify it if she saw it again.

On February 19, 1964, Detective JOHN A. MC CABE, Irving Police Department, Irving, Texas, advised that he was present at the residence of Mrs. RUTH PAINE on November 23, 1963, when the Dallas Police Officers executed a search warrant of Mrs. PAINE's residence.

Detective MC CABE advised that he assisted the Dallas Police officers in this search and is certain that he saw a light gray box camera in a box in Mrs. PAINE's garage. MC CABE stated that this camera was in a box which contained books and photographs belonging to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. MC CABE stated he searched this box and did not take the camera since he did not consider it to be of evidentiary value.

On March 23, 1964, Detective MC CABE advised that during the search of the garage at the PAINE residence, where most of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's belongings were located, he was going through a box containing some books, some pictures, and a camera. He took the camera out of the box, put it on a dresser and searched the box in detail, and then put the camera back in the box. He described the camera as of a square, reflex type which appeared in such poor condition that he believed it was not capable of taking pictures.

Detective MC CABE was shown Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory Photograph D-146 of an Imperial Reflex camera which had been obtained from ROBERT OSWALD on February 24, 1964, and he stated the camera in this photograph appeared identical with the one he described above.

Detective MC CABE stated that in his opinion the Dallas Police Officers, who were also participating in the search, did not see this camera and did not search this particular box. He stated he had already searched the box and told them so. He did not point out the camera to them.

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On February 19, 1964, Mrs. RUTH PAINE, 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas, advised that approximately three weeks after the assassination of President KENNEDY, ROBERT OSWALD, accompanied by two individuals whom she later determined were JAMES MARTIN and JOHN THORNE, came to her residence and requested that they take all the remaining property belonging to LEE HARVEY OSWALD and MARINA OSWALD. Mrs. PAINE advised that she pointed out to them the boxes and other materials in her garage belonging to the OSWALDS and they removed this property.

On February 24, 1964, ROBERT LEE OSWALD made available a Duo-Lens Imperial Reflex camera made in the United States of America. It is aluminum colored and has a matching gray plastic carrying strap. The film size is indicated as 2½ X 2½ and it uses Roll Film No. 620. ROBERT LEE OSWALD advised that in about 1957, LEE HARVEY OSWALD purchased a camera at about the time he first went into the U. S. Marine Corps. About 1959 when LEE HARVEY OSWALD went to Russia, he left this camera with ROBERT at Fort Worth, Texas. In about August 1962, after returning from Russia, LEE HARVEY OSWALD regained possession of this camera from ROBERT and, to ROBERT's knowledge, retained possession of it until his death on November 24, 1963.

In December 1963 ROBERT stated he obtained this camera, along with other effects of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, from the home of Mrs. RUTH PAINE, Irving, Texas. The above-described Duo-Lens Imperial Reflex camera was the camera described above by ROBERT LEE OSWALD and the camera which he made available on February 24, 1964. To the best of ROBERT's knowledge, the camera did not have film in it at the time he obtained it from Mrs. PAINE's residence and he has no undeveloped film or pictures made with this camera.

On February 25, 1964, the above-described Imperial Reflex camera obtained from ROBERT LEE OSWALD on February 24, 1964, was exhibited to MARINA OSWALD, at which time she identified it as the camera belonging to LEE HARVEY OSWALD with which she had taken the picture of OSWALD holding the rifle and newspaper and wearing the pistol.

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On March 14, 1964, Detectives JOHN P. ADAMCIK, RICHARD S. STOVALL, GUY F. ROSE, and HENRY M. MOORE of the Dallas Police Department advised that they participated in a search of the PAINE residence, 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas, on November 22 and 23, 1963.

All four of these individuals were exhibited a Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory Photograph No. D-146 of the Imperial Reflex camera obtained from ROBERT LEE OSWALD on February 24, 1964. None of these officers could recall ever having seen this camera and did not recall seeing it during a search of the garage at the PAINE residence. They all stated that if it had been discovered during the search, they would have brought it in.

On March 23, 1964, Detectives STOVALL, ROSE and MOORE all advised that during the search of the PAINE residence they recalled that there were several boxes in the garage at the PAINE residence and that all boxes were searched by one of the officers participating in the search. Each of them stated they could not specifically state which boxes they searched, but all stated they definitely did not see the Imperial Reflex camera pictured in Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory Photograph No. D-146, or any other camera in the PAINE garage.

On March 24, 1964, Detective ADAMCIK also stated that there were several boxes in the garage at the PAINE residence and that all boxes were searched by either himself or one of the other officers. He could not specifically state which boxes he searched, but stated he definitely did not see the Imperial Reflex camera pictured in Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory Photograph No. D-146, or any other camera in the garage.

On March 15, 1964, ROBERT OSWALD, 1009 Sierra, Denton, Texas, advised that on December 8, 1963, he obtained property of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and MARINA OSWALD which was at the home of RUTH PAINE in Irving, Texas. Included in this property was a box which contained a two-volume history, some Russian books, and a

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small American-made camera. He stated he had never made this camera available to authorities before February 24, 1964, because he had never been asked for it previously and because he could see no evidentiary value to anyone interested in the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY of this cheap camera which belonged to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated that it had never occurred to him that anyone would be interested in the camera.

ROBERT advised he has no letters in his possession that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had written and that the only letters he did have were those turned over by him to the President's Commission.

ROBERT OSWALD made available the box which contained this camera, and the items it still contains, all of which were the property of either LEE HARVEY OSWALD or MARINA OSWALD. The first thirteen items are books:

1. V. I. LENIN - MARK - ENGELS - MARXISM
2. "Baby and Child Care" - Dr. BENJAMIN SPOCK
3. "The Iliad" - HOMER
4. "Perfect Lovers Guide and other stories" - STEPHEN LEACOCK
5. "Squibb Product Reference"
6. "Short Russian Reference Grammar"
7. "Russian - Elementary Course I"
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13. Six books in Russian language. In one book designated as No. 8, a note is written in the front:

"Dear Lee

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"Great Congratulations,
Let all your dreams come true!
18. x 1959
Moscow
Rimma"

(October 18 is LEE HARVEY OSWALD's birthday.)

14. Cellophane tape, one roll
15. One small fuse
16. One pair dice
17. 29 dominoes and one box - "Made in Japan"
18. One pencil sharpener
19. One carriage bolt
20. One clothespin
21. One sheet white bond paper located in book designated as Item No. 13

ROBERT OSWALD made available all other property of LEE HARVEY OSWALD still in his possession, which he obtained from the home of RUTH PAINE on December 8, 1963:

1. Val-pak type suitcase
2. One Texas flag - small
3. One Master Lock Padlock
4. One shower spray attachment
5. One treated cloth in paper container
6. One Marine Corps belt and buckle

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7. One pencil
8. One sea bag
9. One carton for "Vegian Chewables"
10. One set long underwear
11. Three ties
12. One pair men's black gloves
13. One brown and gray leather cap
14. Two mufflers
15. One summer khaki overseas hat
16. One chess set - board and 27 pieces and
15 dominoes
17. One extension cord
18. One pair shoe trees
19. One can black shoe polish
20. One pencil sharpener
21. One sea shell
22. One green eraser
23. One shoe brush
24. One coloring pencil
25. One shaving brush
26. One Schick box for electric shaver

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27. One manicure set
28. One miniature silver spoon - broken
29. One knit shopping bag
30. One green winter overseas hat (USMC)

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