

Contact Report

Pursuant to critic allegations and specific statements by former CIA employee James Wilcott that LHO was a CIA agent, Staff Investigator Harold D. Reap, interviewed the following CIA personnel to determine if there were collaborators for the Wilcott statements ~~he had personal knowledge~~ relating to the Oswald agent issue.

1. Robert P. Wheeler, DOB 4 Oct 15, SSN 258-12-0844. 6600 Melwood Rd, Bethesda, Maryland, telephone no. 229-6368. Position with CIA, was Deputy Chief of Station, Tokyo, Japan, June 3 to Sept 64. Interviewed at CIA Hqrs 4-13-78. Subject is retired.
2. Leo Rosenbaum, DOB 2 Dec 23, SSN 122-14-222. 1815 Opalocka Dr., McLean, VA, telephone no 356-5283. Position with CIA for the period ~~May 54 to July 64~~ was Chief of Counter Intelligence, S & R Branch, [Tokyo Japan]. Interviewed CIA Hqrs 4-10-78. Subject is retired.

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3. ⁰³ [Hope Irene Mason], DOB 24 May 33, SSN [redacted] Subject presently employed at CIA Hqrs and has covers. ⁰³ [redacted] position with the CIA in 1963 at [Tokyo Japan] was Intelligence assistant for the SE Section. Interviewed at CIA Hqrs on 4-7-78.

Jun 61 to Jun 63

4. Frederick C. Randall, DOB 28 Oct 26, SSN 508-20-4068, Presently employed by CIA Hqrs and has covers. Randall position with the CIA in ~~Sept 62~~ ¹³⁻³⁶ Aug 63 was Chief of Registry at the [Tokyo Station]. Interviewed at CIA Hqrs on _____.

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5. James S Wood, DOB 20 Feb 28, SSN _____
presently employed at CIA Hqs. Wood's 13-3
position from ~~April~~ to ~~Sept 66~~ at [Tokyo
Station] as finance officer. Subject
interviewed at CIA Hqs on 3-31-78.

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6. George von Bruegel, DOB 12 Dec 21
SSN 074-18-5912, 14801 Springfield Rd
Germantown MD, telephone 935-6908. Former
CIA case officers, [Tokyo, Japan] to SRB
from July 67 to July 67 - presently retired,
interviewed 4-10-78. ~~interviewed 4-10-78~~

7. Howard M. Orr, DOB 22 Jul 22,
SSN 275-12-4377, address 8405 Weller Ave,
McLean Va, telephone 893-3325, presently
retired. Positions with CIA, HQS 59-61 (SR Div)
[Tokyo] ¹³⁻³ 61-63 (case officer: SB.), Nov 63 HQS, SR
Div, desk officer for [Japan] ³⁻³ interviewed 4-11-78

8. George A. Fiel, DOB 29 May 21 SSN
address 27 Bay Tree, North Myrtle
Beach, South Carolina 29582, telephone
903-249-3193. Presently retired.
Fiel was chief of the Soviet Branch at
the [Tokyo ¹³⁻³ Station] from June 1960 to June 1965
interviewed 4-29-78

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9. Robert N. Keith, DOB 11 Aug 27, SSN [redacted], address 2011 Glen way Dr. Sanford, Fla. 32771, telephone 305-323-7434 former ^{CIA} case officer at (Tokyo Station), SR Bra Jan 59 - 6 Oct 63, interviewed 4-30-78
10. Jerome E. Fox, DOB 9 Oct 18, SSN [redacted] address 3663 NW 21 st, Miami, Fla. telephone 305-634-2997. former CIA intelligence analysis at (Tokyo station) from Jul 1959 to Dec 1962, worked in program involving military intelligence. interviewed 5-1-78
11. William V. Broe, DOB 24 Aug 13, SSN 032 01 816, address 111 Indian Trails, Scituate, Mass telephone 617-545-6113. former ~~CIA~~ CIA [COS Tokyo, Japan] from 1961 to 1965 interviewed 5-15-78
12. William Crawford, DOB 19 Sept 24, SSN 429-26-4954 address 4944 Cass St, Apt 806 San Diego, Ca. 92109 telephone 714-272-2770 former CIA executive officer at Atsugi air base in charge of the U-2 program. (Details of interview conducted 5-14-78 submitted in separate report)

CIA employees

The above individuals were selected for interview because of the position they held ¹³⁻³ at the time with the CIA at the [Tokyo] station ¹³⁻³ during the time ~~period~~ frame at 1959 to 1964.

James Wilcott ~~made~~ gave testimony in a closed hearing before the SCA that a CIA case officer ~~told him~~ stationed in [Tokyo, Japan] ¹³⁻³ told him that LHO was a CIA agent and ~~also~~ ^{also} mentioned LHO's crypto ~~work~~ ¹³⁻³. The conversation ~~took~~ took place in the [Tokyo station] shortly after the word of the JFK assassination was received on 25 Nov 63. Wilcott ~~stated~~ stated that could not recall the name of the case officer or the cryptosig. Wilcott also advised that considerable conversation ¹³⁻³ took place among CIA employees ^{at an time} concerning the Oswald-CIA agent issue.

The basic questions asked of the CIA employee selected were as follows

- (a) Have you ever seen written documents which ^{could indicate} that LHO was a ^{intelligence} CIA agent or source of information?
- (b) ^{Were} ~~Have~~ you ever ~~heard~~ advised orally that LHO was an agent?
- (c) Have you ever heard conversation or heard ^{conversations} speculation that LHO was a CIA agent or intelligence source for any government ^{service} ~~agency~~?
- (d) Were you in a position to know if LHO was recruited as an ^{CIA} agent during his tour of duty with the military in Japan.

(JMR)

- (2) When was the first time you ever heard the allegation that LHO ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{was} a CIA agent.
- (3) Did you know James Y. ~~Edie~~ ^{Edie} Wilcott in ¹³⁻³ [Japan?]

~~None of the~~ ~~all~~ ^{all} individuals interviewed stated they never saw any documents nor heard any information that LHO was a CIA agent while stationed in Tokyo. Only after ~~the~~ ~~publication~~ ^{the} ~~public~~ ^{public} publication and the Service investigation in the late 60s were they ~~so~~ ~~are~~ aware of the ~~public~~ ^{public} allegation.

Subjects 2, 7 & 8 expressed belief that LHO ~~could~~ ^{may} have been recruited by the KGB during his tour of duty in Japan. They based their belief on the fact that during the period 1953-3 of time that LHO was in Japan, the CIA [Station] in ³⁻³ [Tokyo] had identified a KGB program specifically ~~designed~~ ^{designed} designed to recruit U.S. military personnel in Tokyo. However they had no information that the recruitment of LHO by the KGB did in fact take place.

Subject Jerome E. Fox was ~~specifically~~ one person who Wilcat could remember ~~that~~ ^{with who} he had conversation ~~with~~ concerning the speculation that LHO was an agent for the CIA. The conversation supposedly took place in [Japan] ¹³⁻³ after the information ^{was received} that LHO was the assassin of JFK. Fox advised investigator Leap that he was in the U.S. at the time of assassination on 23 Nov 63. Fox's CIA personnel reflects ¹³⁻³ he was transferred from the [Tokyo station] to the U.S. in 1962.

Subjects 2, 7, 8, 9 and 11 all thought they would have known if LHO had been ~~seen~~ recruited as a CIA agent while he was in Japan. All the subjects worked with ¹³⁻³ the SR Branch of the [Tokyo station] and theoretically ~~would have~~ one of them would have handled or had knowledge of the recruitment. All thought if Oswald had been recruited without their knowledge it would have been a rare exception to the working ¹³⁻³ policy and guidelines of the [station].

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Security file

Welcott, James Bernard, Jr

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FBI - 100-457761
May 9 1969 - SDS

Security Matter - Students
for a Democratic Society -
"McGarrahy - nothing
concerning the issue."

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memo
29 Sept 65
by
Daniel
A.
Cullen

Polygraphically interviewed
by James Hyle of ISD
Results - favorable in the
area of morals, loyalty,
and associates etc, and there
were no evidences of deception.
Subject considered a very
naive man.

FBI informed that the problem
has been resolved.

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Houderholt
personnel file

Wdcott, James B. JR.

~~09-15-63~~ DOB 09-27-31

Personnel file

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DDP/FE, FOREIGN FIELD, [FE/JKO]
[TOKYO STATION] SUPPORT STAFF
POSITION - FISCAL ACCT ASST

FITNESS REPORT 26 APR 65 - 15 APR 66
"Subject was barely adequate in performing his assigned tasks."

11 Oct 64 to 25 Apr 65
Subject considered proficient and described as cooperative and dependable.

1 Jul 63 to 30 Jun 64
Subject considered proficient - Remarks
"Subject has performed his duties in a competent manner."

Specific duty no 1 - "As Station cashier responsible for the daily receipt and disbursement of cash (Japanese yen) U.S. dollars, (NPE)"

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1 Jul 62 to 30 Jun 63
Subject considered proficient

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1 Apr 61 to 30 Jun 62
Proficient

27 May 60 to 31 Mar 61
Competent

1 Apr 59 to 31 Mar 60
Competent

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