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REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT AGENCY RECORDS

On November 22, 1963, the Washington Field Office was requested to review files of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and obtain any information contained therein regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD. SA COURTLAND J. JONES interviewed BIRCH D. O'NEAL, CIA, on November 22, 1963, and learned there is nothing in CIA file regarding OSWALD other than material furnished to CIA by the FBI and the Department of State.

By communication dated November 27, 1963, Dallas FBI Office advised a branch of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (DHEW) in Dallas had information in their records indicating DHEW in Washington, D.C. would have file regarding the repatriation of LEE OSWALD and family. This communication noted this file would possibly contain handwriting specimens of OSWALD.

On November 27, 1963 SA ROBERT B. LYONS contacted the DHEW, Division of Public Assistance, Bureau of Family Services, and determined from a review of their records DHEW file pertaining to OSWALD does not contain handwriting specimens. This file does contain information in the form of a State Department memorandum dated June 15, 1962 advising OSWALD and family were to arrive in New York City on June 13, 1962 aboard the SS "Maasdam." This memorandum advises travel expenses for OSWALD's return to the United States were furnished as a loan by the United States Embassy in Moscow.

Information developed that as a routine procedure, the DHEW in Washington furnished this information to their branch in Dallas, inasmuch as OSWALD was possibly qualified for financial assistance under Section 1113, Title 11, Social Security Act, which authorizes temporary assistance for United States citizens returning from a foreign country. There is no record in this file indicating OSWALD requested or received any financial aid from the DHEW.