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no have a copy of the tape and would not tell me what she told the President's Commission. She said that she suggested that I contact the President's Commission and they could tell me what she told them, if they wanted to, however, she wouldn't.

During the conversation Mrs. Oswald said that she was going back to Washington to appear before the President's Commission and I asked her if she planned to present the Commission with a copy of this tape at that time and she would make no comment.

Mrs. Oswald was very cautious and evasive during the conversation and would not allow herself to be pinned down to a particular answer. She was also very careful not to reveal any information or her plans.

In summary, Mrs. Oswald would not refuse to give us a copy of the tape but at the same time would not talk about arrangements for us to obtain a copy. She said it was not acceptable for her for the FBI or Secret Service to obtain a copy of this tape; that a copy was already in the hands of "authorities" and she would handle the matter in her own way.

DISPOSITION

Case remains open. This phase of the investigation is considered closed.

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EMILIN GREWE, Resident Director, Bethlehem Children's Home (formerly Evangelical Lutheran Bethlehem Orphan Asylum), 6100 Grant Street, was recontacted. He advised that the records he previously furnished were all the records in his files which pertain to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ROBERT OSWALD and JOHN PIC, who in early 1940 were at the home when it was called the Evangelical Lutheran Bethlehem Orphan Asylum.

GREWE advised there was no one at the children's home at present who was there when the OSWALDS and PIC attended. GREWE furnished the following information concerning persons who were at the children's home in early 1940 or who were associated with the children's home during the period the OSWALD boys were at the home:

- 1) Pastor HENRY L. HONOLD, Christ Lutheran Church; residence - 627 Caffin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana; was pastor for the children at the Evangelical Lutheran Bethlehem Orphan Asylum.
- 2) Reverend M. R. LE CRON - deceased; Reverend LE CRON baptized LEE HARVEY OSWALD.
- 3) Mr. MARTIN GUND, deceased.
- 4) Mr. M. GERSTNER, deceased.
- 5) Pastor JOHN NAU - presently professor of religion and philosophy at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; NAU succeeded Pastor LE CRON at Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Orleans, and the application of OSWALD for admittance to the home went through NAU.
- 6) Mr. FRED GROTH - presently a teacher in a Lutheran school at Manawa, Wisconsin, and his address is 762 Depot Street, Manawa, Wisconsin. GROTH was superintendent at the children's home during the time the OSWALDS and PIC were at the home and Mrs. GROTH was the matron at the home.
- 7) Mr. ED KOSCHMANN was a teacher who lived at the children's home during the time the OSWALDS and PIC

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were at the home. ROSCHMANN presently resides at 5511 Morningside Drive, Cleveland 19, Ohio. ROSCHMANN is principal of St. Mark's Lutheran School, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Set forth are copies of the records of the Bethlehem Childrens Home previously furnished by Mr. Grewe.

Evangelical Lutheran Bethlehem Orphan Asylum

(APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF CHILDREN.)

New Orleans, La., Jan 11, 1924

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
GENTLEMEN:

I, the undersigned, respectfully apply for the release of

Lea Oswald  
from your Asylum to home

I promise to take her under my personal supervision and give her a Christian training according to the teachings and Tenets of the Ev. Lutheran Church.

I also agree and promise to pay all arrears for board, amounting to \$                     

Applicant Walter A. Oswald

Relation of Applicant Brother

The Committee on Applications hereby approves and recommends the above application.

W. A. Oswald, Chairman

Granted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held Jan 11, 1924

W. A. Oswald President

M. Bertram Secretary

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APPLICATION BLANK

New Orleans, La., Dec 23, 1923

To the President and Board of Directors of the Evangelical Lutheran Bethlehem Orphan Asylum.

I, We, the undersigned, hereby make application for the admission to your Home of

Name in full	Age	Sex	Color	Religion	Place of Birth	Parents
<u>Oswald, Lea</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Evangelical</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

Father Robert Carl Oswald Address                     

Mother Mrs. A. Oswald Address 111 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans

Date and place of marriage                     

Tutor                      Address                     

Occupation of party making application Teacher & Evangelist

Business Address                      Residence                     

Can you contribute? Yes If so, how much per month? \$1.00

Will you supply shoes and clothing? Yes

If application is accepted, I hereby agree to sign and abide by the Association's contract, and leave the boys in the Asylum until at least one year after confirmation, and girl's until they have reached the age of 18 years.

The Committee on Applications hereby approves and recommends the above application.

W. A. Oswald Chairman Pastor                     

                     Church                     

                     Church                     

Approved                      192                      Rec. Sec'y.                     

Date entered Asylum 12/23/1923 192                      Supt.                     

Date confirmed                      192                     

Pastor                      Church                     

Date of release                      192                      Age

Name				192				Board per month \$			
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New Orleans, La. *12-23* 19*24*

To the President and Board of Directors of the Evangelical Lutheran Children's Orphan Asylum Association.

I, We, the undersigned, hereby make application for the admission to your Home of

Name in full	Age	Sex	Color	Religion	Profession
<i>John Edward</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Lutheran</i>	<i>Student</i>
<i>Robert</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Lutheran</i>	<i>Student</i>

Father *John Edward* Address *1212 Poydras St., New Orleans, La.*  
 Mother *Anna* Address *1212 Poydras St., New Orleans, La.*  
 Date and place of marriage *1912, New Orleans, La.*  
 Tutor \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation of party making application *Housewife*  
 Business Address *1212 Poydras St., New Orleans, La.* Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Can you contribute? *Yes* If so, how much per month? *\$1.00*  
 Will you supply shoes and clothing? *Yes*

If application is accepted, I hereby agree to sign and abide by the Association's contract, and leave the boys in the Asylum until at least one year after confirmation, and girls until they have reached the age of 18 years.

The Committee on Applications hereby approves and recommends the above application.  
*H. T. Howell* Chairman Pastor *J. H. Jones*  
*John Edward* Church

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_\_\_ Rec. Secy.  
 Date entered Asylum \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_\_\_  
 Date Confirmed \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of release, \_\_\_\_\_ 192\_\_\_\_ 25 Age \_\_\_\_\_



Name		Date entered Asylum				Board per month \$					
Carrick, Mrs. A. F. Weather		Jan 3, 1942 192				20.00					
Year	Board per month	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Year	Board per month	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Year	Board per month	Amount Paid	Date Paid
1942				192							
Balance due											
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March		20.00	16								
April		20.00	7/21								
May		20.00	5/20								
June		18.00	4/11								
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Sept 1, 1945  
4211 Victor  
Dulles, Va

*Receipt*

My Dear Rev. Howell,

I have just received your letter and it is apparent to me that there is a misunderstanding somewhere. My reasons for wishing to have the children return are due to the fact that when I marry I shall have to travel with my husband to such places as he may have to work. We are not able to establish a home now for the children because Mr. Caldwell's work takes him from city to city. He was only in Dallas a few months when he was transferred to New York then to Austin. Now Fort Worth. He expects shortly to be transferred to New York but then expects to be sent out again to some other locality for a few months. Under the circumstances it is impossible for us to take the children traveling, living at hotels and attempting to arrange for their schooling. For these reasons I think you will understand better why I wish to have the boys return to the home. They are more than willing to go since it was their home for the past few years. I would rather they stay there than in some strange boarding school. I must ask you if you will please press to these

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circumstances to the Board of Directors again  
and please advise them to reconsider their  
decision as to what the boys may have a  
possibility of a job in your presence  
to moving them from school to school  
Yours Truly  
Mrs. Margaret D. Powell

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN BETHLEHEM ORPHAN ASYLUM

5413 N. PETERS STREET

PHONE FRANKLIN 5031

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Dec. 9, 1941

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APPLICATION COMMITTEE:

No written report received, however, Pastor  
Honold reported verbally on several cases as follows:-

A member of the Board of Directors of the Home for Incurables  
advised that they would return \$150.00 of the money paid them  
for the care of Miss. Hilda Poock.

A case was submitted by Pastor Nau from Redeemer Church involving  
a boy 10 years of age, 1 boy 8 years and another 2 years. The mother  
has also died. while she has some money left from insurance policies  
finds it necessary to seek employment and would like to have the  
children placed in the home. Pastor Nau was informed we could do  
nothing about the boy 2 years old, but something might be done about  
the other two children. Matter placed in the hands of the committee  
with full power to act.

HAUPT CASE: Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Haupt requested permission to take their  
niece 8 years old with them for the Christmas Holidays.  
The mother has given permission. They would like to  
take the child permanently and Pastor Honold suggested they take  
legal adoption proceedings. The mother is not willing to agree to  
such proceedings. Another plan was suggested. The foster home  
arrangements whereby we would release the child to Mr. & Mrs. Haupt  
and still retain guardianship over her. The mother is willing to  
agree to such an arrangement, which would have to be worked through  
the Juvenile Court. On motion made seconded and passed the  
matter left in the hands of the committee with full power to act.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent reported no change in the  
enrollment since last report. Fifty children on roll, forty nine  
in the home and Leonard King at Austin. Superintendent also advised  
that all children has been placed in different homes Thanksgiving  
Day. The Film of the home had been shown in Passacagoula and while  
the attendance was not very good the collection amounted to \$20.50.  
Pastor Honold suggested we try and get the parents and relatives of  
the children to take them from the home during the Christmas Holidays  
after the Christmas Eve. celebration. The matter was left to the  
discretion of the Superintendent.

SCHOOL BOARD: No report. Mr. Heintzen suggested that we include in  
the Pension Plan our teachers Mr. Koschmann and Miss. Anna Wegner. On  
motion made, seconded and passed this was approved.

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 13 N. PETERS STREET  
 PHONE FRANKLIN 8081  
 NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Victor was living in a very nice apartment and the income was \$54.00 per week between Mrs. Victor and Betty. Motion made and seconded and passed that if the proper signatures for the release could be obtained that Clara be released to her mother.

Pico-Oswald case. The young boy having reached the proper age the committee was authorized to accept the boy into the home. Board to be paid \$10.00 per month.

Helmers Case: It was moved seconded and passed that the two other Helmers children be released.

It was decided that Mr Supt. Groth furnish the board the names and amounts being paid by different families for board.

Superintendent's report: Report shows 2 admitted, released 3, on roll 45, in the home 65. Dorothy Guesch will remain with Mr. & Mrs. Nell Ott until February at least. She is now attending Nicholls High School.

Festival Committee: No report.

Communications:

Ladies auxiliary proceedings for August 1942, received, read and filed as part of these records.

Letter received from Rayl & Lob enclosing release from Mercy Soniat Hospital for services rendered to Mr. Wm. Heinrichs.

Letter received from Rayl & Lob requesting payment of \$23.72 amount expended in the Heinrichs estate over and above the amount tendered them in signed checks. It was moved seconded and passed that this amount be paid.

Unfinished Business.

Heinrichs Mar. moved on vault in Hope Mausoleum. This matter is being attended to.

General Assembly. It was approved that the General Assembly be held Monday Nov. 30, 1942, at St. Paul's School House.

Tires for Truck. If it is found necessary that tires are needed application will have to be made to the rationing board.

New Business.

Mr. Weber suggested that we circulate the film prepared showing activities of the home in Texas before Christmas which might bring in larger contributions. This matter left in the hands of Supt.

A Ledger Book at the Mother's Children's Home, 9100 Grant Street, contained the following entries concerning LEE OSWALD, ROBERT OSWALD and JOHN PIC:

Name	Born	Baptized	Parents	Monthly Payment	Admitted to Home	Released
OSWALD, ROBERT	4/1/34 New Orleans, La.	4/23/34 by Rev. SCHUBER, Evangelical.	Mrs. LEE OSWALD, New Orleans, La.	\$10.00	1/3/43, age 7	To mother Mrs. LEE OSWALD, June 1944
OSWALD, LEE	10/19/30 New Orleans, La.	(no date) by Rev. H. B. SCHUBER, Evangelical.	Mrs. LEE OSWALD, New Orleans, La.	\$10.00	12/26/42 age 3	To mother Mrs. LEE OSWALD, 1/30/44
PIC, JOHN	1/17/32 New Orleans, La.	1/21/32 by Rev. A. SCHUBER, Evangelical.	Mrs. LEE OSWALD	\$10.00	1/3/42, age 9	To mother Mrs. LEE OSWALD, June 1944

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