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Title:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Investigation disclosed LEE HARVEY OSWALD made a trip on Flecha Roja Bus leaving Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, 9/26/63 and arrived Mexico City, Mexico, 9/27/63. OSWALD reportedly sat beside an elderly white male on this bus trip. The elderly white male has been identified by other English speaking passengers that were on the bus as ALBERT OSBORNE who is also known as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. ALBERT OSBORNE was interviewed 1/7/64 at which time he described JOHN HOWARD BOWEN as an acquaintance but said he had no way of communicating with BOWEN. He was interviewed as BOWEN on 2/8 and 17/64 at which times he denied being identical to OSBORNE, but said he was acquainted with OSBORNE, and furnished considerable information regarding OSBOPNE and himself. On 3/3/64 OSBORNE was again interviewed at which time he admitted that he is also known as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, having used that name since soon after World War I. During latter 3 interviews. OSBORNE admitted making a trip from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, to Mexico City, Mexico, on September 26-27, 1963, but does not identify photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD as person he sat beside on trip. He states he sat beside a young man that appeared to be Mexican or Puerto Rican and claims he, OSBORNE, was only English speaking passenger on bus. OSBORNE is reputed and claims to be a missionary in Mexico for many years and he receives financial assistance from churches and individuals throughout the United States for this work. OSBORNE has not furnished any detailed information as to his movements and/or activities, claiming he is unable to supply such data. OSBORNE is 75 years of age, born in England, reportedly served in the British Army and migrated to the United States in 1914. Thereafter, he claims he has lived in Washington, D. C. and This dorment contains seither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, served in the Canddian Army during World War II, returned to the United States and has traveled throughout the United States and Mexico, being employed as an itinerant rug cleaner, gardener, boys' camp operator, and minister. States he is not a naturalized citizen of the United States.

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D-141	Photograph of letter addressed to Central YMCA, Montreal, Canada, signed ALBERT OSBORNE with an addre- in the upper, right hand corner of "EMILIO CARRANZA 4-a Texmelucan Pue. Mexico".	Instant Report, Pages 14-15 ss
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DETAILS:

ALBERT OSBORNE - JOHN HOWARD BOWEN

The following investigation has been conducted incidental to identifying, locating and interviewing the man who sat beside LEE HARVEY OSWALD on a bus trip from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico to Mexico City, Mexico, on September 26 - 27, 1963. Much of the investigation hereinafter set out has been previously reported, but is again being set out for the sake of clarity, continuity and completeness;

INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE
THE PERSON THAT SAT BESIDE LEE HARVEY
OSWALD ON THE BUS TRIP FROM NUEVO LAREDO,
MEXICO TO MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, ON SEPTEMBER
26 - 27, 1963, AND INTERVIEWS WITH THE
INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED

On December 2, 1963, Mr. HARVEY CASH, American Consul, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, furnished a list of persons who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on September 26, 1963. The list was obtained from a check of the Mexican Immigration records and the Mexican Customs records at Nuevo Laredo.

On December 2, 1963, Confidential Informants Dallas T-1 and T-2, confidential sources abroad, reviewed the list prepared and advised that it was a complete list of persons entering Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26, 1963. The address of the persons entering Mexico was available only in those cases where the individual entered by automobile and was the owner or person entering the automobile into Mexico. Appearing on the list is the name JOHN H. BOWEN, Houston, Texas, type of transportation - unknown, destination - Mexico, D. P., and tourist card type FMS. Data on the tourist card issued to BOWEN reflects he was married, age 60 years, born America, employed and a resident of Houston, Texas.

Confidential Informant Dallas T-3, a confidential source abroad, advised on December 6, 1963, that a review of the records of Flecha Roja (Red Arrow) Bus Lines, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, revealed the name LEE H. OSWALD appears on the bus lines

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manifest of September 26, 1963, as having entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, en route to Mexico, D. P. The person using the name CSWALD was on the 2:00 PM Flecha Roja bus and had one bag. The bus was No. 516 with the driver being listed as RCBERTO MORALES. A total of eighteen passengers boarded this bus at Nuevo Laredo, twelve of whom were en route to Monterey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Passengers en route to Mexico City were listed as PABLO VASQUEZ and possibly his wife, since he is listed as a party of two, S. MORAN, ALFREDO BRESENO, ROIG SORQUIS, T. GONZALEZ, (FNU) ROWEN, LEE OSWALD, (FNU) BOWEN - possibly JOHN H, BOWEN, Houston, Texas, JOHN MC PARLAND and two other persons for a party of three.

Passengers en route Monterey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, were ANDRES MORALES and one other person for a party of two, APE MARTINEZ, HARRY J. MITCHELL with two for a party of three.

On December 24, 1963, Confidential Informant Dallas T-4 furnished the following information concerning efforts to locate JOHN H. BOWEN, a passenger with OSWALD on a southbound bus from Nuevo Laredo, on September 26, 1963.

Informant advised that investigation discloses BOWEN departed Mexico City, October 1, 1963, on Flecha Roja bus, bound for Nuevo Laredo. Mexican Immigration records reflect BOWEN departed Mexico, at Nuevo Laredo, on October 2, 1963, but no information concerning his home address was available.

Informant advised that Flecha Roja bus records reflect BOWEN and one WILLIAM S. SHIVELY purchased consecutive tickets for Flecha Roja bus trip from Mexico City to Nuevo Laredo, although they did not occupy adjacent seats. Mexican Immigration records reflect SHIVELY was issued a tourist card at Nuevo Laredo, September 22, 1963, and entered Mexico at that location on the same date. SHIVELY departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 2, 1963, with BOWEN and him being checked out by the same Mexican Immigration Service employee.

The Mexican tourist card described SMIVELY as an American citizen, 22 years of age, and a student. He presented

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a birth certificate as proof of identity and his home address was given as Cincinnati, Ohio, no street address.

The following investigation was conducted by SA TERENCE D. DINAN, between December 5 - 9, 1963, in an effort to identify and locate JOHN H. BOWEN:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

The below listed persons advised that their records failed to reflect any information identifiable with a JOHN H. BOWEN:

ALLIE FUTRELL Credit Bureau of Greater Houston

CAROL STELLEY Houston Police Department, Identification Division

ROBERT ANTHONY Harris County Sheriff's Office

SUE ROGERS Houston Lighting and Power Company

JEAN WARD Texas Employment Commission

JOHNNIE FRY Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

STERLING BAKER Security Officer University of Houston

MICHAEL MC ENANY Registrar Rice University

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W. PAUL HARRIS Chief Deputy Clerk U. S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

J. D. HARPOLE Immigration & Naturalization Service

A. R. SPINDOLA Mexican Consul

M. GAXIOLA Mexican Government Tourist Department

Captain ALLEN LASTER
Pasadena, Texas, Police Department
Identification Division

In addition to the above, all of the persons in houston, Texas, with the name JOHN BOWEN, regardless of middle name and initial, were contacted, and all advised that they did not travel to Mexico on September 26, 1963.

The current telephone and city directories for Houston, Texas, fail to reflect the names JOHN H. or J. H. BOWEN. Telephonic inquiries were made of all the persons named BOWEN listed in the Houston Telephone Directory, but they were unable to furnish any information concerning a Houston resident named JOHN H. BOWEN.

JOHN R. EARON, Superintendent of Census and Attendance, Houston Independent School District, advised that his records from 1926 to date fail to reflect any person named JOHN H. BOWEN, as ever having attended a Houston Independent School from 1926 to 1963.

Confidential Informant Dallas T-5, a confidential source abroad, reported Doctor and Mrs. JOHN BRYAN MC FARLAND, 10 Fulwood Park, Liverpool, England, were interviewed December 12, 1963, at which time they furnished certain information, part of which follows:

The MC FARLANDS remembered LEE HARVEY CSWALD as they got into conversation with him on the trip from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico Câty, Mexico, on September 26 - 27, 1963. They recalled that CSWALD traveled alone, but also spoke to two Australian girls who were in their mid-twenties that long-ded the bus in Monterey and left the bus in Mexico City. They stated CSWALD sat behind them, the MC FARLANDS, and next

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to an eighty-year-old United States citizen who looked to be about sixty years of age who lives in Cuernavaca and the State of Tennessee. The individual that sat beside CSWALD was allegedly a retired schoolteacher who taught in India and Arabia and is currently writing a book on the Lisbon Earthquake of 1775.

A review of FBI files reflects one JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, born January 14, 1887, at Chester, Pennsylvania, once resided in Houston, Texas.

On June 4, 1942, CHARLES M. PICKEL, Rural Route 7, Henderson Springs, Tennessee, Sevier County, advised an Agent of the FBI, Knoxville, that one J. H. BOWEN, whom he believed to be an Italian, had resided in the vicinity of Henderson Springs for the past two years. He stated that BOWEN operates a camp for boys known as the "Campfire Council." According to PICKEL, one of the boys at the camp told GEORGE SHARP, of Route 7, Henderson Springs, Tennessee, that he had seen BOWEN tear down an American Flag and stomp it into the ground. PICKEL said that BOWEN had three large police dogs at his home, which were very dangerous. PICKEL complained that the boys at the camp were committing some acts of thievery and property damage in the neighborhood. PICKEL stated that BOWEN spends time traveling over the country roads in and around Henderson Springs and that he knew for a fact that BOWEN had once traveled to Mexico City.

At the request of the FBI, PAUL LILLY, Patrolman, Tennessee Highway Patrol, made an investigation of the above allegation. On August 21, 1942, Patrolman LILLY, by letter, advised the FBI, Knoxville, that he had contacted Mr. GEORGE SHARP, Mr. CHARLES M. PIOKEL, and others, and all of these persons had told him that the main trouble concerning BOWEN was on account of some victous dogs which BOWEN had at his camp. LILLY stated that the neighbors told him they were deathly afraid of these dogs and that something had to be done about them. LILLY reported that he talked to some workers at the camp and they told him they had never seen or heard of any activities that would lead them to believe that BOWEN was or had been disrespectful to the United States.

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The news article referred to by HAL C. STEPHENS of the Boys' Club regarding BOMEN's reported departure for Europe appeared in the November 14, 1963, issue of the Knoxville Journal; however, an examination of the records of the morgue on December 30, 1963, did not disclose any correspondence relative to this particular article. The morgue did reflect a news article dated December 5, 1953, in the Knoxville Journal, which reported that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN resided in Laredo, Texas, and had established a missionary station and a Baptist Church in Mexico. He was reported to be the first protestant missionary in the land of the Mixtecas Indians. His address was listed as Box 308, Laredo, Texas. The source of this item appeared to be a letter addressed to the Journal from BOWEN.

from BOWEN bearing an illegible postmark of Tampa (Florida?), November ?, 1954. On this postal card BOWEN advised the Knoxville Journal that he was mailing some photographs to the Journal. He stated that last Christmas he announced he was retiring but after a trip to England, where he spoke at a missionary conference, he decided to return to Mexico.

The news file contained a letter dated April 7, 1958, from a Dr. MARTIN HILDAGO, Oaxaca, Oax, Mexico. He wrote that BOWEN, a missionary, had saved two schoolchildren from being struck by a truck. In dashing in front of the truck to sweep the children from the path, BOWEN was slightly injured on his left side when he came in contact with the truck. The writer stated that this was the same missionary who had saved three children from a burning hut about eight years previously.

A short article in the <u>Knoxville Journal</u> dated April 12, 1958, described this incident; based on the above letter.

The newspaper file also contained a letter dated September 11, 1961, from an ALBERTO OSBORNE, which was post-marked at Texmelucan, Pue, Mexico. This letter reported that BOWEN was injured when he fell on a bus between Mexico

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City and Publea, and it reported that BOWEN had been doing missionary work in Mexico since he left Knoxville in April, 1943. The letter set forth that BOWEN was invited to Mexico by the late Dr. C. E. LACEY, a missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention. The letter reported that BOWEN would be eighty-two in January (1962), but that he could easily pass for a man in his middle 50's. This letter went on to relate that BOWEN, prior to coming to Knoxville, had served as a missionary in India and had been active in missionary work since 1910 except the time he spent in Knoxville.

The Knoxville Journal published a short news article on September 15, 1961, based on the above letter.

On December 20, 1963, Mrs. CLARA BULL, Knoxville Credit Bureau, advised that a search of her files reflected no credit record for JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

On December 20, 1963, Mrs. CHARLES DAVIS, Records Department, Knoxville Police Department, advised she found no arrest record in the files of her office for JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

The newspaper files also contained two photographs that purport to be pictures of J. H. BOWEN. One photograph depicts a white male wearing a waist length zippered jacket and a sun helmet. The other photograph depicts a white male wearing a double-breasted business suit, no hat, standing before a castle-like edifice. Copies of these photographs were obtained.

PATRICIA WINSTON and PAMELA MUMFORD, 153 North New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, California, were interviewed on January 8, 1964, by SA'S CHESTER C. ORTON and JOSEPH DOYLE POWELL.

winston and MUMFORD viewed photograph of BOWEN that were obtained from the files of the Knoxville Journal and stated the photograph of BOWEN wearing the sun helmet was not familiar to them. They said that the picture taken in 1954 of BOWEN standing in front of a castle was familiar and possibly could have been the man who sat next to OSWALD on the bus trip from Laredo to Mexico City, on September 26 - 27, 1963.

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In this regard, it is pointed out that both WINSTON and MUMFORD had previously stated that they made a trip from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City on a Flecha Roja bus on September 26 - 27, 1963, and identified LEE HARVEY OSWALD as a passenger on that bus with whom they conversed.

On December 20 & 27, 1963, reviews were made of birth records, school board records, credit bureau records, city directories, newspaper morgues and death records at Chester, Pennsylvania, with no information being developed to identify JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, born January 14, 1887, at Chester, Pennsylvania.

On January 7, 1964, Confidential Informant Dallas T-4, supra, advised that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN had not been located in Mexico.

Dallas T-4 reported the interview, on January 7; 1964, of Reverend ALBERT OSBORNE, an elderly Canadian missionary, residing at 4-A Emilio Carranza Street, San Martin De Texmelucan, State of Pueblo, who disclosed the following information:

JOHN HOWARD BOWEN is an ordained Baptist Minister who, over the years, has collected funds for construction of several churches in Mexãoo. BOWEN has not been in Mexãoo since late September or early October, 1963, at which time he advised OSBORNE he was thinking of giving up his missionary work because many of his contributors who helped him financially over the years are now deceased. OSBORNE suggested that BOWEN could be located through the Hotel Jong or Jung, New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was recently employed and was making efforts to qualify for Social Security benefits. OSBORNE also opined BOWEN might be located through Hotel St. Anthony, Laredo, Texas.

OSBORNE claimed he has no way of communicating with BOWEN and does not know his exact address in the United States, although he believed BOWEN was in the United States at that time. He said BOWEN never lived at 4-A Emilio Carranza Street, San Martin De Texmelucan, Pueblo, but did pick up his mail there during his visit to Mexico in September - October, 1963.

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The following investigation was conducted on January 13, 1964, by SA MILTON R. KAACK:

Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, checked his records and advised that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN is not presently employed by the Jung Hotel and has not been employed during the past two years.

Mms. MAXIME MATTHEWS, Secretary to GEORGE DAWSON, Manager, Hotel New Orleans, 1300 Canal Street, New Orleans, checked the records and advised that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN is not employed at the present time by the Hotel New Orleans, nor has he been employed during the past two years.

Reverend O. S. CHIOCCHIO, Pastor, Canal Boulevard Baptist Church, 5320 Canal Boulevard, New Orleans, advised that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN is unknown to him. Reverend CHIOCCHIO stated that he would know BOWEN if BOWEN was living and working in the New Orleans area and was engaged in missionary work for the Baptist Church.

Miss DOROTHY PATERSON, Secretary to Reverend JOHN GILBERT, New Orleans Baptist Association, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, advised that she could find no record in her files of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. Miss PATERSON stated that if BOWEN was engaged in missionary work for the Baptist Church in the New Orleans area he would be listed in her files.

on January 21, 1964, Dallas T-4, supra, reported that the photographs (2) of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, one wearing a sun helmet and zipper Jacket, the other with him standing before a castle-like edifice, were identified on that date, January 21, 1964, by a servant at the residence of ALBERTO OSBORNE, in Texmelucan, Mexico, and by a Mexican minister in the same community as being identical with OSBORNE.

Dallas T-4 further reported that when ALBERTO OSBORNE was interviewed on January 7, 1964, he was in possession of a Canadian Passport, No. 5-605377, and claimed residence of 4114 Drummond Street, Montreal, Canada, Correspondence was

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located at the residence of 4-A Emilio Carranza Street, San Martin De Temmelucan, Pueblo, bearing a return address of WALTER OSBONE, Old Polks Home, Grimsby, Lincolnshire, England.

The servant at the Texmelucan, Mexico, address stated OSBORNE was then on a trip to an unknown part of the United States and indicated he may return to Mexico within the next two or three weeks.

Dallas T-4 reported that inquiry at the American Express Office, Mexico City, Mexico, revealed ALBERT OSBORNE was known there as JOHN H. BOWEN and last visited that office about two weeks prior to January 21, 1964.

Further, on November 15, 1963, BOWEN requested that letters to him be forwarded to American Express, 649 5th Avenue, New York City, New York, and American Express has no other address for him, but reported that BOWEN frequently travels to Laredo and San Antonio, Texas.

On January 27, 1964, Dallas T-4 reported that a Canadian missionary, ALBERT OSBORNE, was known to the Mexican Immigration authorities in 1958 as a missionary in Mexico and inquiries then conducted failed to develop any background information of value through investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Canada. The Canadian address for OSBORNE then in possession of the Mexican Immigration authorities was found to be non-existent. A photograph of OSBORNE obtained at that time appears to be the same person interviewed as ALBERT OSBORNE on January 7, 1964.

Dallas T-4 reported that several officials of the Baptist Church in Mexico City had reported they have no knowledge of JOHN H. BOWEN or ALBERT OSBORNE.

T-4 reported that OSBORNE normally resides in a native mud wall dwelling in Texmelucan, where the only person having knowledge of his movements is the teen-age caretaker who, himself, frequently visits his family in Owxaca, Mexico, when OSBORNE is not there.

On January 16, 1964, the caretaker disclosed that a wedding announcement had been received from Mrs. LOLA

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LOVING, Milsboro, Oregon, announcing the wedding of her daughter, SHARON RUTH LOVING, on October 20, 1963.

Dellas T-4 reported that on January 21, 1964, letters addressed to BOWEN had been received at the Texmelucan, Mexico, address from Osteghus Publishing Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and from "The Beam", 6248 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas.

Or January 27, 1964, Confidential Informant Dallas T-6, a confidential source abroad, reported that a check of the pasaport files, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, Ontario, indicates an ALBERT OSBORNE was issued rassport No. 5-605377, on October 10, 1963, through the office of the Canadian Consul, New Orleans, Louisiena. At that time, OSBORNE indicated his mailing address as "Will Call" and his permanent address since 1917 as 1441 Drummond Street, Montreal, Quebec. OSBORNE reflected his date of birth as October 22, 1888, in Grimmley, England, 5'10", 200 lbs., blue eyes, dark brown hair - alightly gray, single, and indicates he is a member of the clergy.

Attached to his passport is an affidavit in lieu of guarantor indicating he was at the time in New Orelans and was "presently in transit." The passport contained a photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE having been taken in October, 1963. Copies of the photograph were obtained.

On January 28, 1964, Dellas T-6 reported 1441 Drummond, Montreal, Quebec, is a YMCA and ALBERT OSDORNE is not known there. The YMCA received a letter from an ALBERT OSBORNE, dated January 13, 1964, with return address of Emilio Cerranza Street, San Martin de Texmelucan, Pueblo, Mexico, indicating that he, OSBORNE, would not come to Montreal as planned, but instead was going to Alberta and any mail should be forwarded in care of General Delivery, Detroit, Michigan. The original of this letter which bears the signature of ALBERT OSBORNE was obtained.

Dellas T-6 reported on February 6, 1964, that Passport No. 4-34736 issued to ALBERT OSBORNE by Canadian Authorities on June 8, 1953, at Ottawa, Canada, and was valid until June 8, 1958. It was not revelidated at the time and, therefore, expired on that date. Further, OSBORNE could have retained possession of the passport until June, 1963, but it would not have been a valid document.

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Under date of February 19, 1964, the FEI Laboratory furnished the following information concerning a document examination requested by Confidential Informant Dallas T-6 on February 11, 1964;

Specimens received 2/17/64

Q493 One page typewritten letter bearing heading "Emilio Carranza 4-A Texmelucan Pue. M E X I C 0," addressed to "Central Y.M.C.A. Montreal, Canada," beginning "Dear Sir - If you have" and signed "Albert Osborne"

Result of examination:

The typewriting on 0493 matches most closely the Laboratory standard for an Underwood pica style of type spaced ten letters per inch. This typewriting was not identified in the Anonymous Letter File and a photograph of the typewriting will be added to this file.

The typewriting on Q493 was not identified with any of the previous typewriting in this case.

On February 14, 1964, extensive investigation, which has previously been reported, and is not being repeated in detail, was made at the General Delivery, U. S. Post Office; Special Investigations Squad, Detroit Police Department; Better Business Bureau; Board of Commerce; Council of Churches; Catholic Missions Office, all Detroit, Michigan, with negative results concerning ALBERT CSBORNE's present location:

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GEORGE E. BLACKSTOCK, Canadian Consul, Suite 1710, 225 Baronne Building, produced an application for a Canadian Passport which was signed by Reverend ALBERT ALEXANDER OSBORNE at the office of the Canadian Consulate General, New Orleans, Louisians. This application was dated October 10, 1963, at which time OSBORNE furnished his residence address as 1441 Deummond Street, Montreal, Canada. The application contained the following descriptive data concerning OSBORNE: Born November 12, 1888; sex - male; place of birth - Grimsley, Linco, England; height - 5'10'; weight - 200 pounds; blue eyes; brown and gray hair; marital status single; no visible scars and markes; occupation - minister (clergy).

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OSBORNE claimed that he resided in Canada from August 21. 1917, to the present time and is a naturalized citizen of Canada because of his services in the Canadian Armed Forces. OSBORNE's Canadian Passport #4-347367, which was issued in June. 1953. was cancelled and Canadian Passport #5-605377. dated October 10, 1963, was issued to him by Chief Clerk PERCY WHATMOUGH, of the Canadian Consulate General's Office, This passport is valid until October 10, 1968, and was delivered to OSBORNE personally on October 10, 1963. At the time OSBORNE applied for a new passport, he exhibited his birth certificate and a record of service in the Canadian Armed Forces. In addition, he signed an affidavit claiming that no one knew him in New Orleans well enough to act as a guarantor because he was "in transit," OSBORNE's file contained a letter from OSBORNE dated October 16, 1963, at Mexico, D. F., which was received at the Canadian Consulate General's Office on October 18, 1963. This letter thanked the office employees for their kindness and enclosed \$5.00 with the instructions that BLACKSTOCK purchase a little present for the clerical employees at the Canadian Consulate General's Office. The \$5.00 was returned to OSBORNE by letter dated October 18, 1963. explaining that the employees of the Consulate General's Office could not accept any gifts, which letter was addressed to "Reverend ALBERT OSBORNE, care of American Express Company, Niza 22 Mexico, D. F."

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PERCY WHATMOUGH, Chief Clerk, Canadian Consulate General's Office, Suite 1710, 225 Baronne Building, advised that he examined GBBORNE's application for a passport, cancelled his old passport, which was issued in June, 1953, and issued his new passport, No. 5-605377, to OSBORNE on October 10, 1963. WHATMOUGH recalled that OSBORNE told his that he, OSBORNE, had come to New Orleans from his residence in Montreal, Canada, by bus and that he was on his way to Mexico City by bus and that he was making this trip as part of his vacation.

OSBORNE did not tell WHATMOUGH what bus route he had taken from Montreal to New Orleans, nor did he tell him his intended route from New Orleans to Mexico.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted by SA MILTON R. KAACK on January 31, 1964;

JOHN A. DONALD, Canadian Consul, Canadian Consulate General's Office, Suite 1710, 225 Baronne Building, advised that in many instances natives of Great Britain who are naturalized citizens of Canada, claim dual citizenship and therefore continue to carry a British passport in addition to their passport issued by Canada.

HARWOOD HOLT, Auditor, Jung Hotel, 1500 Canal Street, advised that he had no record of ALBERT OSBORNE as an employee of the Jung Hotel during the past two years.

GEORGE DAWSON, Manager, Hotel New Orleans, 1300 Canal Street, advised that ALBERT OSBORNE has not been employed by the Hotel New Orleans during the past two years.

Reverend O. S. CHIOCCHIO, Pastor, Canal Boulevard Baptist Church, 5320 Canal Boulevard, advised that the Reverend ALBERT OSBORNE is not known to him. Reverend CHIOCCHIO stated that if OSBORNE was engaged in missionary work for the Baptist Church in the New Orleans area he would most certainly know him.

Miss DOROTHY PATERSON, Secretary to Reverend JOHN GILBERT, Executive Secretary, New Orleans Baptist Association, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, advised that there was no record in her files concerning Reverend ALBERT OSBORNE. Miss PATERSON said that if OSBORNE were engaged in missionary work in the New Orleans area he would be listed in her files.

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that OSBOENE had not called for his mail at the American Express Company, Mexico City, Mexico, since that office was previously contacted and additional letters had been received addressed to JOHN BOWEN from GEORGE FULLER CUIDLIN, Jonesville, Virginia, postmarked January 29, 1964; from P. O. Box 517, Eagle Pass, Texas, postmarked January 31, 1964, and from Pingah Home Movement, Pikeville, Tennessee, postmarked February 5. 1964.

T-4 further reported that JOEN HOWARD BOWEN was known to the Senior Cashier, American Express Company, for the past eight years and has cashed numerous U. S. Postal Money Orders in amounts of \$25 - \$30 each. The cashier does not know ALBERT OSBORNE and is unable to substantiate the claim that the American Express Company, Mexico City, had agreed to honor payments for OSBORNE in the name of BOWEN because BOWEN had died and OSBORNE was carrying on BOWEN's missionary work. This individual is only known at American Express Company as BOWEN and as being connected with some type of religious activities in Mexico.

T-4 reported that inquiries at Texmelucan, Mexico, on February 8, 1964, revealed OSBORNE had not been seen there since about January 15, 1964, but the caretaker reported that he had received post cards from ALBERT OSBORNE postmarked February 3, 1964, with a return address of General Delivery, Birmingham, Alabama; postmarked January 22, 1964, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, with return address of General Delivery, Atlanta, Georgia, and postmarked January 21, 1964, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, contained in the envelope of the William Len Botel of Memphis, Tennessee. Caretaker claimed he was unaware of the present whereabouts of OSBORNE, but believed he was still in the United States.

T-4 quoted the caretaker as stating that he had not mailed any letter to LOLA LOYING of Forest Grove, Oregon, in late January, 1964, but pointed out that OSBORNE may have mailed such letter before departing Texmelucan.

T-4 reported that Mexican Immigration authorities, Mexico City, are interested in detaining OSBORNE if he returns

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to Mexico as he was ordered to leave Mexico in 1958 as an undesirable alien and at that time exited Mexico at Laredo, Texas, April 5, 1958. The Mexican Lamigration files show BOWEN to also be known as JORN H. OWEN.

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JOHN HOWARD BOWEN was interviewed February 8, 1964, and he furnished the following information:

BOWEN advised that he has been in the Russellville, Alabama, area, speaking at various rural Baptist Churches, and has been residing at the residence of WILLE UPTAIN, Rural Route, Russellville, Alabama. He stated he intended leaving the Russellville, Alabama, area February 11, 1964, en route back to Laredo, Texas, by way of 1940 Orleans, Louisiana.

BOWEN stated to the best of his knowledge he was born at Chester, Pennsylvania, on January 12, 1885, and his father's name was JAMES A. BOWEN, and his mother was EMILY BOWEN. He did not know his parents, but he was reared in an orphanage in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His grandsother, SARAH HALL, participated to a limited extent in giving him guidance and shelter during the early years of his life. His grandsother and relatives are all deceased, and he has no known relatives of any kind.

BOWEN attended elementary school intermittently in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area, but took correspondence courses and has completed the equivalent of about two years of college. He also took a correspondence course in theology, which he completed in about 1914. About fifty years ago, he was ordained as a minister by the Plymouth Brethren Church, in Trenton, New Jersey, and about forty-five years ago he was ordained as a minister by the Northern Empitist Convention at Binghaston, New York. He also is recognized as an ordained minister by the Missionary Empitist Convention and he currently considers hisself associated with that church body.

BOWEN stated he considers himself an itinerant gardener and preacher. He was formerly a member of the First Baptist Church at Knoxville, Tennessee, and more recently was a member of the First Baptist Church at Laredo, Texas. He has visited and worshiped at the latter church intermittently for the past twenty years.

About thirty years ago, BOWEN applied for a job as a juvenile counselor, with the Tennessee Valley Authority at Knoxville, Tennessee, and recalled that he was fingerprinted on that occasion. From about 1939 to about 1934, BOWEN worked

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with juvenile delinquents for the City of Knoxville, Tennessee. While doing this work, he became well acquainted with Doctor A. D. MUKLLER, who is now associated with the Veterans Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and lives at 4035 Tutwiler Road, Memphis, Tennessee. He also became well acquainted with Miss MARY KLHOTT, who is a prominent social worker in the Knoxville. Tennessee, area.

BOWEN states since becoming ordained about fifty years ago he has traveled extensively in the United States, particularly in the Stanton, Virginia, area, and in the southern part of the United States as an itinerant Baptist Minister. During the past twenty years, he has also made numerous trips as an itinerant Baptist Minister throughout Mexico. He stated he has never been to Canada or England or any other foreign country, except in about 1939, he once visited Bermuda. On these itinerant preaching tours, he resides in the homes of the host pastor, and he moves from place to place frequently. He considers his home to be the St. Anthony Hotel, Laredo, Texas, and he is well known there by the manager, OSCAR FERRINA. He has been residing at that hotel intermittently for the past twenty years, and has made trips to Mexico for the past twenty years as an itinerant preacher.

BOWEN stated he has no passport, but carries for identification purposes the following items:

Social Security Card in the name of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Social Security No. 449-36-9745.

Texaco Company Credit Card #T-11372, in the name of J. H. BOWEN, P. O. Box 3042, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Gold Star Insurance Company Card, Policy No. N3176.

Card from Laredo National Bank, in the name of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, 920 Salinas Avenue, Box 308, Laredo, Texas, Account No. 10-7400-1.

BOWEN stated that in 1956 he contacted an unrecalled attorney in Philadelphia to apply for Social Security. This attorney experienced great difficulty in obtaining a date of birth for him. The attorney was not able to completely verify his birth, but furnished him with a card reflecting the following data:

Hame: JOHN HOWARD BOWEN
Born: 1/14/1880
Father: JAMES A. BOWEN
Mother: KDITH MONTGOMEN
File Ho.: D-869-1880
Failed: March 6, 1956

The above card bore the signature of a person which appeared to be BERNIN F. MATHINS as the person who executed the birth data form. BOWEN stated he doubted if the above was exactly correct, but it was the best birth data which the attorney could obtain through unknown sources. He could not recall the name of this attorney and was not certain if WATRINS was his name or not. BOWEN stated he had been unable to obtain Social Security benefits because of his inability to obtain correct birth data.

BOWEN states that in about 1958 he was residing at the Reece Hotel, Oaxaoo, Mexico, and also residing in that same hotel was ALBERT OSBOENE, who was a retired itinerant Baptist Minister from Canada. OSBOENE was about 70 years of age, 5'8" tall, 190 pounds, hair gray and balding, and had an

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English or Scottish accent. BOWEN acknowledged that OSBORNE was about his same size and age.

A census of some type was then being taken by Mexican authorities, and BOWER was unable to locate his identification papers. He, therefore, borrowed the identification papers of OSBORNE on that occasion, and exhibited them to the Mexican authorities. He thereafter returned these papers to OSBORNE. He later found his own identification papers, and states he has never before or since claimed to be anyone other than JOHN HOWARD BOWER.

BOWEN stated he next saw OSBORNE in about the Spring of 1961 or 1962, at the Emilway Express Company Office in Mexico City, Mexico. He pointed out he corresponds occasionally with OSBORNE, but has not seen him since the above occasion. He recalled having heard through friends in Mexico that OSBORNE was traveling in Mexico as an itinerant Baptist preacher in December, 1963, and January, 1964, but he was planning on returning to Canada, and possibly taking up residence in the vicinity of Vancouver, Canada.

BOWEN observed a photograph of a man standing in front of a castle-like building, holding what appeared to be a camera, and he identified that person as being ALBERT OSBORNE. BOWEN explained that he has a copy of that same photograph, which was sent to him by OSBORNE, and it apparently was taken during a trip to England or Scotland.

BOWEN also observed a photograph of a man in a zippered jacket and a helmet, and identified that as being a photograph of hisself, which had been taken, about twenty years ago at Veracrus, Mexico. BOWEN stated that ALBERT OSBORNE has traveled in the same areas in Mexico as an itinerant Baptist preacher, and OSBORNE has stayed at the two independent churches in Texmelucan, Mexico, where the churches maintain a home for ministers. These churches also distribute food for children from destitute families. He explained that it was entirely possible persons might confuse him with OSBOENE, because they are both itinerant Baptist preachers, are about the same size and age, and both travel extensively in Mexico.

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BOWEN stated he was not interviewed in Mexico at Texmelucan or anywhere else, by the FBI, regarding OSBORNES or OSWALD. He pointed out when he came to Laredo, Texas, recently he learned that the FBI had been making inquiries there regarding his recent trip to Mexico. He stated that he thereafter looked through his papers and files at Laredo and learned that he had made a trip by bus from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico to Mexico City, on September 28-27, 1963.

BOWEN explained that at the bus station in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, at about 3:30 PM, September 26, 1963, he boarded a bus en route to Mexico City, and signed his own name, JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, to the roster of passengers. He sat in the third seat from the front on the right side. A young man who apparently boarded the bus at the same time sat in the seat adjacent to him. He described this person as follows:

 Sex:
 Male

 Race:
 White

 Age:
 29

 Height:
 5'8"

 Weight:
 150 lbs.

 Hair:
 Blond and thin

 Complexion:
 Dark

He explained this passenger had a small zipper bag which he placed in the rack above his feet. He did not talk to this person or hear him speak to anyone else on the bus. He presumed this person was Mexican or Puerto Rican, because he was dark complected and did not appear to be an American. He recalled that directly in front of him was am and a woman who were about sixty years af age. The man was retired from the Bermuda Police Department, and he apparently had been traveling extensively since his retirement. BOWEM recalled that two Mexican women and a small child occupied the seat directly behind him. He could not recall who the other passengers might have been on the bus. He did recall that the bus was fully occupied when it left Nuevo Laredo.

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BOWEN stated the young man sitting next to him went to sleep shortly after getting on the bus, and did not converse with him or anyone else. At about 4:30 or 5:00 PM, on September 26, 1964, the bus stopped for a lunch stop at Sabinas Hidalgo, Mexico. This young man went to the restroom and ate a lunch at the bus station. When he returned to the bus, he went to the rear of the bus where he reclined on a rear seat and went to sleep.

BOWEN stated he did not recall seeing the above person again during the trip to Mexico City, and has not seen him before or since that time. He did not know where the above person got off the bus. BOWEN stated he does not recall having specifically seen a particular photograph of subject LEE HARVEY OSFALD, but is rather certain he had seen some newspaper photographs of him. He stated he does not feel that the above person was identical to LEE HARVEY OSFALD, because the above person was quite dark complected and appeared to be a Mexican or Puerto Rican.

BOWEN stated he arrived in Mexico City on the above bus about 9:30 AM, September 27, 1963. He thereafter boarded another bus in Mexico City and went to Puebla. Mexico where he resided at the St. Augustine Hotel. The next day, he boarded a night train at Puebla and traveled to the Railroad Hotel in Jesus Carranga, which is north of Juchitan. Mexico. He remained in this area for about one week, contacting various native ministers, and delivering Bibles to them. He preached some in Juchitan and Tehuantepec, area. He then returned to the area of Puebla, Mexico, where he resided with various persons connected with Baptist churches in that vicinity. He then traveled back to Laredo, Texas, in about the middle of November, 1963. While in Mexico City, he usually resides at the Canada Hotel Annex, which is on Cinco De Mayo Street. BOWEN stated at no time on this trip did he again see the above-mentioned person who had been on the bus with him from Nuevo Laredo.

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BOWEN stated he intends to travel from the Russellville, Alabama, area to Laredo, Texas, by way of New Orleans, and expects to be at the St. Anthony Hotel, Laredo, Texas, about February 15 - 17, 1964, where he will remain indefinitely. He stated that, at Laredo, he could locate the bus ticket which would verify the date of the above-mentioned trip into Mexico in September. 1963. He stated he may also have there correspondence from ALBERT OSBORNE.

BOWEN stated he has never taught school, has never been to any foreign countries, other than Mexico and Bermuda. He stated he has never written a book, knew nothing about the Lisbon earthquake of 1775. He could not recall seeing any American girls on instant bus, and knew of no one on the bus who might have talked to the young man sitting in the seat adjacent to him.

BOWEN stated he definitely is not identical to ALBERT OSBORNE and, with the one exception, he has never posed as ALBERT OSBORNE. BOWEN stated he would cooperate fully in this matter. He volunteered to have his photograph and fingerprints taken on this occasion.

BOWEN furnished the following descriptive data regarding himself:

> JORN HOWARD BOWER Hame: Male Sex: White Race: 1/12/1885, Chester, Pa. Rirth data: Height: 190 lbs. Weight: Grav and thin Hair: Blue Eves: Heavy Build: Medium Complexion: Small round sore or scar on Scars & marks: right temple Wears heavy, dark-rissed Characteristics: glasses for reading

> > Itinerant Baptist Preacher

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Occupation:

OSCAR FERRING, owner of St. Anthony Hotel, Laredo, Texas, viewed photographs of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, one taken with pith helmet and other in business suit in front of what appears to be old English castle, and stated that both photographs appeared to be photographs of the JOHN HOWARD BOWEN that has been staying periodically at the St. Anthony Hotel. P. O. Box 368, for several years.

FERRING stated that BOWEN usually stays at the St. Anthony when he is passing through Laredo, Texas. en route to Mexico.

FERRINO stated that when BOWEN is not at the St. Anthony Hotel he, FERRINO, holds BOWEN's mail until he receives instructions from BOWEN on where to send the mail or until BOWEN returns for the mail.

FERRING stated that the name of ALBERT OSBORNE sounds familiar and he was of opinion that mail has come for BOWEN with name of ALBERT OSBORNE on it, but he said that he could not be certain of this, but that BOWEN has always been known around the hotel as BOWEN and has not, to FERRINO's knowledge, used the name of ALBERT OSBORNE in Laredo.

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JOHN HOWARD BOWEN was interviewed at the St. Anthony Hotel, Room 105, Laredo, Texas, at which time he related the following information.

He made available two ticket stubs from the "Plecha Roja" (Red Arrow) Bus Lines, one purchased at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, bearing number 0921, dated September 26, 1963, reflecting fare of \$71.40 pesos, from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, the other purchased in Mexico bearing number 1142 and dated October 1, 1963, reflecting fare of \$71.40 pesos from Mexico-Nuevo Laredo.

BOWEN stated he departed Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, approximately 2:00 p.m., September 26, 1963, on a Flecha Roja Bus and arrived in Mexico City around 10:00 a.m., September 27, 1963. He stated there were no other Americans or English speaking persons on this bus and to his knowledge, none of the Mexican passengers spoke English. He sat near the front of the bus next to the window and there was a young man sitting next to him.

This men appeared to be Mexican, about 29 years of age, dark brown hair, had Spanish look, about 5'8", 150 pounds. He was shabbily dressed, wearing khaki pants and was carrying a brown zippered traveling bag which he placed on the top rack of the bus.

BOWEN stated he did not talk to this man, nor did this man speak to him, or anyone else on the bus. He stated that upon leaving Sabinas Hidalgo, after stopping there for lunch, this person went to the rear of the bus and went to sleep. He stated he does not know where this man got off the bus.

A photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was exhibited to BOMEN, and after viewing it carefully, stated that he could not identify this photograph as being identical to the man who sat next to him on the Flecha Roja Bus September 26, 1963. He viewed the photograph of OSWALD again and stated that he has never seen that person at any time.

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BOWEN stated that this bus arrived in Mexico City about 10:00 a.m., September 27, 1963, and he boarded another bus on the afternoon of the 27th and went to Puebla, Mexico, where he stayed at the Teress Hotel overnight. Prom there he boarded a train and went to JESUS CARANZAS, Mexico, and stayed at the Railroad Hotel about two nights, and returned to Laredo, Texas, on October 2, 1963.

When queried about his activities since September 1, 1963, he became indignant, and wanted to know why the FBI was interested in his itinerary, adding that this was a free country and he could travel whenever and wherever he pleased.

Under further interrogation, BOWEN stated that during the month of September, 1963, he stayed at the St. Anthony Hotel, Leredo, Texas, until his trip to Mexico on September 26, 1963. After returning from Mexico on October 2, 1963, he remained in Leredo at the St. Anthony Hotel until the latter part of October when he went on a lengthy trip in the United States, visiting churches and collecting religious books. He added that the records at the St. Anthony Hotel would not reflect that he stayed there in September or October inasmuch as the owner of the hotel owed him money from a typewriter that was stolen from his room and did not charge him for use of the room and, therefore, did not sign his name on the hotel register.

Referring to the lengthy trip he took in the United States the latter part of October, November, and most of December, he stated that he first went to Houston, Texas, where he stayed two nights at the Spur Hotel near the Greyhound Station having left Laredo, Texas, in mid-October. From Houston, he went to Memphis, Tennessee, to see Dr. A. D. MULA; however, did not see him as he arrived there at night. He stayed in Memphis two nights at the William Len Hotel. From there, he went to Charlotte, North Carolina, where he stayed at the YMCA and then went on to Columbia, South Carolina, and back to Laredo, Texas, just before Christmas. After Christmas, he went on another trip and visited Houston, Texas; Lake Charles and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and returned to Laredo, Texas. He added that this occurred in January, and in February, he made a trip to Birmingham, Alabama,

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BOWEN stated that he has never stayed in Texmelucan, Mexico, adding that he has only been through there on his way to Mexico City. He denied being interviewed in Mexico by anyone, and denied ever using a dual identity or ever having been in any other foreign country. He further atated that he has never used the name of ALBERT OSBORNE, He knows a man by that name who is also a preacher and missionary in Mexico. He last saw OSBORNE in Mexico City in mid-summer of 1963, and he and OSBORNE were last together in Osxaca, Mexico, in 1959. He added that he and OSBORNE look very much alike and were often mistaken for each other in Mexico.

BOWEN stated that during his travels in Mexico, he always stays with pastors and Christian people and sometimes does the same thing in the United States. He could not furnish names of people in the United States with whom he has stayed, explaining that he just could not remember their names. He stated that he is well known in Mexico, particularly Vera Cruz, and Caxaca, and mentioned the following names of persons who know him and with whom he has stayed in the past: MOSIS NAUM, pastor in Vera Cruz; LEONARD INGRAM and PERCY COX, both preachers in Mexico City; JOHN HARRIS, preacher in Arizaba, Vera Cruz. He added that COX and INGRAM are both listed in the directory, Mexico City. He also knows the man in charge of the Bible Society in Mexico City, however, cannot recall his name. He stated that he visits other cities in Mexico, however, could not recall all the names.

BOWEN was again exhibited photograph of OSWALD as being on the same bus with him on September 26, 1963, and has never seen him at any time. When confronted with the fact that three pther people on the same bus identified him and OSWALD as being seated in the same seat, he stated that he was saying only what he knew, and that possibly other people are not being truthful.

When queried about his background, BOWEN stated that he organized the Boys Club in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1934, now known as the Boys Club of America. At this point,

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BOWEN was pressed for his full background, specific details regarding his activities since September 1, 1963, names of friends, relatives, and people he has visited, etc., and he became very indignant. He stated that he had furnished all of this information to the Birmingham FBI Office and did not have to furnish it again. He stated that he did not understand why the FBI was interviewing him everywhere he went, and wanted to know what he was being charged with as he might get a lawyer. He was advised that he was not charged with anything and was not under arrest. At this point, he stated that he did not want to make any further statements. When asked where he intended to go from Laredo, Texas, he stated he did not know, and refused to say where he was going.

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OSCAR FERRINO, owner, St. Anthony Hotel, Laredo, Texas, advised that he recalls JOHN HOWARD BOWEN staying at this hotel in October and November, 1963; however, did not recall the dates and his records would not show inasmuch as a typewriter belonging to BOWEN was stolen from his room and he, FERRINO, paid BOWEN \$30.00 for the loss of this typewriter. He did not actually give BOWEN \$30.00, but let him stay in the room free, which would be about fifteen days for that amount of money.

In view of this, he did not record BOWEN's name on the register. In checking his records further, he noted that BOWEN stayed at the St. Anthony Hotel three nights in December, 1963, commencing on December 29.

FERRINO added that BOWEN checked out of the hotel at 7:00 a.m., February 17, 1964, and did not say where he was going.

by Special Agent LEOPOLDO E. ARMIJO/ldb/les Date dictored 2/18/64

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The following investigation was conducted by SA FRED T. LEE, JR., at Eagle Pass, Texas.

On Pebruary 18, 1964, Reverend WALTER L. HLUCHAN, Minister, Pentenstal Church of God, advised that on about Pebruary 8, 1964, he had received an undated letter from ALBERT OSBORNE Whom he knows as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. Return address on the letter was ALBERT OSBORNE, Emilio Carranza-4-8, Texmelucan, Pue., Mexico. In this letter OSBORNE indicated that on about December 20, 1963, he had returned to Texmelucan after preaching for some time in England, Spein, Northern France, and Northern Africa. OSBORNE did not indicate in his letter the length of time he had spent in Europe, but did indicate he expected to remain in Texmelucan for some time. Reverend HJUCHAN advised he could not furnish any additional information concerning the whereabouts or travel plan of OSBORNE.

On February 19, 1964, Reverend JAMES TIMMONS, Baptist Minister, advised he has known OSDORNEince about 1944. TIMMONS advised he has not seen OSDORNEFor some two years and does not know anything concerning his present whereabouts or activities. TIMMONS indicated that he recently sent a letter to OSDORNEWITH a return address Eagle Pass, Post Office Box 517, but that he has not received any reply to this letter. TIMMONS continued by stating that in the past OSDORNEMAG frequently visited Reverend JOE AMARINE, Mission Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention, Allice, Texas.

Further, Mr. TIMMONS described OSBORNEAS a person who "acted mysteriously and secretively" and that to his knowledge had not attended any ministerial school and his only affiliation with any religious group was the "Plymouth Brothers" which he described as an English non-denomination sect.

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pellas T-5, supra, reported the following
information;

Dr. and Mrs. JOHN MC FARLAND, 7A Riversdale Road, Liverpool, England were contacted by Detective Inspector WILLIAM BESTALL of the Liverpool City Constabulary on February 12, 1964.

The MC PARLANDs viewed the photos of ALBERT OSBORNE and JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. They definitely identified the photo of OSBORNE taken October, 1963, as being identical with the man they previously described who sat next to OSMALD on the bus trip into Mexico on September 26, 27, 1963. They were not that positive in identifying the other photos, however.

Mrs. MC FARLAND stated that she remembered CSBORNE as speaking with a slight North England accent and when she questioned CSBORNE if he had ever been in England he replied in the negative, stating that his mother was English. She was led to believe by CSBORNE that he was an American Citizen and had traveled in Mexico extensively as he appeared to know intimately the countryside they were passing through while on the bus trip from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City.

Both the MC FARLANDs were specifically questioned as to whether they had any knowledge of previous trips OSWALD had made to Mexico and they replied they were under the impression OSWALD had never been to Mexico before because he appeared to be completely ignorant about the country and language.

The Hotel Cubs never came into their conversation with either GWMALD or OSBORNE. Mrs. MC FARLAND stated OSBORNE was carrying a haversack-type bag containing canned food and she was under the impression he was returning to some sort of school or mission in Mexico and she believed it was at Guernavaca.

On February 15, 1964, Detective Sergeant J. STANDISH, Grimsby Police, England, conducted investigation and interviewed relatives of ALBERT OSBORNE in the Grimsby area. The persons

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interviewed were WALTER OSBORNE, who resides in an old people's home in Grimsby and is ALBERT OSBORNE'S brother. The other individual interviewed was a Mrs. LILLIE FEATHERSTONE, sister to ALBERT OSBORNE who resided at Station Road, Greatcoates, Lincolnshire and is a rural district outside Grimsby.

Both WALTER OSBORNE and Mrs. FEATHERSTONE immediately identified all photos as being that of their brother, ALBERT. They stated that ALBERT was born in Grimsby and left England as a young man with a Lincolnshire Army Regiment for dibraltar and Bermuda. This was gone time prior to World War I as by that time he was in Canada and studied for the ministry and served as a chaplain in the Canadian Army during the period 1914-1918.

They stated it was almost 40 years before ALBERT returned to England and that very little was actually known of his life. He corresponded infrequently with them and they have heard that he was married and had a son but have no idea of the present whereabouts of them.

They did state, however, that for approximately the last five years they have used the address in corresponding with him as ALBERT OSBORNE, care of JOHN H. BOWEN, BOX 308, Laredo, Texas, and they continued to use that address until ALBERT suddenly appeared in Orimsby in early November, 1963. According to WALTER OSBORNE, ALBERT traveled to Prestwick, Scotland in the company of a group of scientists who were going to Iceland to photograph a volcano which has emerged there from the ocean. It is not known whether he got off the plane in Prestwick before or after the expedition did the photographing in Iceland, however, he traveled over night by train from Prestwick and arrived early in the morning at MRS. FEXTHERSTONE's home. He remained there four or five days and left for London stating he was going on to Spain.

Mrs. FEATHERSTONE then received a letter dated December 14, 1963, postmarked New York City, in which ALBERT stated he had arrived back in the United States at New York on December 5, 1963.

WALTER stated he heard from ALBERT by letter postmarked Wexico, January 8, 1963, in which ALBERT used the following return address: Emilio Corranza 4A, Texmelucan, Pue, Wexico. He said that he had destroyed the envelope so that it was not possible for Sergeant STANDISH to determine from where the letter had been sent.

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Neither WALTER OSBORNE nor Mrs. FEATHERSTONE was able to shed any light on the name JOHN H. BOWEN except that ALBERT had told them in the past to write to him care of that name in Laredo. They had never heard him mention BOWEN in any of his letters or in conversation with him.

Mrs. FEATHERSTONE advised, however, that she has a sister, a Mrs. ADA AMOS, who resides on Manchester Street, Gary, Indiana, and it is the only other relative she has who resides in the United States. She added she does not think Mrs. AMOS and ALERT have been in close contact over the years as Mrs. AMOS visited them in Grimsby a few years ago and at that time advised she had seen or heard very little from her brother, ALERT, even though they were in the same country.

Dallas T-5 also furnished photographs of certified copy of an entry of birth given at the General Register Office, Somerset House, London, Application No. 514371. This document reflects a birth in the District of Caistor, Sub-District of Crat grimsby in the County of Lincoln, England, on the 12th day of November, 1888, at 106 Oxford Street, New Clee, England. The beby is reflected as a boy, name.ALERT, Tather-JAMES OSBORNE, mother-EMILY OSBORNE, formerly COLE, with the birth having been recorded December, 1888.

On February 26, 1964, Mrs. ADA AMOS, 353 Marshall Street, Gary, Indiana, advised ALEERT OSBORNE, her brother, was born November 12, 1889, Grimsby, England, parents JAMES and EMILY COLE OSBORNE, both deceased.

Mrs. AMOS said ALBERT OSBORNE attended primary schools in Grimsby, England, was subsequently employed by Grimsby Grocery Store and enlisted in British Army in 1908 and served most of his enlistment in India. She said he bought himself out of the Army in 1914 and migrated to the U. S. during the same year. He settled in the South living most of the time in unrecalled areas of Tennessee.

She stated her brother was occupied as a preacher, church affiliation not known, and was also engaged as an

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actor and lecturer involving places and speeches on India. She stated ALBERT married, wife's name and whereabouts being unknown, had one son, reportedly killed in action in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II, has a daughter-in-law and grandson in the United States, whose names and whereabouts unknown.

She stated ALBERT once lived in Laredo, Texas, address and occupation not recalled. She has some vague knowledge that he was affiliated with some Christian Association and fulfilled engagements making talks on India. She stated that at one time, he was affiliated with an unrecalled boys camp in the South, possibly Tennessee. She remembered in ALBERT's infrequent correspondence and letters that he frequently traveled to Mexico, crossing at Laredo and El Paso, Texas, but recalled no information regarding possible travel to Canada. Spain, or Scotland.

Mrs. AMOS recalls ALBERT formerly lived in New York City and Washington, D. C., addresses unknown, and does not know whether ALBERT is a naturalized United States Citizen. Mrs. AMOS was unable to supply any information regarding ALBERT having lived in Canada or about possible Canadian citizenship.

Mrs. AMOS has not seen ALBERT in over 20 years at which time he visited her home in Gary, Indiana, for one night, this being the only occasion she has seep him in 55 years. She recalled that at that time he was involved preaching and lecturing. She said she has not been in close contact with him because of a minor disagreement regarding his borrowing money from her. She recalled that he wrote her during the 1920s requesting funds at which time she sent him some money in care of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN in New York City. She has no knowledge of ALBERT OSSORNE using the dual identity of BOMEN or ever utilizing any name other than his true name.

Mrs. AMOS said she has never heard of ALBERT having any scientific or technical skills or being involved in oceanographyor other scientific projects. She recelled that in earlier years he did manifest some talent as an artist and spent time sketching.

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Mrs. AMOS stated ALBERT has brothers, ARTHUR OSBORNE, date of birth April 9, 1882, residing Hornosatle, Hope Castle, England; WALTER OSBORNE, born March 28, 1868, residing Old Peoples Home, Scather Road, Scather, England, and slaters, ROSETTA GELL, born May 19, 1866, residing 87 Sthellers Road, Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire, England; Mrs. FLORRY BOND, born July 9, 1864, residing 32 Ownit Street, Abbeywood, London, SE2, England. Other sister and brothers are RHODA, WILL, JIM, FRANK, and ABBOTT, deceased.

Mrs. AMOS related that sisters ROSETTA GELL, FLORY BOND, and EMILY FRATHERSTONE have been in closer contact with ALBERT and might be able to furnish more recent information regarding his activities.

On February 17, 1964, Special Agent ERVIN B. BRUNINGA, Birmingham, Alabama, viewed photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE taken October, 1963, and reported that in his opinion, that person is identical with JOHN HOWARD BOWEN whomhe, BRUNINGA interviewed at Florence, Alabama, Pebruary 8, 1964.

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Miss PANELA LILLIAN MUMFORD furnished the following information:

She continues to be employed as a legal stenographer at Dillavou and Cox, Attorneys, 611 Wilshire Boulevard, Room 700, Los Angeles. She resides at the Jaqueline Apartments, 153 North New Hampshire Avenue, Apartment No. 212.

Miss PATRICIA WINSTON, who was her former roommate and with whom she was traveling around the world, departed Los Angeles on January 21, 1964, and is presently residing with her parents in Flat 4, #8 Wood Street, Manly, Sidney, Australia.

Three photographs of ALBERT OSBORNE, also known as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, were displayed to Miss MUMPORD. The first photograph was taken in October, 1963, in connection with his passport application and shows his head and shoulders. He is wearing a white shirt. The second and third photograhs were taken on February 8, 1964, and he is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and striped tie, and is holding a pipe in his right hand. These are stand-up, full face and profile photog.

Upon viewing these photographs, Miss MUMFORD advised that she was positive that this individual was identical to the man whom she had seen and who sat next to LEE HARVEY GWALD on the bus which had come from Nuevo Laredo, and which she and Miss WINSTON had boarded at Monterey, Mexico, on September 26, 1963, and which arrived in Mexico City on September 27, 1963. During the time that Miss MUMFORD was on the bus, CSWALD sat next to this man, whom she had previously described as "the Englishmen".

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ALBERT OSBORNE, whose permanent address is 920 Salinas, Box 308, Laredo, Texas, was interviewed at his temporary place of residence at the Central YMCA, Nashville, Tennessee, where he is registered under the name JOEN H. HOWEN.

At the outset of the interview, OSBORNE denied his true identity and claimed that his name was JOEN H. BOWEN; however, he later admitted that his correct name is ALERET OSBOENE and he furnished the following background information concerning himself:

OSBORNE indicated that he was born November 12, 1888. at Grimsby, England, to JAMES OSBORNE and EMILY COLE OSBORNE, both of whom are deceased. He identified his brothers as WALTER OSBORNE, Grimsby, England; ARTHUR OSBORNE, Grimsby, England; WILLIAM OSBORNE, deceased, and FRANK OSBORNE, deceased. Re identified his sisters as EMILY FEATHERSTONE, Grimsby, England; FLORE BOND, London, England; ROSETTA GELL, Lincolnshire, England. and ADA AMOS, Gary, Indians. He stated that he was educated at St. James Academy at Grimsby, England, until the eighth grade. OSBORNE stated that he joined the British Army in 1908, serving in India, Arabia, and Bermuda. He purchased his discharge from the British Army in 1914 while in Bermuda and thereafter came directly to the United States and proceeded to Washington, D. C., where he obtained employment in several grocery stores under his correct name, ALBERT OSBORNE. While in Washington, D. C., he took a correspondence course in Religion from the University of Chicago. Thereafter, he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. where he attended the Philadelphia Bible College for approximately one year while living and working as a janitor at the YMCA in Philadelphia. In 1916, he proceeded to Canada, where he joined the Canadian Army as OSBORNE and remained in the Canadian Army until the cessation of hostilities in World War I. Thereafter, he returned to Washington, D. C., where he met a Syrian. whose name he does not recall, and went into the rug cleaning business with this individual.

OSBORNE indicated that the rug cleaning business was of an itinerant nature and he and the Syrian traveled throughout the United States in this venture. During this period and at the suggestion of the Syrian, he adopted the name JOHN H. BOWKN, in order to obtain a more Americanized name and for the purpose of eventually obtaining American citizenship and an American

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passport in order that he might accompany the Syrian to the latter's native country. He indicated, however, that he did not thereafter take any steps to obtain American citizenship or to obtain an American passport. He stated that he took no steps to have his name changed legally but merely adopted the name BOWEM. After leaving the rug cleaning business, he worked for several years as an itinerant gardener primarily in the States of Virginia and North Carolina. In 1929, he went to Enoxville, Tennessee, where he became affiliated with the YMCA in that city in boys work and indicated that he organized the organization which subsequently became known as the Boys Club of America.

OSBOEME indicated that he remained in Knoxville, Tennessee, until about 1943 when he became an itinerant Baptist preacher throughout the south, having been ordained as a Baptist Minister in the Bethany Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1916 after he attended the Philadelphia Baptist College.

OSBORNE stated that he first visited Mexico in 1939 as a tourist and became interested in missionary work and has been in and out of Mexico numerous times since then.

He indicated that for the past twenty years he has maintained occasional residence and a permanent sailing address at \$20 Saiinas, Box 308, Laredo, Texas. In this connection, OSBORNE denied that he had ever received correspondence from relatives addressed as "Albert Osborne, care of John H. Bowen, Box 308, Laredo." He said he was well known at Laredo, Texas, as JOHN H. BOWEN and was a member of the First Baptist Church in that city.

OSBORME stated that he got in trouble in Mexico in about 1956 when the Mexican authorities were conducting sort of a census in order to identify Americans residing in Mexico. He stated that when he was questioned by Mexican authorities he was required to produce identification documents and the only documents he had were his birth certificate and Canadian Army enlistment papers in the name of ALBERT OSBORME, which he produced, stating, "This mixed my name up with people in Oaxaco," and indicated that he was known in Mexico by the names OSBORME and BOWEN.

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He indicated that he had used the name JORN H. BOWRN in the United States since about 1918 except when he applied for and received a Canadian passport at New Orleans, Louisians, on October 10, 1963, in the name OSBORNE, using the above-mentioned OSBORNE identification documents. He indicated that after obtaining the passport he visited his sisters and brothers in England and a Baptist Church in Madrid on a 21-day trip ending in New York, December 5, 1963. He traveled to Europe and returned to the United States as a passenger on the Icelandic Airlines.

OSBORNE was questioned concerning his missionary work in Mexico. He indicated that he had visited various evangelical churches in Mexico City and other places in Mexico providing books and financial assistance to these churches. He was questioned concerning his source of funds to provide the financial assistance and books and he stated that these funds came from various independent Baptist Churches and members of Baptist Churches with whom he was in contact. He was questioned concerning the identity of others who knew of his work in Mexico and he mentioned he was well known to PERCY COX, who is well known in Baptist missionary circles in Mexico City, and whose name is listed in the Directory of Americans Residing in Mexico City. He also indicated LECMARD INGRAM, who operates a publishing house of religious materials in Mexico City, could provide information concerning his work as a missionary in Mexico. He indicated he was well known to the Bible Society known as the Mexicana Bible Society in Mexico City.

Regarding churches from whom he has received financial support, he indicated that the First Baptist Church, Roancke, Virginia; Isabell Baptist Church, Leighton, Alabama, and several other churches in that area as well as some churches in Florida, the identity of which he was unable to provide, assisted him financially. He indicated that EARL KIRBY, who is postmaster at Leighton, Alabama, was a person who had rendered considerable financial assistance to him. OSBORME emphasized that he did not solicit these funds but that these churches and individuals knew of him work and veluntarily sent contributions from time to time.

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OSSORME was specifically questioned concerning specific activities since June, 1962. In this connection, he indicated that in June, 1962, he was at Laredo, Texas. He stated that since that time he has been traveling around considerably. When questioned for specific places he had been in his activities, he indicated he had spent some time in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and other Louisiana towns and cities looking for old, rare books which he collected and was able to sell for a profit. He indicated that he stayed in rooming houses and cheap hotels, none of which he was able to identify. He was questioned concerning his contacts during that period but was unable to provide specifics.

OSBORNE was questioned specifically concerning his trip to Mexico City on September 26, 27, 1963. OSBORNE indicated that he was a passenger on the Red Arrow Bus Lines from Laredo, Texas to Mexico City, on September 25, 26, 1963. When reminded that he had previously furnished bus ticket stubs of the Red Arrow Bus Lines indicating that he journeyed to Mexico City from Laredo on September 26, 1963, OSBORNE indicated that it was possible that the date of the beginning of his journey was September 26, 1963, but that it was his first recollection that he left on September 25, 1962. He maintained that on the trip to Mexico City there were no other English-speaking people who were fellow passengers and specifically denied that LEE HARVEY OSWALD, whose picture he had viewed on several occasions. was a fellow passenger. He stated he was seated on the bus with a young Mexican or Spanish-appearing person who apparently spoke no English. He stated that this person boarded the bus on the Mexican side of Laredo. He said this person was wearing khaki pants, colored shirt and no hat, and he indicated this person tended to be bald-headed and had a sallow complexion. He got off the bus at the first coffee break at Sabino Hilldgo. His seat made re-entered the bus after the coffee break, but proceeded to the rear of the bus where he slept. OSBORNE indicated that the only conversation he had with any person on the bus was with two elderly Mexican women who were holding a young baby.

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He stated that the nature of his conversation with these elderly women was to apologize to them for any inconvenience he may have caused them in pushing his seat back since they were seated behind him. He stated he did not know where the boy who was his seat mate at first left the bus, indicating he may have left the bus at Monterey, Mexico. He denied seeing and talking to an English couple and denied seeing and talking to two Australian girls who boarded the bus at Monterey. It is his present recollection that he arrived at Mexico City September 26, 1963, at 9:30 P.M. and took a bus to Puebla where he stayed at the Teress Hotel.

He indicated that he remained there two or three days and then picked up some religious books at the Evangelical Book Store and proceeded to Texmelucan and went to a residence maintained by missionaries who are native preachers who come and go from that residence. He indicated that he returned to Laredo on October 1, 1963 by Vera Cruz and thereafter went to New Orleans, Louisian, where he obtained his Canadian passport on October 10, 1963. He remained in New Orleans about three days and returned to Laredo, where he remained as few days and then went to New York City via bus leaving New York City for London as mentioned above. He indicated he was in New York City approximately two days staying at the William Sloan on 34th Street under the name CSBORNE.

OSBORNE admitted he had been untruthful in three previous interviews concerning his own identity and had furnished false information concerning JOHN H. BOWEN, whom he had previously indicated was an acquaintance for whom he, OSBORNE, has been frequently mistaken. He indicated that his reason for his untruthfulness was that he had been caught up in his own web of furnishing false information years ago to the Mexican authorities which established his dual identity as OSBORNE and BOWEN.

It is noted that OSBORNE had in his possession at the time of the interview Canadian Passport No. 5-605377 in the name of Reverend ALBERT OSBORNE, occupation - Clergyman. His place of birth was listed as Grimsby, Lincoln, England, November 12, 1888. This passport is valid until October 10, 1968. It was issued at New Orleans, Louisians, by G. F. BLACKSTOCK, Consul of Canada.

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Contained with the Canadian passport was an International Certificate of Vaccination in the name of ALBERT OSBORNE, 1441 Drummond Street, Montreal, Canada, which was issued at the U.S. Quarantine Station, Laredo, Texas. A notation contained in this document indicated he was vaccinated on September 24, 1963, at the above mentioned Quarantine Station. It was also noted that OSBORNE had in his possession Social Security Card No. 449-36-9745 in the name JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. It was also noted he had in his possession a Texas Company Gasoline Credit Card, Til372, in the name JOHN H. BOWEN. Typed on this card is the above Social Security Number. The expiration date or the date of issuance on this gas credit card was obliterated.

OSBORNE was questioned concerning his means of livelihood in the past several years. He indicated that he was an expert gardener and when funds became low he obtained jobs at various places as an itinerant gardener. When questioned for names of persons or concerns for whom employed, he was able to furnish only the name of Tyler Nursery Company, Tyler, Texas, as a place where he worked during the summer of 1963. However, he indicated that he had worked at various homes in other Texas cities including Austin, but maintained that he could not recall names of such employers nor was he able to furnish identities of other cities where he had worked as a gardener.

OSBORNE was advised that his photograph had been positively identified by other English speaking people on the Red Arrow Bus from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico City on September 26, 27, 1963. OSBORNE again denied that he was on a bus with any other English speaking people and that he himself apoke no English to anyone on the bus.

He stated that since he had finally revealed his true identity that he would have no purpose in being further untruthful, and that if he were a passenger on the bus with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and other English speaking people, he would freely admit same now, but he continued to maintain that he had never seen OSWALD or been a fellow passenger with him on the bus or the above-mentioned English couple and Australian girls.

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TRAVEL OF ALBERT OSBORNE-JOHN HOWARD BOWEN

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Date December 24, 1963

OSCAR FERRINO, owner of the St. anthony Hotel, Laredo, Texas, advised that JOHN HOWARD BOMEN has been staying at the St. Anthony Hotel in Laredo for many many years as he travels to and from Mexico. FERRINO stated that BOWEN is a Baptist Missionery who teaches the Baptist Religion in Puebla, Mexico, and at present is operating a school for approximately 25 to 30 boys. FERRINO advised that he has no records for BOWEN at the hotel for the past two or three months inasmuch as a typewriter belonging to BOWEN was stolen at the hotel and that he gave BOWEN free rent at the rate of \$8.00 per week for Room 108 which is the room BOWEN always occupies until typewriter is paid for and, therefore, did not enter his appearance at the hotel in the registry book. FERRINO stated that BOWEN is approximately 80 years old, but appears to be around 60 or 70 years, is heavy set, bald headed, and is approximately 5'9" tall.

FERRINO stated that he forwards BOWEN his mail each Friday to the address of "JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Emilio Carranza 4-A Texnelucan, Puebla, Mexico".

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On January 15, 1964, OSCAR FERRINO, St. Anthony Hotel, Laredo, Texas, advised Special Agent ROBERT L. CHAPMAN that approximately two weeks prior to that date, JOHN HOWARD BOWEN had passed through Laredo from Mexico. He stated that BOWEN told him that BOWEN had been interviewed in Mexico by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and he was then en route to Austin, Texas, for interview by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Austin. He said BOWEN did not leave any forwarding address, but stated he was en route to Kansas City to straighten out his Social Security and said he, BOWEN, would write to FERRINO and tell him where to forward his, BOWEN's, mail. BOWEN did not state what the FBI had interviewed him about in Mexico.

On Pebruary 14, 1964, Mias NAMCY DAVIS, Secretary to K. W. NEWMAN, Manager, William Len Hotel, Memphis, Temnessee, advised Special Agent WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE from records that one ALERRIT OSBORN, listing his home (no number) at Drummond Street, Montreal, Canada, William Len Hotel, Folio No. 90193, checked into this hotel on January 17, 1964, stayed in Room 205, at the rate of \$4.68 and checked out January 18, 1964, leaving no forwarding address, made no telephone calls, and occupied the room by himself.

On February 14, 1964, Mrs. SUE HOWARD, Room Clerk, who checked OSBORNE into the hotel, and Mrs. MARTHA BRENNAN, cashier, who checked him out, and Bellman RAYNER DANNER, who took his bags to Room No. 2D5, all advised Special Agent WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE, after viewing photographs of ALBERT OSBORNE, that they did not recall him and had no idea as to his purpose in being at Memphis. Tennessee.

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Date February 17, 1964

On Pebruary 16, 1964, WILLIAM S. SHIVELY, JR., 6650 North Clippinger.Drive, Cincinnati 43, Ohio, advised he was unacquainted with any ALBERT OSBORNE or any JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

He said he is a third-year student at the University of Cincinnati and had hitchhiked from Cincinnati to Laredo, Texas, during September, 1963, and bought a railroad ticket from there to Mexico City, Mexico, on September 22, 1963. He said he lived at the Royal Prince Hotel while in Mexico City and had also visited Verscruz, Mexico, for several days, staying at the Emporio Hotel. On October 2, 1963, he left Mexico City for Laredo, Texas, via a bus line, name unrecalled, since he failed to make train connections. At Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Mexican authorities checked out the passengers on the bus by taking their tourist cards that were issued upon entering Mexico. He said his tourist card was taken also.

Upon being shown the photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE, he said he merely recelled seeing someone who looked like that person either at the bus station in Mexico City or on his bus ride from Mexico City to Laredo, Texas, on October 2, 1963. SHIVELY said he had no conversation with OSBORNE who was not recelled as traveling with anyone else. Also, SHIVELY stated he was unacquainted with the other passengers on the bus, which had about thirty passengers. He stated he could not remember where OSBORNE departed the bus and did not know his destination or whereabouts. Also, he said he was unable to recall what luggage, if any, OSBORNE had, or the type of clothing he wore.

SHIVELY advised he was unable to recall ALBERT OSBORNE's height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair other than greying, or any peculiarities. He said that had he had any conversation with OSBORNE, SHIVELY would have been able to furnish more information.

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SHIVELY volunteered that he had read newspaper accounts that LIEE HARVEY OSWALD had been in Mexico at about the same time as SHIVELY visited that country. SHIVELY stated that he had not seen OSWALD in Mexico, was unacquainted with OSWALD, and had no information about OSWALD, and had no information about OSWALD.

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Dallas T-7, a confidential source abroad, advised on February 7, 1964, that under that date the Spanish police reported their records fail to reflect entry into Spain of ALBERT OSBORNE or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, elderly white male. Further, no record of OSBORNE was located in the Embassy records, Paris, France.

Dallas T-6, supra, reported under date of February 4, 1964, that efforts by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Headquarters, Ottawa, Canada, haddeveloped no additional information regarding ALBERT OSBORNE than that previously reported but efforts were continuing.

Little Rock T-1 reported on February 3, 1964, that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN left a forwarding address at the Hot Springs, Arkansas, U. S. Post Office, on January 29, 1964, of General Delivery, Russellville, Alabama.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HORACE H. WILLIS:

Mrs. WILEY UPTAIN, Route 2, Leighton, Alabama, advised February 13, 1964, JOEN HOWARD BOWEN lived at her home during most of approximately two weeks he visited North Alabama, in late January and early February, 1964. Bhe advised she did not know details of BOWEN's itinerary es route back to his home in Mexico, however, she said she transported BOWEN to Russellville, Alabama, on February 10, 1964, where he said he planned to board a Greyhound Bus at 11:32 a.m., February 10, 1964, en route to Mexico, the exact place she did not know, stating she understood BOWEN conducted much of his business at Laredo, Texas. She said BOWEN indicated he intended to contact friends at Birmingham, Alabama, and at New Orleans, Louisians, en route. He never identified these friends by name or address. She stated she expected BOWEN to reach Mexico on or before February 17, 1964.

Birmingham T-1 reported on February 13, 1964, that the Post Office, Russellville, Alabama, received a postcard postmarked Birmingham, Alabama, February 10, 1964, advising the Russellville Post Office to forward mail for BOWEN to JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, General Delivery, Corpus Christi. Texas.

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AND CONTACTS OF ALBERT OSBORNE JOHN HOWARD BOWEN

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Dote January 29, 1964

Mrs. VIRGIL (WILMA) DYKES, 1038 South Whitcomb, Indianapolis, Indiana advised that she is a contributor to the Baptist mission in Mexico. She stated that approximately two years ago, someone submitted her name to this particular mission run by JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and she has been contributing to this mission ever since that time. She stated her last contribution was mailed in the middle of January, 1964, to BOWEN at Niza 22, Mexico.

Mrs. DYKES personally never met BOWEN, but has received a number of thank you notes from BOWEN and Christmas cards with some informative comments concerning the mission and himself. She stated the last thank you card contained information that he had hurt his back and was going to Hot Springs, Arkansas in January, 1964, and that for any reason, could be located through General Delivery in that city.

Mrs. DYKES was exhibited two photographs of BOWEN, which she was unable to identify. She further advised she never heard of the name ALBERTO OSBORNE.

Mrs. DYKES made available a group photograph of BOWEN along with some of his parishioners, which was apparently taken in December, 1961, and it was sent to her by BOWEN as a Christmas card.

Wrs. DYKES advised she had no other information available pertaining to BOWEN other than it was her impression that he was running a bona fide Baptist mission in Mexico.

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Mrs. EUGENE (LOLA) LOVING. 2617 Seventeenth Street, Forest Grove, Oregon, said on January 31, 1964, that her husband is no longer living but that prior to his death, both he and she had been active missionaries for the Pentecostal Church of God, serving for a number of years in Indonesia.

In the early 1950's, they returned from Indonesia, and in about 1956 they and their daughter, SHARON, went to Mexico City. where they opened a Bible School for the Pentecostal Church of God. Not long after beginning their work, they met another missionary by the name of ALBERT OSBORNE. This man, whom she believed to be a Baptist, had a mission at Texmelucan, not far from Mexico City. His mission consisted of his own large home where he gathered in young men who appeared to have no homes or ties, trained them and then sent them out on their own as missionaries.

It was not long before the LOVINGs found that OSBORNE was using two names. His second was JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. In fact, OSBORNE readily admitted the use of both names and voluntarily explained that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, at one time, had been an associate of his in the mission at Texmelucan but had died. Monetary contributions for the mission, which is dependent upon such donations, kept coming in to Texmelucan in BOWEN(s name, and rather than lose this money, OSBORNE had gone to banking officials and explained the situation. Specifically mentioned by OSBORNE were American Express authorities in Mexico City, who had agreed to honor the contributions and make the payments to OSBORNE, using BOWEN's name. Consequently, over the years since that time, OSBORNE had assumed the dual identity.

Mrs. LOVING continued that she and her husband and daughter were in Mexico City until about 1958 and that during that time and over the years since, OSBORNE has used both names indiscriminately. She pointed out that he continues to correspond with her and that she never knows, from letter to letter, which name he will be using. She usually writes to him, however, in the name of AIBERT OSBORNE.

Mrs. LOVING went on to say that she had received a letter only a week ago from OSBORNE. The return address, which she had torn from the letter, was ALBERT OSBORN, Emilio Carranza 4-A. Texmelucan, Pue, Mexico, which, she said, was the address of his mission. She expressed the belief that OSBORNE would be at that address at the present time, having only recently returned from Europe. She recalled that in recent weeks, possibly in the past month or two, she had received a letter from OSBORNE in Spain.

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MYS. LOVING readily and without hesitation identified two photographs of JOHN HOWAND BOWER and one of ALBERT CSBORNE as being those of the same person, ALBERT CSBORNE, the man she had known in Mexico. She frequently referred to CSBORNE as a "fine old man" and indicated that she regarded him highly. At one period in his life he supposedly served for twenty years as a missionary in India. MYS. LOVING believed him to be an American citizen but said she knew of no connections of CSBORNE in the United States except some friends in Texas, whom he visits from time to time. She identified one of his friends as the Reverend MALTER L. HLUCHAN, Post Office Box 1343, Eagle Pass, Texas, who operates a mission near Eagle Pass. MYS. LOVING said that it had been Reverend HIJUCHAN who had introduced CSBORNE to her and her husband and that Reverend RIJUCHAN knew CSBORNE well and possessed detailed information concerning him.

Mrs. EUGEME (LOLA)LOVING, 2617 7th Street, Forest Grove, Oregon, advised on February 11, 1964, that she had destroyed the last is ther which she had received from ALBERT CEDORNE. This was the letter which bore the return address of ALBERT CEDORNE, Railio Carranza 4-A, Texnelucan, Pue. Mexico. Mrs. LOVING went on to say that she felt that the letter was written from Texnelucan although this may have been only because she was aware that that was his normal address. She recalled definitely that the letter had come from Mexico because it bore Mexican postage stamps which she had removed and saved for a friend.

Mrs. LOVING further advised that every month she sends a financial contribution to OSBORNE, always sending the contribution to him at Texmelucan. The contributions are usually by check, the checks being cashed at American Express in Mexico City.

Mrs. LOVING added that she was currently preparing a contribution of dothing which was to be sent to OSBORNE. She pointed out, however, that regulations prevent shipment of such clothing into Mexico and consequently such clothing contributions are picked up by OSBORNE when he comes to the United States for visits. He normally informs her as to what point she should mail such clothing. These locations are usually in Texas, Mrs. LOVING said, since that is where he usually visits.

Mrs. LOVING recalled that in the last letter received from OSBORNE, the one which had been destroyed, he had told her that the

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clothing this time should be sent to him in either name, ALBERT OSBORME or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Post Office Box 308, Laredo, Texas, Mrs. LOVING said that this was the address of a friend of OSBORME's but that she had never known the name of this individual, She commented that she presumed, in view of his mailing instructions to her, that OSBORME might be at this Laredo, Texas address either at present or soon if he is not currently in Texaslucan.

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Date February 28, 1964

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Reverend WALTER LADDIE HLUCHAN Pentecostal Church of Christ, 711 Madison, Eagle Pass, Texas, advised as follows:

In 1939 he was assigned by the Pentecostal Church of Christ to do missionary type work at Vera Cruz, Vera Cruz, Mexico. In the latter part of this year, 1939, he met a person who was introduced to him as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN at the residence of Reverend Å. C. HORSTMAN, then a missionary for the Pentecostal Church of Christ at Vera Cruz. At this time the person he met as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, but whose true name he now knows to be AIBERT OSBORNE, was living at Nocheslan, ORXACA, Mexico, which location is between Oaxaca City, Oaxaca, Mexico, and Puebla City, Puebla, Mexico. OSBORNE had suffered financial losses due to a flood in Oaxaca and at that time he (HIUCHAN) bought a Remington portable typewriter from him (OSBORNE) for 150 pessos (\$30.00 in United States money). OSBORNE was at this time selling Bibles and distributing religious literature but was apparently not connected with any specific church or religious denomination.

After this he did not see CSBOENE for approximately eight months but during the following twelve months, 1940-41, he visited OSBOENE several times at Nocheslan, Ozacca, Mexico, when he (RIUCHAN) chanced to be in Nocheslan on duties connected with his missionary work.

In 1941 he (HIJCHAN) became extremely ill from fever and because of ill health left Mexico for about nine years. During this period he did not see OSBORNE and did not receive any information concerning him. In late 1949 or early 1950 he (HIJCHAN) returned to Mexico City to continue his missionary work. During the next eight or nine years, 1950-58, he saw OSBORNE on about four or five occasions, most of which were at the Mexico City, Mexico, home of Mrs. LOLA LOVING, wife of a now deceased missionary who now resides at 2223 A Street, Forest Grove, Oregon, and that at some unrecalled date between 1950 and 1958 CSBORNE changed his residence from Nocheslan, Oaxaca, Mexico, to Texmelucan, Puebla, Mexico, which location is also known as San Martine, Puebla, Mexico,

In about 1958 OSBORNE was in some difficulty with the Mexican Immigration authorities at Mexico City concerning his residence in Mexico and his using the name JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

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On one occasion during this period he (HLUCHAN) was at the residence of Mrs. LOLA LOVING in Mexico City and OSBORNE. who was also at the residence, was discussing his problems with the Mexican Immigration authorities. At this time OSBORNE explained in his (HLUCHAN's) presence that many years ago (HLUCHAN did not recall if OSBORNE indicated a specific number of years) he, OSBORNE, had come to Mexico with one JOHN HOWARD BOWEN to do missionary type work. A short time later he lost or misplaced his Mexican Tourist Card which permitted him to live legally in Mexico and it happened that BOWEN. with whom he had come to Mexico and with whom he was doing missionary work, was leaving Mexico and did not need his Mexican Tourist Card. OSBORNE explained that for this reason BOWEN gave him his Mexican Tourist Card to use for identification as a tourist legally in Mexico. OSBORNE explained that subsequent to this he (OSBORNE) was known to persons whom he met as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and among all his acquaintances he used only this name.

Reverend HLUCHAN stated that he positively does not know any reason other than the above as to why OSBORNE used the name JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. Reverend HLUCHAN stated although he met OSBORNE in 1939 he has probably seen him less than a dozen times, has never been closely associated with him and has not seen him since sometime in 1961. Reverend HLUCHAN stated he does not know of any ministerial training OSBORNE may have had. OSBORNE has indicated that prior to going to Mexico he had done missionary work in India for many years: he has never heard OSBORNE called anything but "Mr."; he has never known OSBORNE to have an associate or to organize a church in Mexico; he has never known the religious faith of OSBORNE: as to his knowledge OSBORNE has distributed literature of the Methodist, Baptist, and other churches and had at times indicated a connection with an unknown church in England. Reverend HLUCHAN stated OSBORNE has for many years given religious instruction to Mexican boys who resided at his residence and has distributed religious type literature in Mexico. Reverend HLUCHAN pointed out that during the time he has known OSBORNE since 1939, the only letter he recalls receiving from him was one he received in early February, 1964, indicating a return address of EMILIO CARRANZA 4A, Texmelucan, Puebla, Mexico, which letter was signed ALEERT OSBORN , and including information that OSBORNE had apparently returned to Texmelucan shortly before Christmas, 1963, after participating in evangelistic services in England, Spain, Northern France and Northern Africa.

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Reverend HIJCHAN pointed out that he was vague on some dates regarding his combacts with OSBORNE as he was unable to recall clearly the details of these contacts. Reverend HIJCHAN stated that he has never known OSBORNE to be connected with any occupation or activity other than missionary type work in Mexico and does not know anything unfavorable concerning him. Reverend Eluchan concluded by stating that he could not give any additional information or reason why OSBORNE had used the name JOHN HOWARD BOWEN when his true name was AIBERT OSBORNE.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DEAN W. GASTEIGER:

AT JONESVILLE, VIRGINIA

On February 17, 1964, GEORGE FULLER CRIDLIN, age 16, Jonesville, Virginia, son of JOE CRIDLIN, Judge, Circuit Court, Lee County, Virginia, and a student at Jonesville, Virginia, High School, advised that he had met a JOHN HOWARD BOWEN a couple of years ago, when he was in Appalachia, Virginia, for a church meeting. He said as a result of this, and influence of his mother, he became interested in the missionary work that BOWEN was reported to be doing in Mexico, and therefore, sent him some money to be used in the missionary work. He recalled that about January, 1964, he sent about \$14,00 to him in Mexico, but he could not recall the address. He mentioned his mother, Mrs. JOE CRIDLIN, would be able to furnish more information concerning BOWEN. He was shown the photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE and he said he could not be sure if this person is identical with BOWEN.

On February 18, 1964, Mrs. JOE CRIDLIN, Jonesville, Virginia, advised that she knew a JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, and a photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE was shown to her. She said that this photograph resembles the person she had met as BOWEN. She recalled she first heard about BOWEN through her sister. Mrs. LOUISE FULLER FRALEY, Appalachia, Virginia, when he first came to Appalachia, Virginia, about 20 years ago and spoke to a group in Appalachia, Virginia, about his missionary work. She did not see BOWEN until about two years ago when he returned to Appelachia, Virginia, and stayed with her sister, Mrs. FRALEY, for a night, and while in Appalachia, he spoke before a group at the Baptist Church. She said that about six years ago she decided to send some money to BOWEN to help out in the missionary work he had said he was doing in Mexico. She stated since then she has been receiving correspondence from BOWEN and presently has numerous letters that he has written. She said that the last letter she received from him was postmarked Chattanooga, Tennessee, January 22, 1964, which had a return address of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Niza 22, Mexico, D. F., and this letter mentioned that in December, 1963, he had a back injury and went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for treatment, but when he got there the pain went away and he returned to the Mexican border and he still did not have any pain. Also in this letter was a receipt for \$50.00. dated December 31, 1963, signed JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, on a RH 105-3777 DWG/pgh:ds:vm - 2 -

receipt form of the Mixteca Baptist Church, Number 151. Mrs. CRIDLIN explained she had sent BOWEN \$50.00 to be used in his missionary work. She said that when she would send clothes for use in the missionary work they would always be sent to Box 308, Laredo, Texam, at BOWEN's request.

She related that her son had sent a Cashier's Check for \$14.00 to him recently and it was sent to JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Nizz 22, Mexico, D. F., but he has not received any indication that BOWEN received this money.

She received a letter dated January 6, 1964, from JOEN HOWARD BOWEN which mentioned that he was going to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for treatment for a sprained back. Also this letter contained a report of the gifts he had received from Americans and Mexicans to be used in the mission. She also received a latter in October, 1963, which indicated that BOWEN was going to Spain to talk regarding his mission. A letter postmarked November 28, 1963, Madrid, with return address of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Plaza de las Cortes 2, Madsia, Espana, indicated that he was returning the next week. Also, at one time, BOWEN had given his address as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Av. Juarez 8. Mexico. D. F.

AT APPALACHIA, VIRGINIA

On February 18, 1964, Mrs. LOUISE FULLER FRALEY, Appalachia, Virginia, said she first met JOHN HOWARD BOWEN about 20 years ago when he came to the First Baptist Church, Appalachia, Virginia, and spoke in the church. She related she had not seen him again until about one and one-half years ago, when she received a message from him that he was in Knoxville, Tennessee, and wanted to come to Appalachia. Virginia, to speak at the church. She arranged for him to speak on one occasion and he staved that evening in her home. She said she knew very little about BOWEN except what he has written in his letters. She ascertained from these letters and conversations with him that BOWEN reportedly was 82 in January, 1963, his wife had been killed in 1963; and his children had died in India where he reportedly had been a missionary for the Baptist Church. He had, in September, 1962, mentioned that a Deacon in the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tehnessee, had given him enough money to finance his mission for three years. He was also well acquainted with

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Mr. and Mrs. FRED ALLEN, 1400 North 4th, Knoxville, Tennessee. He mentioned he had been checked by the Internal Revenue but when they found he operated a mission they discontinued their investigation.

He is not sponsored by the Baptist Church in his mission work, but reportedly is doing the missionary work on his own. She said on occasions she has contributed money to BOWER's mission.

She said she does not know anything about BOWEN except what he has written or told her. The photograph of ALBERT OSBORNE was exhibited to her and she advised that CGBORNE's photograph appears to be identical with the person she knows as JOHN HOMAED BOWEN who visited in her home about one and one-half years ago.

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The following Baptist ministers advised SA ROBERT LEE MORRISON on February 20, 1964, that ARTHUR OSBORNE and/or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN is unknown to them. They said that in the event they learn of this individual's being in the area they will immediately notify the FBI:

Reverend ORTIE E, BRADSHAW, Grandview Avenue, Jonesboro, Tennessee

Reverend HARVEY SEYMORE, Pine Street, Jonesboro

Reverend W. PAUL HALL, Superintendent of Missions, Holston Baptist Association, 2310 Nave Drive, Johnson City, Tennessee.

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Date February 25, 1964

Reverend FRED B. ALLEN, Jr., 505 Oklahoma Avenue, advised he is pastor of the North Glenwood Baptist Church, Knowville. He advised he and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. FRED B. ALLEN, Sr., 1400 North 4th Avenue, Knoxville, are long-time friends of JOHN HOWAND BOWEN, whom he described as an 84 year old missionary. Reverend ALLEN stated that BOWEN has worked as a missionary in Mexico for the past 22 years.

Reverend ALLEN advised he has not seen BOWEN for quite some time, but advised he had recently received a post card from BOWEN postmarked 2/18/62 at San Antonio, Texas. He advised this was an airmail postcard of the type purchased at U. S. Post Offices. He said the only message on the card was BOWEN's new mailing address and that BOWEN hoped to hear from him soon. Rawserend ALLEN stated the new address furnished by BOWEN was Niza 22, Mexico D. F.

Reverend ALLEN advised he had absolutely no idea as to BOWEN's present whereabouts, but advised he would immediately notify the Knoxville FBI Office if he or his parents heard anything further from BOWEN.

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Date February 25, 1964

Mrs. BESSIE WHITE, Vice President, Pisgah Home Movement, Pikeville, Tennessee, advised she has known of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN for about the past four years. She stated she received information through some source, unrecalled at the present time, that BOWEN was a supervisor of a mission in Mexico, and she has been making contributions to be used to support one of the Evangelists. She said that BOWEN is a representative of the Penteccetal or Full Gospel Church and that he reportedly has several Evangelists working under him at this mission that he operates. She said that the Evangelists are reportedly Mexicans and are working throughout Mexico.

She indicated that she contributes \$35.00 per month at the present time but originally only contributed \$25.00 per month. This money is supposed to be used to support one of the Evangelists and she receives a receipt each month from the person who received the money. The money is sent to BOWEN, who, in turn, makes the money available to the Evangelists. BOWEN also furnishes a receipt indicating that he receives the money that she contributes. She stated that she makes the contribution in the form of bank drafts, which are drawn on the First National Bank of Pikeville, Pikeville, Tennessee, and these drafts are made payable to BOWEN. She said that these cancelled bank drafts, as well as the receipts, are presently in her possession. She said that she has received information that other persons were contributing to this same cause, but she did not know the identity of any of these persons. She said that BOWEN has never solicited any contributions from her, however, he did notify her that the cost of supporting one of the Evangelists had increased from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per month. She has never seen BOWEN and her only contact has been through the United States mails by latter.

She said that she knew very little about BOWEN, but he has advised her in his letters that he is originally from Knoxville, Tennessee. She does not know anything about his background but understands that he has been in Mexico for about 18 years doing missionary work. In addition to the money sent each month, the Piegah Home Mission occasionally sends used clothing and other articles to BOWEN to be distributed to the needy.

She said that the only name she ever knew this person by was JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and his last address was Nizz 22, Mexico, D.F., as of about two weeks previously. She said that the name of the _Evangelist_that she was supporting was a ZENNEN MIGUEL CRUZ. Nizz 22.

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Mexico. She has never seen this person but does receive receipts from him indicating that he received the money which was furnished by her.

She said that the name of AIBERT OSBORME was not familiar to her. She said the Pisgah Home Movement is an independent, non-profit and non-denominational organization established to aid and assist any needy person, and to do the work of the Lord.

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December 4, 1963

MYRA SILVER, Secretary, Jones Printing Company, 422 Girod Street, New Orleans, Louisians, was interviewed at her place of employment and advised that her records reflect the following information:

She stated that on May 29, 1963, a person who she understood gave his name as OSBORNE appeared at the Jones Printing Company and placed an order for 1,000 copies of a handbill, a rough draft of which he submitted on a 8 x 10 looseleaf paper. She stated that the handbill read as follows:

"HANDS OFF CUBA!

"Join the Fair Play for Cuba Committee

"NEW ORLEANS CHARTER
MEMBER BRANCH

"Free Literature, Lectures

"LOCATION:

"RVERYONE WELCOME!"

She advised that the order was placed on job ticket # D-7548 and promised the completed product on June 4, 1963. She advised that the business relationship was strictly cash, due to the fact that her company had never done business with OSBORNE before.

She advised that her records show that OSBORNE appeared on May 31, 1963, and placed a \$4.00 down payment on his order. She stated that the handbills were made up on June 1, and locked up on June 3, 1963. She advised that OSBORNE probably appeared on June 4, 1963, picked up his handbills and paid the balance of \$5.89 in cash. The total cost for the handbills was \$9.89.

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Mrs. SILVER was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, at which time she stated she could not recognize the person represented in the picture as the person who placed the order for the handbills.

MYRA SILVER furnished the following items to SA McCARTHY:

- 1) Original rough draft layout for the above mentioned handbills.
 - 2) Jones Printing Company job ticket # D-7548.
- 3) Three copies of finished handbill beginning, "Hands Off Cuba." which handbills were being retained as file copies by the Jones Printing Company.

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MYRA SILVER, Secretary Jones Printing Company, 422 Girod Street, observed photographs of ALBERT OSBORNE and JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, and advised that neither OSBORNE for BOWEN was identical with the individual who contacted her on May 31, 1963 and placed an order for some handbills. She stated that the individaul who placed the order was a young man and that she recalls that although he gave her the name of OSBORNE, she may have been mistaken and understood that the name he gave was OSBORNE whereas he gave her the name of OSWALD. She stated that she repeated the name OSBORNE and that he did not correct her so that she assumed that that was his name.

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DOUGLAS JONES, Jones Printing Company, 422 Gird Street, observed photographs of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and ALBERT OSBORNE, and advised that the individual who ordered handbills during the latter part of May, 1963, was not identical with these photographs.

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ARTHUR B. NUESSLY, Printer, Jones Printing Company, ARTHUR B. NURSELY, FIRTHER, Jones Frinting Company, 422 Girod Street, advised that he had no contact with the individual who placed the order for handbills in the latter part of May, 1963. He observed photographs of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, AIRERT CEBORNE, and LEE HARVEY CEWALD and advised that he could not identify either one of the photographs.

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On February 25, 1964, the FBI Identification Division resported that the fingerprints of the individual interviewed February 8, 1964, at Florence, Alabama, as JORN HOWARD BOWEN had been identified with the prints of one JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, fingerprinted December 18, 1953, by the Houston, Texas Police December under their Identification No. 64246.

On February 25, 1964, a review of the Houston Police Department records under Identification No. 64246 reflect individual hiving name JORN HOWARD BOWEN was arrested 5:05 a.m., December 11, 15:3, at 412 Travis, Houston, Texas, which is the location of the Woeds Hotel. BOWEN was held for "investigation in connection with mattress fire" and gave his date of birth as January 14, 1887, Chestwr, Pennsylvania, being described as a white male, 5:10", 220 pounds, heavy build, brown hair - thinning, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, being employed by and residing at the Woods Hotel.

Detective J. D. ROLLINS, Houston Police Department, advised on February 25, 1964, that no charge was actually filed against BOWEN and he was apparently released the same day as arrested. ROLLINS made available a copy of the Houston Police Department Identification Record and photograph taken of BOWEN on Pecamber 11, 1953.

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December 17, 1963

Mr. ARTURO GARZA CANTU, Deputy Consul, Mexicon Consul General's Office, 127 Navarro Street, San Antonio, advised that a check of all applications for tourist cards for travel in Mexico on file in his office for the months of August and September, 1963, does not reflect that an application was received or Mexican tourist card issued during that period of time in the names of JOHN H. BOWEN or LEE HARVEY (SWALD.

Mr. CANTU stated his office has no way to determine the place of issuance of Mexican tourist card bearing number 4329926.

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GILBERTO CAZARES GARZA, Chief of Mexican Immigration, Muevo Laredo, Mexico, advised that according to his records, JORN R. BOWER, 60 years of age, married, from Houston, Texas, obtained a tourist FM-5 card from his office numbered 4329926 on September 26, 1963.

BOWEN departed Mexico through Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on October 1, 1963.

Mr. CAZARES stated that his records did not reflect any address for BOWEN or any other information.

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Mr. IVAN D. MARICLE advised he is the Associate Registrar of the Baptist Annuity Board, Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), Room 202, 511 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas. He said he had no record of JORN HOWARD BOWEN in the files of that office and that he doubted BOWEN had ever been a Baptist minister or a regular appointed missionary from the information concerning BOWEN's background and history of employment.

He said that a record might be located in the files of the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, 3806 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, if BOWEN served for any length of time under one of their appointments. He said the records of the Baptist Annuity Board at Dallas only cover members of the retirement plan of the Southern Baptist Comvention in this area, and would not necessarily cover all persons listed in the Richmond Office of the SBC.

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On February 27, 1964, Reverend REUBEN J. CAMAS, Pastor, First Mexican Southern Baptist Church, 801 W. 23rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised he has made numerous contacts with people of Mexican extraction and people associated with the Baptist Church without developing information concerning JOHN HOWARD BOWEN for AIBERT OCBORNE. Reverend CAMAS recommended contact with the following two organizations in the order they are set forth since these organizations would have a record of any Baptist missionary working in. or who has worked in. Mexico:

- Baptist General Convention of Texas, Reverend DALLAS LEE, Co-ordinator, Language Mission Department, Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas.
- Reverend ROBERTO BARRAS MAYNES, Executive Secretary of the Condencion Macional Bautista, Mexico City D.F., Mexico.

Reverend CARAS advised that whereas there were numerous conventions within the Baptist Church in the United States, the missionary work in Mexico approximately the past twenty years has been consolidated into one organization.

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Rev. DALLAS LEE advised he is the co-ordinator, Language Department, Baptist General Convention, Baptist Building, 703 M. Ervay, telephone Mo. Riverside 1-1991, Dallas, Texas. He said he resides at 3125 Danascus Wav in Dallas. Texas.

Rev. LEE said he checked the records of the Baptist General Convention Language Department and was unable to locate any information concerning ALBERT OSBORME or JOHN HOWAND BOWEN.

He said he contacted the following individuals:

LOYD CORDER, Secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board, Language Department, Atlanta, Georgia;

R. G. VAN ROTEM, Retired Missionary, Southern Baptist Convention of Panama;

OSCAR ROMO, Latin-American Associate of South Baptist Convention in Dallas.

Rev. LEE advised that each of these persons assured him that they had never heard of a missionary in Mexico whose name was ALBERT OSBORNE or JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

He said he would keep this request of the Dalls Office in mind and if information concerning OSBORNE or BOWEN came to his attention he would immediately notify the Dallas Office.

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On January 24, 1964, Mrs. MAZIE SCOGIN, Receptionist, Baptist Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, Atlanta, Georgia, checked all departments of her organization and could find no record of Reverend JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

On February 4, 1964, Mrs. SCOGIN checked all departments of her organization for a record of Reverend ALBERT OSBORME and could locate no record.

Exhaustive efforts at the Pasaport Office, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C., on December 23, 1963, failed to locate any information regarding JOHN HOWARD BOWEN based on descriptive data them available.

On January 24, 1964, IC THOMAS WHITE was advised that Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., records were negative concerning ALBERT OSBORNE.

On January 28, 1964, SA KENNETH J. HASER was advised the resords of the Office of State, Security and Visa, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C., contain no record identifiable with ALBERT OSBÜRRE.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM F. MARTIN:

At New York City

On December 23, 1963, SIDMEY A. DAVIS, Assistant Chief, Records Administration and Information Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), 20 West Broadway, New York City, that a review of airline and steamship records located at INS failed to disclose any identifiable information regarding one JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and his alleged departure from New York on Movember 13, 1963, one GEORGE F. BOWEN, Passport Number B584700, 18 Plymouth Road, Westfield, New Jersey, departed New York via Pan American Airways (PAA) Flight 100 for London. On the same date, the files also disclosed that CHARLES H. BOWEN, Passport Mumber 11248841, 58 Oakley Avenue, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, departed New York via PAA Flight 114 for Paris.

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Mrs. BETTY P. LAMBERT, Assistant Office Manager, and Mrs. MAVIS LEMMA, Clerk, American Express Company, 649 5th Avenue, New York City, advised 8d J. WILLIAM DOVE on January 27, 1964, that records of Visitors Mail Service, American Express Company, reflected no information regarding the names JOHN HOWARD BOWEN or ALBERT OSBORRE.

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MARINA OSWALD was interviewed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DECIAN P. FORD, 14057 Brookcrest, Dallas, Texas. Mr. HENRY BAER, law partner of Mr. WILLIAM A. McKENZIE, Attorney for MARINA, was present during this interview.

MARINA was asked if she or her husband, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, had known an individual by the name of ALBERT OSBORNE OR JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. She advised she did not know any persons by these names. She said she had never heard him mention the names. She was asked if OSWALD had mentioned making an acquaintance on his trip to Moxico in September-October, 1963. MARINA said she cannot recall that OSWALD said he made any such acquaintances. She said OSWALD took the trip to Mexico alone and returned alone.

MARINA was exhibited a photograph of one JOHN HOWARD BOWEN which depicts him standing on a grassy law before a castle-like edifice. She said she could not identify this person. She was exhibited a mug type photograph of one AIBERT OSBORNE taken October, 1963, and she advised she had never seen this person to her knowledge.

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On February 10, 1964, Mrs. RUTH PAIME, 2515 W. 5th Street, Irving, Texas, examined photographs of ALBERT OSBORNE, also known as John Howard Bowen, after which she advised she has never seen the person depicted in those photographs and has never heard either name to the best of her recollection.

It will be noted that Mrs. MARINA OSWALD was residing with Mrs. PAIME as of November 22, 1963, and had been an acquaintance of Mrs. PAIME for some months prior to that date.

During the investigation of captioned matter it was determined that at the time LEE HARVEY OSWALD was employed by Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall, Dallas, Texas, October 12, 1962, to April 6, 1963, he had a fellow employee known as JACK LESLIK BOWKN.

In an effort to determine if JACK LESLIE BOWEN was identical to er connected with JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, alleged missionary in Mexico, who was a fellow passenger with OSVALD on a bus trip to Mexico City on September 28-27, 1963, the following investigation was conducted:

A photograph of JOHN CARSAR GROSSI, also known as JACK LESLIE BOWEN, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Identification Number 3,967,794, was obtained from Wheat Photo Studies, Bryan Street at Peak, Dallas, Texas, on June 21, 1956, by SA MAT A. PHIMESTOM, the photograph having been made in April. 1956.

On interview July 6, 1956, the following description of JOHN CARSAR GROSSI was obtained from observation and questioning:

Tame JOHN CARSAR GROSSI, also known as Jack Leslie Bowen Age Born 8/5/25, Paterson, New Jersey Height Weight 168-170 (normally over 200) Build Medium Hair Dark brown, wavy, thick Teeth Good Complexion Tan (normally medium), clean shaven Eves Blue, no glasses Willitary Service Hone

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l year high school, Paterson, Hew Jersey, high school diploma obtained while serving time at El Reno, and equivalent 2 years college at other penitentiaries Accomplished artist, caricaturist JOHN GROSSI, whereshouts unknown ROSE GROSSI, believed to reside at Paterson, New Jersey JEAN GROSSI (married name unknown) ALBERT GROSSI, believed to reside in Paterson, New Jersey

LUCILLE RYDER BOWEN (now pregnant) .

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GARY EUGENE LAWLER advised he resides at 3235 Seevers, Dallas, Texas, and is employed by the Prior Products, Inc., at 4828 Recell in Dallas. He said his residence telephone number is FR 4-5305 and his business telephone number is HA 8-7411. He observed a photograph of JOHN CAESAR GROSSI. FBI No. 3 967 794, and advised he is identical with a person whom he knew as JACK BOWEN who formerly lived in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas at an apartment on Stevens Forest Drive. He said he last saw BOWEN about three weeks prior to February 15, 1964, when BOWEN was residing at the Executive Inn and told him he was leaving the following day on a trip to Mexico and New York. BOWEN told him on that occasion he could be reached through MAX CHERRY, c/o Mrs. M. M. CHERRY, at 3542 Purdue, Dallas, telephone EM 3-1246. He said that BOWEN told him he and CHERRY planned to go into the import-export business at El Paso. Texas, and Chihushus, Mexico. BOWEN told him about a deal he had with a Mr. McCOLLOW who was in the insurance business in Dallas which had fallen through so he was going into business with MAX CHERRY.

He said BOWEN married a Canadian whose name is PATRICIA GERVAN BOWEN about three or four years ago and she lives with her mother, MABLE GERVAN, at 50 Ragland North, Renfrew, Ontario, Canada, and BOWEN is occasionally in contact with his wife's sister, EDNA ELICOTT, who resides at 39 Lorne Street South in Renfrew, Ontario, Canada. LAYLER said he was employed at Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall until about November, 1963, and BOWEN was there for some time leaving about August. He said he recalled that LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the accused assassin of President JOHN FITZGERALD EXENNEDY, was employed at this same firm for a very short time while BOWEN was there.

He said BOWEN had never discussed anything about the import-export business until after August of 1963. LAWLER said he was barely acquainted with LEE HARVEY COWALD and only saw him when he went into the department where OSWALD was employed at Jaggare-Chiles-Stovall. He said he, LAWLER, was in the production office and BOWEN and OSWALD were in the camera department. He said that BOWEN set up a form of type called "Headliner" and produced miscellaneous art work, cartoons, etc.

LATLER said he never discussed any political beliefs or anything except the production work with LEE HARVEY OSFALD while OSFALD was employed at the Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall plant in Dallas.

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LAWLER said he did not know JACK RUBY, however, he had

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visited the Carousel and Vegas Clubs when they were operated by RUBY at Dallas. He said he had no personal knowledge of any association between LEE RARVEY OSWALD and RUBY and he felt certain that BOWEN had not discussed any import-export business with OSWALD because LEE OSWALD left his job with Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall long before JACK BOWEN first began to talk about the import-export business.

He said he never heard JACK BOWEN mention Texas Import-Export Company and never heard of or knew a person whose name is ALEXANDER KLEINIKRER.

He advised he knew of no other associates of JACK L. BOWEN and he would immediately notify the FBI if he determined BOWEN's ourrent location and/or address.

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During the efforts to identify and locate ALBERT OSBORNE, it was determined that the individual known as OSBORNE had received at his residence in Texmelucan, Mexico, on January 21, 1964, a communication from "The Beam", 6248 Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas.

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Mr. JIM JOHNS, Southern Baptist Radio & Television, 6248 Camp Bowie Boulevard, furnished the following information:

"The Beam" is a monthly religious magazine published by this organization. It is distributed mainly in the Southern and Southwestern part of the United States. Mr. JOHNS caused a search to be made of all mailing lists of this organization. This search failed to find any record of ALBERT OSBORNE. The following names were listed among their various mailing lists:

> Mrs. JOHN H. BOWEN 335 West Earle Street Greenville, South Carolina

Mrs. JOHN BOWEN 75 Neron Place New Orleans, Louisiana

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On February 26, 1964, Mrs. JOHNHOWEN, 75 Meron Place, New Orleans, Louisiana, was unavailable for interview but her husband, JOHN WARD BOWEN, Director of Personnel, Texas Pacific-Missouri Pacific Railroad, advised that JOHN HOWARD BOWEN was unknown to him and is not related to him. JOHN WARD BOWES stated he does not know ALBERT OSBORNE.

On February 26, 1964, Mrs. JOHN HOLCOMBE BOWEN, 335 W. Earle Street, Greenville, South Carolina, advised her husband, JOHN HOLCOMBE BOWEN, has been deceased for 32 years. She said she does not know any other JOHN H. BOWEN.

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Mr. JIM JOHNS, Southern Baptist Radio and Television, 6248 Camp Bowie Blvd., furnished the following information:

JOHNS was furnished the list of customers on Merch 3, 1964, whose subscription had expired to "The Beam" Magazine, in Pebruary of 1964. Among the names on this list was that of H. H. BOWEN, Emilio Carranza, 4A, Texmelucan, Puebla, Mexico. He further advised his office sends out about three letters to subscribers advising the expiration date of their subscription and asking them to renew their subscription. Their records do not indicate BOWEN has renewed his subscription.

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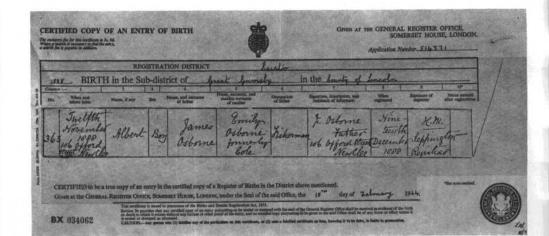
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