pieces entitled “Russian Fireworks.” When I would play this record, Oswald would come over to me and say “You called?” I had a chess set which contained red and white chessmen: Oswald always chose the red chessmen, making some remark to the effect that he preferred the “Red Army.” In connection with this general joking about Oswald’s interest in Russian, he was nicknamed “Oswaldskovich.” However, I do not recall Oswald’s making serious remarks with regard to the Soviet Union or Cuba.

On one occasion, Oswald remarked to me that he had been awarded a scholarship to Albert Schweitzer University and that he planned to attend, remarking that they taught English at Schweitzer.

I believe Oswald generally remained on the post; I do not remember anyone’s going on liberty with him. Sometimes he and I went to the base movie theatre. Oswald was not enthusiastic about his job, and performed about as well as the average radar operator.

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It was difficult to tell how intelligent Oswald was, because of his refusal to communicate. It was clear, however, that Oswald wanted to be thought of as intelligent.

Nelson Delgado was at this time devoutly religious. Another Marine from California, who at that time was interested in Zen Buddhism, had an idol of Buddha solely for the purpose of making Delgado angry. He succeeded in this attempt. Oswald enjoyed this successful attempt to anger Delgado.

Oswald’s reactions to everything were subdued and Stoic.

Oswald’s hardship discharge came as a surprise to the members of the unit; we had not known of it long in advance. I have no recollection of Oswald’s receiving any visitors.

Signed this 29th day of May, 1964, at Helltown, Pa.

(S) Richard Dennis Call,
RICHARD DENNIS CALL.

AFFIDAVIT OF ERWIN DONALD LEWIS

The following affidavit was executed by Erwin Donald Lewis on June 6, 1964.

PRESIDENT’S COMMISSION
ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Orange County, ss:

I, Erwin Donald Lewis, 9682 Mystic Lane, Anaheim, California, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

That while I was in the United States Marine Corps, I served in Marine Air Control Squadron #9 in Santa Ana, California, with Lee Harvey Oswald. I knew him only casually as a working acquaintance.

Oswald, a radar operator, was very quiet, kept to himself, and did not appear to have any close friends. To the best of my knowledge, he seldom left the base.

It was a matter of common knowledge among squadron members that he could read, write, and speak Russian.

I know from personal observation that he read the “Daily Worker.” I heard—although of this I am not completely certain—that he had a subscription to that publication.

Signed this 6th day of June, 1964.

(S) Erwin Donald Lewis,
ERWIN DONALD LEWIS.