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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Lee Harvey Oswald

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Miss Okui but he feels sure she would not have had an opportunity to meet Oswald in her business contacts. This party evidently was a social affair and not in relation to her business contacts. He felt sure she is not in a position to discuss politics in the United States, and based upon his association with her, she would not enter into any discussion of politics.

He pointed out Miss Okui is a professional flower arrangement teacher and is quite proficient in Kato music. She engages in teaching and has held lectures in regard to the same in the Southwest, but he would doubt she ever met Oswald through these lectures.

He has no basis for his statement but stated Miss Okui probably met Oswald once and only once and probably did not even recall him.

He has no record of Okui's employment to the best of his knowledge, but while in New York City she resided with Mrs. Kazuko Ogura, an accomplished flower arranger in New York City.

The following investigation supplements that contained in a memorandum of this agency dated May 6, 1964, relating to Miss YAEKO OKUI, who was in attendance at a year-end combination Christmas - New Year's Party, December 23 - 30, 1962, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. DECLAN P. FORD at 14057 Brookcrest Drive, Dallas, Texas, at which party MARINA and LEE HARVEY OSWALD were also in attendance.

On May 18, 1964, GERARDO WEINSTEIN, President, Schwabach Perutz and Company, Room 1610, Cotton Exchange Building, 608 North St. Paul, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at his offices regarding the employment of Miss YAEKO OKUI in the spring of 1959.

WEINSTEIN advised that his firm deals in the purchase, sale, and exchange of cotton throughout the world, principally in the Orient, and that his company is represented in Japan by Ozawa and Company, a brokerage firm located in Osaka, Japan. He advised that in the spring of 1959 he desired to employ a Japanese girl as governess for his children and discussed this matter at length with Mr. GEORGE PERUTZ, a member of the board of Schwabach Perutz and Company, and that Mr. PERUTZ advised him at that time that his wife, Mrs. PERUTZ, was acquainted with a well-educated, English-speaking Japanese girl residing at that time on Awaji Island located about ten miles off the coast of Kobi, Japan. WEINSTEIN stated Mrs. PERUTZ accordingly contacted this Japanese girl, whom he now knows to be Miss YAEKO OKUI, and inquired of her availability for a position in the United States as governess for Mr. WEINSTEIN's children. WEINSTEIN stated Miss OKUI answered Mrs. PERUTZ's inquiry by

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return mail to the effect she would be very much interested in employment in the United States for a period of two years and that upon being advised of this by Miss WEINSTEIN, WEINSTEIN communicated with Mr. OZAWA of the Ozawa Company in Osaka, Japan, and requested his assistance in arranging a two-year temporary visa for Miss OKUI. WEINSTEIN stated he, through his attorneys, submitted the appropriate forms to the Immigration Service reflecting his intentions to act as sponsor for Miss OKUI in the event her visa were granted, and promising round trip transportation from Japan to the United States and return.

WEINSTEIN advised arrangements were made by Mr. OZAWA through the U. S. Consul in Tokyo for a two-year temporary visa for Miss OKUI and that Miss OKUI arrived by ocean liner to San Francisco and subsequently Dallas in the middle of the summer of 1960. He advised Miss OKUI immediately took up her duties as governess at his residence and remained in that position through the entire two-year period, ending in approximately July 1961. He advised Miss OKUI then arranged through subsequent friends she had made in Dallas for an extension on her visa, and, upon the expiration of her employment period with him, she subsequently obtained a position with the Nippon Service Company, Incorporated, in New York City, which Mr. WEINSTEIN stated he understands acts as United States representative for the Tokai-kaiya (Wholesale) Department Store chain of Japan. WEINSTEIN stated to the best of his recollection she remained in New York approximately one year, at which time she returned to Dallas as a Southwestern States representative for that firm. WEINSTEIN advised he and his family have lost contact with Miss OKUI subsequent to her employment in New York City, and have seen her on only three or four occasions since her return to Dallas.

WEINSTEIN stated that during the tenure of her employment at his home, he and his family thought very highly of Miss OKUI and found her to be a highly intelligent, well-educated, and talented girl. He stated she accepted her responsibilities fully and was always quietly polite and unassuming while a resident in his household.

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WEINSTEIN advised he was not aware that Miss OKUI had attended a dinner party at which LEE HARVEY and MARINA OSWALD were also in attendance; however, he knew that she had become friendly with many of the Russian-speaking people in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, inasmuch as she had become a close friend and companion to Mr. LEV ARCHISON, whom he believed to have been of Russian origin, and who was fluent in the Russian language. WEINSTEIN attributed this association to their mutual enjoyment of parlor music in which both were quite gifted rather than to any amorous relationship.

WEINSTEIN advised that around the first of May, 1964, he received a letter from Miss OKUI expressing her intentions to return to Japan; and, as he, WEINSTEIN, remained obligated to pay for her passage home, he accordingly arranged passage aboard the Africa Maru scheduled to depart San Francisco June 8, 1964. He advised, further, he has arranged for her belongings to be shipped to San Francisco in care of William Diamond and Company, Pier 23, for subsequent shipment to Japan.

On May 18, 1964, GEORGE PERUTZ, Director, Schwabach Perutz and Company, Room 1619, Cotton Exchange Building, 608 North St. Paul, Dallas, Texas, advised he first became acquainted with Miss YAEKO OKUI through his wife, SIDNEY PERUTZ, who he recalls met Miss OKUI at a flower arrangement show in a Tokyo park sometime during 1956 or 1957. PERUTZ explained that he and his wife make frequent trips to the Orient and most notably Japan as a result of his business interests in that area of the world, and that these trips are usually made in the spring of each year for the purpose of selling cotton futures to Japanese textile mills and other purchasers. He advised that Miss OKUI and his wife became close friends and, in fact, his wife has visited the OKUI home on several occasions and he recalls his wife spending a full week with the OKUI family on one occasion. PERUTZ stated that following their return to the United States, Miss OKUI and his wife corresponded frequently regarding floral arrangements and other Japanese cultural arts in which Miss OKUI was quite proficient.

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Mr. PERUTZ recalled that Mr. CENARDO WEINSTEIN, President of Schwabach Perutz and Company mentioned to him early in 1959 the need of a governess for his children and that he, Mr. PERUTZ, suggested to WEINSTEIN that he discuss his needs with Mrs. PERUTZ as she was acquainted with a number of talented Japanese girls who would be desirous of employment in the United States. He advised Mrs. PERUTZ recommended Miss OKUI to Mr. WEINSTEIN, and WEINSTEIN subsequently made arrangements with Mr. CZEMA of Ozawa and Company, the Schwabach Perutz and Company representatives, for a two-year temporary visa for Miss OKUI to the United States. He stated Mr. WEINSTEIN was required to furnish proof of his intentions to act as sponsor for Miss OKUI during her stay in the United States, and he recalls Miss OKUI arrived in the United States and in Dallas in the early summer of 1959. PERUTZ stated Miss OKUI and Mrs. PERUTZ continued on friendly terms while Miss OKUI was employed for Mr. WEINSTEIN in Dallas, but that following her employment in New York Miss OKUI and Mrs. PERUTZ drifted apart as Miss OKUI found many new friends in Dallas, and neither he nor Mrs. PERUTZ has seen Miss OKUI more than five or six times in the last three years.

Mr. PERUTZ advised he could furnish little information regarding Miss OKUI's background or family other than that she was a well-bred, highly intelligent young lady of obviously good heritage; however, he felt his wife, Mrs. PERUTZ, could furnish more information of value in this vein.

On May 19, 1964, Mrs. SIDNEY PERUTZ, 11405 St. Michaels, Dallas, Texas, advised she first met Miss YAEKO OKUI at a flower arrangement show being held in a Tokyo, Japan, park early in the summer of 1957 and that due to their mutual interest in flower arrangements, and, as Miss OKUI had a fluent mastery of the English language, she and Miss OKUI became well acquainted. She stated Miss OKUI expressed an avid interest for life in the United States and its customs, and that she and Miss OKUI exchanged ideas on this subject. She advised she, too, was interested in the customs of Japan, and, accordingly, visited the residence of Miss OKUI and family at

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Miss OKUI's request on several occasions. She advised that Miss OKUI at that time was residing with her mother and two younger sisters on Awaji Island off the coast of Kobi, Japan, and that on one occasion Mrs. PERUTZ spent a week on Awaji Island with the OKUI family.

Mrs. PERUTZ advised she recalls that Mr. OKUI, YAEKO's father, had been a prominent attorney in Japan at one time, but that in 1957 he was already a bedridden invalid and that she knows he has subsequently passed away. She stated Mrs. TOYO OKUI, mother of YAEKO, is a Certified Public Accountant and operates one or more accounting businesses in Japan, from which she has sent her youngest daughters, including YAEKO, to college. Mrs. PERUTZ advised from her recollection the family consists of an older sister whom Mrs. PERUTZ has not met, but whom she knows to be married to an English naval officer who is now retired from the service and living in California, name unrecalled. She stated YAEKO is the next oldest sister and that she has two other younger sisters who are both, to her knowledge, still living in Japan after having completed their college education, names unrecalled. She advised she has heard indirectly through Miss OKUI that she also has a half brother living in Tokyo who is married to a member of the prominent MITSUBISHI family. Mrs. PERUTZ believed she also has another brother who has been hospitalized for some years in a mental institution somewhere in Japan. Mrs. PERUTZ was unable to furnish any other information regarding the family or background of YAEKO OKUI.

In regard to the attendance of Miss YAEKO OKUI at a party at which LEE HARVEY and MARINA OSWALD were also in attendance, Mrs. PERUTZ stated she did not find this unusual as Miss OKUI frequently attended Russian gatherings in the company of Mr. LEV ARONSON, a noted Dallas cellist and music teacher whom she believes to be of Russian origin and who has many Russian-speaking friends in this area. Mrs. PERUTZ advised she is of the opinion Miss OKUI would have had no social relationship with either LEE HARVEY or MARINA OSWALD other than through mutual attendance at one of these Russian gatherings.

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and knows that Miss CRUI has never mentioned the OSWALDS to her at any time, either before or after the assassination of President KENNEDY. Mrs. PERUTZ stated, further, that she feels positive there could be no social relationship between Miss YLERSO CRUI and LEE HARVEY OSWALD, inasmuch as their obvious cultural and educational levels are so diverse.

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SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE (6)
LEV ARONSON

Sir:

Pursuant to the instructions of Captain W. P. GANNAWAY, SUBJECT was interviewed by the undersigned officers and the following report submitted.

SUBJECT, who is Russian born, resides at 8418 Swannanoah. He gives music lessons and is a cello player for the DALLAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. His telephone number is 317-5150.

SUBJECT stated that he met LEE HARVEY and MARINA OSWALD on December 28, 1962, at a party at the residence of DONALD FORD. However, he talked to OSWALD very little and so could not furnish much information about him. That was the only time he saw the OSWALDS. SUBJECT said that GEORGE de MOHRENSCHILDT probably knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD best. He also stated that he had never heard of JACK RUBY until OSWALD was slain.

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