

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	_____
Sullivan	_____
Tavel	_____
Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN *JW*

DATE: December 4, 1963

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN, JR. *DB*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD *105-82555*

Lyons

The official United States Marine Corps (USMC) Service record for Oswald contains a notation relating to Oswald's weapons qualifications to the effect that Oswald qualified in December, 1956, on the M-1 rifle with a score of 212. A notation after this score has been inserted which qualifies Oswald as an "mm" (Marksman).

Colonel Oscar T. Jensen, Jr., Military Secretary to the Commandant, USMC, advised Liaison on December 4, 1963, apparently there is an error in the conclusion that Oswald's score of 212 qualified him as a Marksman. Colonel Jensen stated that since 1953 a qualification score on the M-1 rifle over 210 results in the awarding of a Sharpshooters' badge. Colonel Jensen called the Marine Corps at San Diego, where Oswald underwent his basic training and was advised records for the pertinent period have long since been destroyed. Colonel Jensen researched dead files in the Washington Marine Corps Headquarters and verified that a score of over 210 in Course "A" for the M-1 rifle in 1956 would qualify the recruit for Sharpshooter rating.

On the basis of his research, Colonel Jensen concluded that there was an administrative error in the entry in Oswald's Service jacket indicating that for a score of 212, he was awarded recognition as a Marksman when in reality Oswald apparently earned the rating of Sharpshooter.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

JOC:hke *JW*
(6)

REC-48 *105-82555-103*

25 DEC 5 1963

- 1-Mr. Rosen
- 1-Mr. Sullivan
- 1-Mr. Branigan
- 1-Liaison
- 1-Mr. O'Connor

EX-111

5-ink

61 DEC 6 1963

Reproduced from the Unclassified / Declassified Holdings of the National Archives

DECLASSIFIED
Authority E.O. 10501