

Dear Jim,

3/16/84

What I wrote you yesterday without the new "Marguerite Oswald records in front of me was correct in sense but was not correct within the quotes. The exact connection with the JFK assassination stated in 105-147805-1 as "the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy" rather than "JFK assassination" as I stated it.

In Serial 3 Dallas includes its main file number for this new files, 105-2190. I'd had a record of the existence of this file. I have an incomplete card file of file numbers by number, not by name or subject, so there is no way I could have retrieved it. My presumption is that I found a reference to it long ago. This record has the initials of Robert P. Gemberling, who was the JFK assassination case agent in DL. The last graf of this serial also establishes the relationship of "Marguerite and this new file with the assassination. So does the last sentence of Serial 5. (Dallas then closed this new file by Serial 6 reflects, FBIHQ did not.)

Based on two different DL LIRs FBIHQ twice characterized the old lady as "potentially dangerous" or "communist" connected or "actively investigated" as a member of some group or organization "inimical to U.S." and at the same time "Subversive, untrairightist, racist and fascist," (I've eliminated the plural) so that she could be marked in the form for "Evidence of emotional instability" and thus a threat that had to be called to the Secret Service's attention. (The did not tell SS that the FBI had his rifle so she couldn't use it!)

In the Fain report (100-353496-715 at FBIHQ) of 5/12/60 he gives the Dallas main file number as 105-976. Its relevance to the assassination is additionally established by the note at the bottom of the page "(re Oswald)". There is the additional handwritten note at the bottom designating a copy for 105-82555, which is the main Oswald file at FBIHQ.

You may recall that Phillips swore the page we used in 0322 was and had to be classified. Note that at the bottom of page 2 supervisor Long cited the declassification letter of 11/18/64, which seems to indicate that the file was declassified for disclosure to the Commission, or by it, if used in the Report, which the FBI did for many records then and for that purpose. Another page, Fain's 5/10/60, was declassified three times without being reclassified at any time. First was 9/18/64 "for use by President's Commission," then 3/5/78 (both before Phillips' attestation) and then again 5/12/82.

The relationship of DL 105-976 to Lee Oswald and thus relevance in 0322 is further shown by Fain's other reports, FD-302s, of 5/6, of which I've made copies of two, his interviews with Robert and Marguerite. In this connection, you may want to recall the FBIHQ concern over the possibility of an imposter using Oswald IDs.

Re the Ryan to Bassett memo of 1/4/78, do you know what "serious questions relating to the preparation of an investigative report in the Kennedy assassination" is referred to?

If you want me to provide copies of these so you will not have to go through your file, it will be easy because I'm keeping these copies on my desk in the file pertaining to the appeal, so just let me know.

Best,

- Mr. Lonihan

SAC, Dallas

~~MARGUERITE Ekdahl~~
~~Mrs Edwin Ekdahl~~

11/29/65

Director, FBI

~~MARGUERITE FRANCES Oswald~~

~~MARGUERITE CLAVERIE OSWALD~~
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~~Mrs Robert Edward Lee Oswald~~

~~MARGUERITE Pic~~

~~Mrs John Edward Pic~~

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Captioned individual is the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald. Inasmuch as it appears subject will be of interest to the U.S. Government in the future due to her voluminous contacts with individuals of prominence and various U.S. Government agencies in her efforts to "clear her son of responsibility for the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy," Bureau has opened a separate file on subject. Each of the recipient offices should do the same.

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Letter to SAC, Dallas
RE: MARGUERITE CLAVERIE OSWALD

The above information is being furnished for the information of each of the recipient offices. Bureau does not desire that any investigation be conducted concerning subject in connection with her contemplated trip to Russia. Any information coming to the attention of any of the offices bearing on subject's trip to Russia or any other aspect of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy as it involves subject should be promptly furnished to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE:

Subject has exhibited behavior since the assassination that she is emotionally unstable. She is telling any one who will listen to her that her son was not the assassin or was not involved alone in the assassination. She has contacted our FBI Office in Dallas on a number of occasions to furnish information she feels is of value. We are accepting information she furnishes but are conducting no investigation of her. For filing purposes and for ready reference in the future, desirable we maintain a separate file on subject. Heretofore information concerning her has been filed in the main case file of Lee Harvey Oswald.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mrs. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 11/23/65

FROM : E. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: MRS. MARGUERITE CLVERIE OSWALD
PASSPORT APPLICATION TO VISIT USSR

On 11/23/65, Liaison Agent [redacted] received information from [redacted] Passport Office, Department of State, as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted] advised [redacted]

[redacted] said the Passport Office [redacted]

The U. S. Secret Service has been advised of the above.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]

W.C. Sullivan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (105-2190) (P)

SUBJECT: MARGUERITE CLAVERIE OSWALD
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DATE: 12/3/65

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ReBulet to Dallas, 11/29/65.

Relet instructed that any information coming to the attention of any of the offices receiving relet (Dallas, WFO, New York and New Orleans) bearing on subject's trip to Russia, or any other aspects of the assassination of the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY, as it involves subject, be promptly furnished the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that subject is mentioned frequently in the newsmedia in connection with her allegations that her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, was innocent, duped, ^{involved} in a mercy killing of the President by the U. S. Secret Service, and other absurd statements.

UACB, such newspaper articles will not be included in LHM but will be furnished the Bureau by routing slip, attention Crime Records, as has been the practice in connection with newspaper clippings bearing on the assassination in the past, and copies of such newspaper articles will be filed in the Dallas Office.

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SOVIET SECTION

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-147805)

DATE: 1/17/66

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (105-2190)(C)

SUBJECT: MARGUERITE CLAVERIE OSWALD
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ReBulet to Dallas dated 11/29/65 and Dallas letter to Bureau dated 12/3/65.

ReBulet-stated that the Bureau does not desire that any investigation be conducted concerning subject's contemplated trip to Russia.

Inasmuch as there is no investigation outstanding in the Dallas Division, the Dallas Office is closing its file in captioned matter, but will continue to furnish to the Bureau any information received concerning subject's trip to Russia or any other information bearing on the assassination of the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY, as it involves subject.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 24, 1966

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Attached are carbon copies of two pages from a letter from Marguerite C. Oswald (mother of Lee Harvey Oswald). Page two concerns the advertisement for the gun ordered by Oswald and on page 10 Mrs. Oswald states she has new evidence. There is no indication to whom the original of the letter was sent.

These pages were sent to the Director from Mrs. Oswald, 4029 Byers Street, Fort Worth Texas.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
April 25, 1966**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: MARGUERITE CLAVERIE OSWALD
(Letterhead memorandum dated April 25, 1966,
at Dallas, Texas. Also previous informa-
tion has been furnished by letterhead
memorandum dated May 24, 1965, at Dallas,
Texas, captioned "MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD.")

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)(2))
U. S. Secret Service, Dallas, Texas (RM)

Enclosure(s)-1

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

JUNE 28, 1966

Marguerite C. Oswald is the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald. Since the death of her son she has been conducting an independent investigation in an effort to exonerate him as the assassin of President Kennedy. She has alleged other individuals are responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy. She has in the past appeared at press conferences and on TV shows setting forth her views and by doing so has attempted to achieve notoriety and monetary gain. Indications are that she is mentally unstable. Therefore, her telegram should not be acknowledged and no contact should be made with her, Dallas being advised for information.

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P. G. [unclear]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

November 30, 1966

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

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United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

- 1 - Secret Service, Austin (encl-1)
1 - Secret Service, San Antonio (encl-1)
1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (2)
U. S. Secret Service Dallas (RM)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Reporting Office Dallas	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 5/12/60	Investigative Period 4/27-28/60
TITLE OF CASE FUNDS TRANSMITTED TO 177 RESIDENTS OF RUSSIA AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY REPORTING SLIP(S) OF		Report made by SA JOHN W. FAIN (cyl)	Typed By: leg

CHARACTER OF CASE IS - R	CONFIDENTIAL
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REFERENCES

New York letter to Dallas, 3/9/60
 New York letter to Bureau, 2/26/60

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SAN ANTONIO (info):

One copy of this report is designated for information purposes inasmuch as Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, transmitter of funds in instant case, is currently residing at 1111 HERRING AVENUE, WACO, TEXAS, and in the event additional contacts are necessary with Mrs. OSWALD the San Antonio Office should be furnished with background information in this case.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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See memo
next page

Approved: *[Signature]* Special Agent in Charge

- Copies made:
- 5 - Bureau (100-353496)(RM)
 - 3 - New York (105-6103)(RM)
 - 1 - San Antonio (info)(RM)
 - 1 - Dallas (105-976)

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 BY *[Signature]*

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Mrs. OSWALD has requested that in the event it becomes necessary to make further contact with her at Waco, Texas, in connection with this matter, that she be contacted discretely at Methodist Orphans Home, 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas, where she is employed as a supply mother and where she also resides, so that she not be embarrassed in the presence of her employer or her associates at the Methodist Orphans Home.

It is noted that Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD is listed in the 1960 telephone directory in Fort Worth as "M. C. OSWALD, 1605 Eighth Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, telephone WALnut 3-0659." On April 27, 1960, efforts were made to contact Mrs. OSWALD at this address with negative results. The telephone operator advised that all calls made to WALnut 3-0659 were temporarily being handled by WALnut 390572, which is listed to VELMA MARLIN of 1410 Hurley Street, Fort Worth, Texas. VELMA MARLIN is employed as cashier at the "Fort Worth Star Telegram," a daily newspaper in Fort Worth. Upon contact with Miss MARLIN, she advised that Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD is currently employed at "out of town" and that her son ROBERT L. OSWALD is believed to know her address. Upon contact with ROBERT L. OSWALD, on April 27, 1960, he advised that his mother, Mrs. OSWALD, was currently employed at Waco, Texas, and that she could be reached at 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas.

On April 28, 1960, Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD voluntarily contacted the Fort Worth Resident Agency and stated she had come to Fort Worth on her "day off" from her work whereupon she was interviewed.

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*Let to NY, SA and DL 11/18/64
declassifying report. Rel: me*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Copy to:

Report of: JOHN W. FAIN
Date: 5/12/60

Office: DALLAS

File Number: Dallas 105-976; Bureau file 100-353496

Title: FUNDS TRANSMITTED TO RESIDENTS OF RUSSIA

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis:

Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD, aka., Mrs. Edward Lee Oswald, is reported to have purchased "foreign money transfer No. 142,688" at the First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, on 1/22/60 by means of which she sent the sum of \$25 to her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, in care of Hotel Metropole, Moscow, Russia. According to Mrs. OSWALD, her son LEE OSWALD, an ex-Marine, upon receiving his honorable discharge from the service on 9/3/59 visited her briefly in Ft. Worth and left town stating that he was en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he planned to resume employment with an export-import company. According to Mrs. OSWALD, she received a letter from LEE in September, 1959, from New Orleans, stating that he had booked passage on a ship to Europe. According to Mrs. OSWALD, she was subsequently shocked to learn that he had gone to Moscow, Russia, where he is reported to have renounced his U. S. citizenship and where he sought Soviet citizenship.

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A 17 Belmont for me by
Commissioner. Bell 7/18/64.*

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DETAILS:

At Fort Worth, Texas:

APPROVED
DATE 3/11/78
DECLASSIFIED BY [Signature]

3/15/78 [Signature]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 5/2/60

ROBERT LEE OSWALD, 7313 Davenport Street, is employed as a salesman at Acme Brick Company, Fort Worth, Texas. OSWALD stated he is the brother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD who is believed to be in Moscow, Russia, at this time. Mr. OSWALD stated that his brother obtained an honorable discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps in September, 1959, and after visiting in Fort Worth for a period of about three days left Fort Worth with an expressed intention of going to New Orleans, Louisiana, to resume his former employment in export-import work. He stated the entire family was later shocked to hear that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had gone to Russia where he renounced United States citizenship and applied for citizenship in the Soviet Union. TEXAS
JAPAN

Mr. OSWALD stated he had never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD to have any sympathy for or connection with Communism before this occurred.

ROBERT OSWALD stated his mother has had correspondence directed to LEE OSWALD in Moscow, Russia, and that she attempted to send a sum of \$25.00 to him during January of 1960. ROBERT OSWALD stated that his mother could be contacted at 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas.

ROBERT OSWALD stated he had no contact in any manner or form with any individual known by him to be a Soviet official or affiliated in any way with Soviet establishments. He also advised that so far as he knows neither his mother or other members of his family have had any contact whatsoever with Soviet officials or with Soviet establishments.

ROBERT L. OSWALD stated that he understands fully the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the internal security of the United States and he stated that he would immediately contact the FBI in the event he is contacted by Soviet officials.

ROBERT L. OSWALD stated that he will be pleased to cooperate with the FBI in any way possible. OSWALD stated that neither he nor his mother, so far as he knows, has been requested to furnish any items of personal identification to LEE OSWALD in Russia, and said he would immediately contact the FBI in the event he receives such a request.

Interview with ROBERT LEE OSWALD File # 105-976
on 4/27/60 at Fort Worth, Texas Date dictated 5/2/60
by Special Agent JOHN W. FAIR /jog

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 5/6/60

Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD, also known as Mrs. Edward Lee Oswald, volunteered for interview stating that she had learned through her son, ROBERT L. OSWALD, that she had been sought on the previous day for interview. U

Mrs. OSWALD stated she is currently employed as a supply mother at Methodist Orphans Home, 1111 Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas, and that she had come to Fort Worth on that day inasmuch as this was her "day off." Mrs. OSWALD stated she had mentioned to the superintendent of the Methodist Orphans Home at Waco, Texas, the fact that her son, LEE OSWALD, was currently in Moscow, Russia, and that the superintendent appeared to be sympathetic with her in her grief and uneasiness concerning the status of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. U

Mrs. OSWALD stated she has been very much upset and uneasy concerning her son LEE HARVEY OSWALD, since she learned during the Fall of 1959 that much to her surprise he had gone to Moscow, Russia, where he had renounced his United States citizenship and had apparently sought Soviet citizenship. U

Mrs. OSWALD stated that her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, had entered the United States Marine Corps when he was only seventeen years of age. He had serial number MS 1653230-6741, USMC. He was a Private First Class (E-2) and was in Marine Air Corps School (MACS-9) and held the status of MWHG (radar operator). She stated that he received an honorable discharge on or about September 3, 1959, in accordance with Para. 10273 (MAR CAR MAN). When he was separated from the service he had served fourteen months on a base near Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. OSWALD has in her possession numerous clippings which she has taken from the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" concerning her son. U

She stated that following his discharge in September, 1959, he came to Fort Worth for a visit of about three days and thereafter left Fort Worth with the expressed intention of going to New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that he indicated to her when he left Fort Worth that he planned to resume his employment with an export-import company at New Orleans. She explained that the family had up until 1945 lived at New Orleans and had come to Fort Worth in 1945. He had engaged in the export-import employment

Interview with Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD File # 105-976

on 4/28/60 at Fort Worth, Texas Date dictated 5/2/60

by Special Agent JOHN W. FAIN /jog

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prior to his entry into the U. S. Marine Corps. She stated he had mentioned something about his desire to travel and said something about the fact that he might go to Cuba. U

Mrs. OSWALD stated that shortly after LEE arrived in New Orleans she received the following letter postmarked at New Orleans, Louisiana, from LEE HARVEY OSWALD: U

"Dear Mother:

"Well I have booked passage on a ship to Europe. I would of had to sooner or later, and I think it's best that I do now. Just remember above all else that my values are very different from ROBERTS or yours. U

"It is difficult to tell you how I feel. Just remember this is what I must do. I did not tell you about my plans because you could hardly be expected to understand. LEE." U

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she was very much shocked and surprised later to learn that he had gone to Moscow, Russia. She stated that she has no idea as to how he got there but that she does know that he had saved up about \$1600 from his service in the U. S. Marine Corps. She stated that he did not previously discuss with her any intention to go to Moscow, Russia. She stated that he had never shown any proclivities for the ideologies of Communism. She stated that he had never expressed any sympathy for Russia or the Communistic system. She stated that he was always a studious type of individual and that he read books that were considered "deep." Mrs. OSWALD stated she would not have been surprised to learn that LEE had gone to, say South America or Cuba, but that it had never entered her mind that he might go to Russia or that he might try to become a citizen there. U

Mrs. OSWALD stated she "feels strongly" that LEE has a right as an individual to make his own decisions, however, she stated that she was greatly surprised and disappointed that he had taken this action. She stated that she has suffered a great deal of embarrassment as a result of inquiries from newspaper reporters concerning LEE. U

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she made application on January 2 1960, at the First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, for a foreign draft and on payment of \$26.65 she was issued a "foreign money transfer No. 142,688" by which instrument she sent \$25.00 by air mail to her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, in care of Hotel Metropole, Moscow, Russia. U

Mrs. OSWALD explained that she is indebted to LEE OSWALD in the amount of \$100 as a result of a loan which he had made to her. U

She stated that on December 18, 1959, she had mailed a personal check of \$20 by way of part payment on this debt to "LEE OSWALD, Metropole Hotel, Moscow, Russia." This check she made payable to LEE OSWALD. However, on or about January 5, 1960, this check was returned to her by mail containing a note scratched on a piece of paper in pencil by her son LEE, stating he "could not use the check, of course." In this note he requested her to put \$20 in cash in an envelope and send it to him inasmuch as he was "also short of cash and need the rest. LEE." She stated she then mailed a \$20 bill and expressed her reluctance in sending cash through the mail. She, in this letter to him, requested LEE to let her know if he received the \$20 bill and also to furnish her with his correct address. She stated that she added in this letter that "I hope you like Russia. If you don't and want to come back, I believe it can be arranged. Are you working?" She stated that she addressed this letter to Mr. LEE H. OSWALD, Metropole Hotel, Moscow, Russia. She also advised that the envelope containing the \$20 bill was returned to her on February 25, 1960, stamped "retour parti." She stated that the reverse side of this envelope was stamped "Mockban, Moytant (Moscow) Russia, January 18, 1960" and also bore the following lettering "MEKAYHAPOAKO." U

Mrs. OSWALD stated she is a loss to understand why this particular envelope containing the \$20 bill was returned to her whereas the envelope containing the check had actually been received by LEE and returned to her by him. She stated this increased her uneasiness over LEE's safety. She stated that she has no way of knowing whether LEE has actually received the \$25 which she attempted to send to him by transfer number 142,688. U

Mrs. OSWALD advised she has since January 22, 1960, sent three different letters to her son LEE, but that all have been returned to her undelivered. She stated she has feared that he might be stranded and in danger. U

She stated that she has had correspondence with her Congressman and with the United States State Department inasmuch as she has been very much alarmed for fear that something might have happened to LEE. U

Mrs. OSWALD stated that LEE had told her sometime during the spring or early summer of 1959 by letter that he had made arrangements to attend what she believes to be the Albert Schweitzer College in Switzerland. She advised that a few days ago she received a letter from the Albert Schweitzer

College in Switzerland to the effect that this college was expecting LEE OSWALD on April 20, 1960. She stated that the letter which had been directed to LEE OSWALD stated that the college hoped his travel itinerary permitted him to be in Switzerland by April 20, 1960. She stated that the receipt of this letter had raised her hopes to cause her to feel that he might actually be en route to this college in Switzerland and that she intends to write the college to see if they have received any word from LEE.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that her husband, and LEE's father, EDWARD LEE OSWALD, died before LEE was born. She stated she has two other sons, ROBERT LEE OSWALD, age 26, who resides at B, 1932 7313 Davenport Street, Fort Worth, Texas, and JOHN EDWARD PIC, age 28, who is Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Air Force, and stationed currently at Hiroshima, Japan. She stated that Staff Sergeant JOHN EDWARD PIC, is a half brother to LEE and ROBERT OSWALD. She stated that Sgt. PIC has two years yet to serve in the U. S. Air Force.

Mrs. OSWALD advised that ROBERT LEE OSWALD of Fort Worth, also formerly served in the U. S. Air Force and that all three of the boys have seen service with the U. S. Armed Forces in Japan.

On April 28, 1960, Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD also stated that she has had no contact whatsoever with Soviet officials or with Soviet establishments.

Mrs. OSWALD stated she thoroughly understands that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has investigative jurisdiction on in regard to the internal security of the United States. She volunteered that she would gladly report any contacts made with her by Soviet officials. Mrs. OSWALD volunteered her eagerness to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in any way possible.

Mrs. OSWALD stated that she has not been requested to furnish any items of personal identification to LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Russia. She volunteered the information that LEE HARVEY OSWALD took his birth certificate with him when he left Fort Worth, Texas. She promised to advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately in the event any contact whatsoever is made with her by Soviet officials or by Soviet establishments in its connection.

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Mrs. OSWALD furnished voluntarily a photograph of
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and the following description of him: U

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	20
Date of birth:	October 18, 1939
Place of birth:	New Orleans, Louisiana
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	165 lbs
Hair:	Light brown and wavy
Eyes:	Blue

Mr. Bassett

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1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett
1 - Mr. D. Ryan
1 - Mr. D. J. Clark
1 - Mr. R. E. Long

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
(HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA))

PURPOSE: To obtain authority for supervisory Special Agents George J. Foster and Drew J. Clark to travel to Dallas commencing 1/9/78, and thereafter to other cities as necessary to resolve important matters relating to an HSCA inquiry.

DETAILS: HSCA has raised serious questions relating to the preparation of an investigative report in the Kennedy assassination which we believe must be resolved if possible. These relate to the numbering and content of a certain page in the report and subsequent testimony of Agents before HSCA. Mr. Adams, in the past, has authorized Supervisor Clark to make personal inquiries in the field. The Director and Mr. Adams have instructed that this matter be handled expeditiously and an accurate explanation furnished HSCA. It is anticipated Supervisors Clark and Foster will conduct initial inquiries in Dallas and thereafter, as deemed necessary, will visit other cities which could include St. Louis, Kansas City, New Orleans, Jacksonville and Baltimore. FBIHQ will be kept informed of all developments as necessary by these Agents during their travel.

RECOMMENDATION: That Special Agents George J. Foster and Drew J. Clark be authorized to travel to Dallas and other cities as outlined above, commencing 1/9/78.

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