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FUNDS TRANSMITTED TO RESIDENTS OF RUSSIA - DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE FBI PLH 19 Aug

This covers 7 pages of documents received August 18, 1978.

Please refer to my letter of 3 July, and the FBI's letter of 14 August; these documents were not provided earlier because they were apparently not indexed to Oswald in Washington.

My interest is twofold: first, what kind of source provided the information that Mrs. Oswald was sending money to Russia? (Evidently, it was an ongoing operation, apparently based on bank records which were looked at in New York.) Second, why were these documents not made available before? (I gather because the sensitivity of the source precluded full indexing, e.g. under Oswald's name.) The significance of the latter point is that there may be other records relevant to Oswald which have not been dug up.

The material received on August 18 was as follows:

Form letter (from McCright) dated Aug. 14, invoking the b1 and b7 exemptions, with a continuation note that these documents had not been retrievable during the index search

An inventory worksheet covering only the last 2 of the 3 documents

Pages 1 and 3 of 65-28939-2456

A page identifying the following document as "NY letter to Bureau 2-26-60)

Pages 1 and "33 32" [sic] of 65-28939-2503

A page identifying the next document as "New York letter to Dallas 3-9-60"

Pages 1-3 of 105-6103-854

Here are the full descriptions from the inventory worksheet (for the last 2 items), with additional information in brackets:

File-serial	Date	Description	# pages Tot.	Rel.	Exemptions	PLH #
[HQ 65-28939-2456]	[10-13-59]	[NY ltr to Bureau]	[3?]	[2]		990
[HQ 65-28939-]2503	2-26-60	NY ltr to Bureau	32	2	b1, b7d	991
[NY 105-6103-] 854	3- 9-60	NY ltr to Dallas	3	3	b1	992
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Offhand, it is not at all clear why the first of these 3 documents was sent to me. There seems to be no reason to believe it relates directly to Oswald. The substance is almost completely deleted. It may be a general description of the source for the later information. Presumably the House Committee can look at the unsanitized version of this document and see if it has any relevance. There may be a reference to this item in one of the later documents - which would explain why they sent it, since they could have guessed that I would ask for any such referenced document - but I don't recall.

I think this is all fairly interesting, but I don't have time to do any work on it now.