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Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you know, one of the most important matters being considered by this Commission is the extent to which various federal lew enforcement agencies knew of the activities of Lee Harvey Dawald before the assassination of President Kennedy. In the course of its inquiry in this regard, the Commission has obtained from each of the agencies concerned a great deal of information.

The FBI has been most cooperative in furnishing its formal reports on Oswald, and in responding by letter or memorandum to certain questions that have arisen from time to time. The Commission has a number of specific questions regarding these FBI materials; for convenience, the questions are set forth in an attachment to this letter. Although some of the questions are, in form, susceptible of a simple affirmative or negative response, the Commission would appreciate instead a reasoned response to each question, in reasonable detail, and with such substantiating materials as seem appropriate.

On behalf of the Commission I wish to thank you and your representatives for your continued assistance to the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

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- 1. Was there any FEI interest in Oswald before the April, 1960 FEI interviews of Mrs. Furguerite Oswald and Robert Oswald? If so, what was the nature and extent of the interest? What initiated the April, 1960 questioning of Mrs. Oswald and Robert Oswald?
 - 2. At page 31 of the FBI Report on the Investigation of the Assassination of President Kennedy, it is stated that:

"An YBI investigation of Oswald had been instituted on May 31, 1962, so that the YBI would be notified of his re-entry by Immigration authorities. The purpose of this investigation was to determine if Oswald had been recruited by a Soviet intelligence service."

What was the nature of the FBI's investigation prior to May 31, 1962? Why was the investigation to determine if Oswald had been recruited by Soviet intelligence not instituted earlier, since his plans to return to the United States were known much earlier than May 31, 1962. (According to the report of SA Fain of July 3, 1961, page 10, the files of the State Department Passport Office were reviewed on May 9, 1961, and revealed Oswald's correspondence with the U.S. Embassy in Moscow regarding his desire to return to the United States.)

- 3. Since the State Department advised the FBI on June 4, 1962 of Oswald's scheduled return, why did the FBI apparently wait until June 22, nine days after arrival, to check on his arrival? Why did the FBI not interview Oswald upon his arrival?
- 4. Did the FBI learn of Oswald's return to Fort Worth from his sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Oswald (who advised on June 26, 1962 that he had arrived in Fort Worth on June 14), or was this information developed independently, and if so, in what way? Was Oswald placed under surveillance upon his arrival in New York, or was the first FBI contact the interview with him on June 26, 1962?
- 5. What was the FBI evaluation of Oswald as a result of the June 26, 1962 interview?
- 6. Why was Oswald interviewed so soon thereafter on August 14, 1962? What was the FBI evaluation of Oswald as a result of this interview? Where was this interview held, how long did it take, and was there anything remarkable about Oswald's demeanor during the course of the interview?

- 7. The Retail Herchants' Credit Association of rt Worth has stated that the FBI inquired about Oswald on February 27, 1961, and again on February 7, 1963. If these inquiries took place, why are they not mentioned in the FBI reports for the period involved?
- 8. The report of SA Hosty of September 10, 1963 contains the following item:

"On April 21, 1963 Dallas confidential informant T-2 advised that IEE H. OCHAID of Dallas, Texas, was in contact with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New York City at which time he advised that he passed out parphlets for the Fair Play for Cuba Cormittee. According to T-2, OSMAID had a plackard around his neck reading, "Hands Off Cuba Viva Fidel"."

Is this information correct as of the date indicated, and does it describe activities which occurred before Oswald's move to New Orleans?

- 9. How and when did the FTI learn of Oswald's move to New Orleans?
- 10. That promoted the New Orleans FDI Office inquiry into Oswald's activities, which inquiry appears to have begun at least as early as June 26, 1963? (See report of SA Krack, October 31, 1963, page 3.)
- 11. The are items about Oswald's residence and employment in Hew Orleans set forth in almost identical form in the report of SA Hosty of the Dallas MLI Office (September 10, 1963) and the report of SA Knack of the New Orleans MDI Office (October 31, 1963)? Why is there no other mention in the Hosty report of information set forth in the Knack report under dates earlier than the date of the Hosty report, and in several instances under dates earlier than the items about residence and employment that appeared in both reports?
- 12. Did SA Quigley, who interviewed Oswald at the New Orleans jail, or SA Knack, who prepared a report on Oswald, review earlier PDI reports on Oswald? Were they aware that, contrary to his statement, Oswald had not lived with his mother following discharge from the Parine Corps, but rather had gone to Russia? Were they aware that, contrary to his statement, his wife's maiden name was not "Prossa", and that they had not married in Fort Worth but in Russia?
- 13. The information about Oswald's residence and employment in New Orleans is also substantially duplicated in the report of SA De Brueys of October 25, 1963 on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee -- New Orleans Division. Why, however, is Ers. Oswald described only as

"his wife" in the Hosty and Knack report entries concerning residence information given by lirs. Jessie Garner, while the De Bruey's report identifies her more specifically as "his wife, Ihrina Nikolaevna Oswald" in the same reference to lirs. Garner's statement? Was either 61 Quigley or 61 Knack aware of this indication that Mrs. Oswald's iniden name was not "Prossa"?

- 14. What was the FEI reaction to the advice obtained on August 30, 1963 from Fr. Bill Stuckey that Oswald had told him he had worked and been married in Russia as contrasted with his inconsistent statements to EA Quigley on August 10?
- 15. The report of SA Guigley of October 31, 1963 states that on August 22, 1963 Radio Station MDCD rade available a transcript of the radio browleast in thich Osvald participated on August 21, 1963. May does the report of SA be brueys of October 25, 1963 not include this item, but state instead that on September 12, 1963 a confidential informant rade available a transcript of the same radio broadcast?
- 16. The report of SA Worck of Catober 31, 1963 states that on October 1, 1963 a confidential informat who was acquainted with some phases of Communist Party activities in New Orleans, advised that Oswald was unknown to him. May does this item not appear in the report of SA De Drueys, which instead includes a similar reference to a statement by a confidential informat made on October 15, 1963, that the informat did not know of Oswald or his wife? Why does this item not appear in the Knack report?
- 17. The De Brueys report of October 25, 1963 states that on October 7, 1963 a confidential informant advised that P.O. Box 30016 did not exist in the New Orleans area, and on the same date inquiry at the New Orleans Retailers' Credit Bureau failed to turn up any record of an A. J. Nidell. May do these items not appear in the report of 64 Knack of October 31, 1963?
- 18. When did the FBI first obtain from the New Orleans Police
 Department the list of Russian names and telephone numbers which had
 been obtained from Oswald's wallet at the time of his arrest?
 If this information was retained by the New Orleans Police Department
 but not made available until after the assassination, has the FBI
 receives any explanation for this delay?
- 19. How did the FBI evaluate Oswald's voluntary request to be interviewed by the FBI in New Orleans, particularly in view of the attitude he displayed at earlier interviews?

- 20. What was ti rBI evaluation of Oswald as a rult of the August 10, 1963 interview? What was the rBI evaluation of the Pair Play for Cuba Committee during the summer of 1963, and of Oswald's work for it?
- 21. Why did the FDI Investigation Division furnish an identification record to the New Orleans FBI Office consisting of a description
 of the two occasions on which the FEI had received Oswald's fingerprints:
 first, upon his entry into the Marine Corps; second, upon his arrest in
 New Orleans? Why was this information furnished under FDI number
 327 925 D, and not under Oswald's FDI Bureau File Number which is
 105-82555?
 - 22. The FBI Report on the Investigation of the Assassination of President Kennedy, page 39, states that in October, 1963, an investigation was initiated to ascertain the whereabouts of the Oswalds, following advice from a rental agent that they had vacated their apartment and that Prs. Oswald and their child had deported in a station vagon with Texas registration. What was the reason for this investigation to ascertain Oswald's whereabouts?
 - 23. What was the FBI reaction to the CIA report of October 10, reparding Oswald's visit to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City? Why did the FBI not request additional information or follow-up information by the CIA? What was the FBI evaluation of Oswald in view of the CIA report?
 - 24. Was the FEI aware of Oswald's application on June 24, 1963 for a passport, or the issuance of a passport on June 25, 1963? Why did the FBI not request that the Passport Office of the Department of State include Oswald on a list which would have resulted in advice to the FBI of any application for a passport?
 - 25. What prompted the PBI efforts to locate Gswald on October 18 in Fort Worth, or Robert Oswald on October 19 in Fort Worth (before receiving advice on October 25, 1963, that Oswald had given the New Orleans Post Office a forwarding address in Irving, Texas)?
 - 26. Why did the FEI make three attempts within eight days (October 29 November 5, 1963) to locate Oswald? After being advised of his place of employment by Mrs. Paine, did the FBI attempt to locate him through that lead? Were any further efforts made between November 5 and November 22 to locate Oswald, and if not, why not?

- 27. Did SA Hosty interview Phrina Oswald and Mrs. Paine alone on November 1, 1963, or was he accompanied by another agent or agents? At what time of day did SA Hosty conduct the interview on November 1, 1963, and did he receive any advice regarding the time when Oswald was expected to visit Mrs. Paine's house that day, or when he might be ithere on another day?
 - 28. What was the FBI evaluation of confidential information received on Nevember 18, 1963 regarding Oswald's letter to the Soviet Embassy in Washington?
 - 29. Did SA Hosty state to anyone on November 22, 1963 that Oswald had contacted two known sulversive agents about 15 days before the assassination, but that the entire information was Top Secret? If so, to what did SA Nesty refer?
 - 30. When and for what reason were pages 279 through 283 of the report of SA Gemberling of February 11, 1964 prepared (setting forth the entries in Oswald's address book which had not been included in the report of SA Gemberling of December 23, 1963)?