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TO : MR. BASSETT *hb*

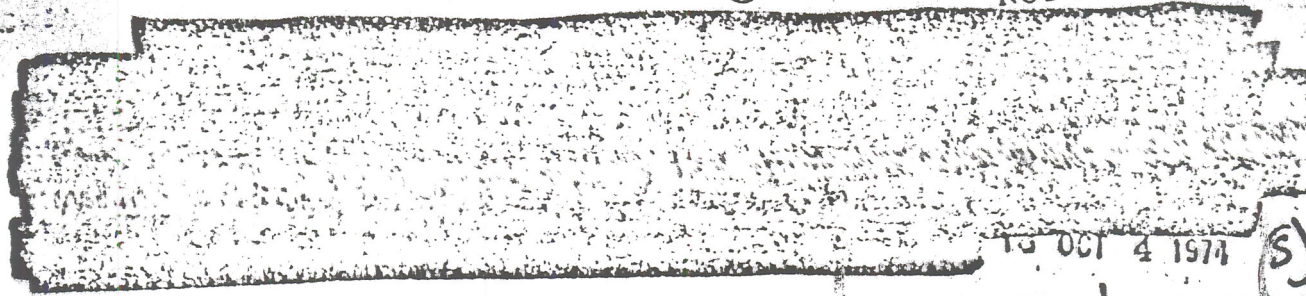
DATE: September 17, 1974

FROM : R. D. COTTER *RD*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
WARREN COMMISSION DOCUMENTS

The Department has referred to us a request of the U. S. Archivist relating to the possible declassification of certain classified documents of the Warren Commission which are now over ten years old. These include:

1. A letter dated 4/24/64 addressed to the FBI by J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the Commission, which requests that certain specific inquiries be conducted in Mexico. These inquiries related chiefly to determining Oswald's activities and expenses while in Mexico and ascertaining the availability of a fellow bus passenger, one Albert A. Osborne. Rankin's letter is currently classified "Secret," but it contains nothing we would presently consider as sensitive and we would have no grounds to object to its declassification or release for research purposes.



Enclosure

1 - Mr. Wannall (Attention Mr. Boynton)

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Memorandum to Mr. Bassett  
Re: Lee Harvey Oswald

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ACTION

It is recommended that the CI-4 Section (Liaison) of Intelligence Division contact knowledgeable representatives of CIA concerning this matter and obtain their views. Following this contact, the Document Classification Officer, Inspection Division, will prepare an appropriate response to the Department. A copy of the pertinent portions of the WFO report of 3/11/64 is attached.

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