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TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE: 4/7/64

FROM : V. A. Branigan

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cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - Russia - Cuba

We have been giving the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy all of our investigative reports in connection with the assassination of the President, the investigation of Ruby, and Oswald. The question arises whether we should furnish to the Commission the attached report of Special Agent Milton L. Newsom, dated 3/23/64, at Dallas, which sets forth the results of our technical and microphone surveillance of Marina Oswald.

We had a technical surveillance on the telephone of Marina Oswald from 2/29/64 to 3/12/64, and a microphone surveillance in her residence from 3/2/64 to 3/12/64, to determine her contacts and activities. This coverage was discontinued when it became evident that significant results concerning her contacts and activities were not being revealed, and Mr. Rankin was orally advised by Mr. Malley of such action.

The pertinent information received from these sources was furnished by separate letters to the Commission as the information was received. The tesur provided some real personal information

Consideration was previously given to disseminating that information to the Commission by letter, but it was decided not to do so since it did not appear to relate to the purpose for which the coverage was established. This information, however, is included in the Dallas report of 3/23/64, as Dallas was instructed to include all of the information received from these sources in a separate report.

These surveillances were placed on Marina Oswald following the Director's conversation with J. Lee Rankin on 2/24/64, at which time Rankin asked that we cover the activities of Marina Oswald as he stated "he would hate to have her just run out on us," and he was wondering about covering her activities to see who was visiting her for awhile. At that time Mr. Rankin was advised that we could consider getting a telephone tap on her.

We have no objections to giving this report to the Commission. However, if it is made a part of the public record, for review at a later date, it will become apparent to the reader (even though we cover the source) that the information came from a technical surveillance. Even though this technical was placed in response to the Commission's

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request to cover Marina Oswald's activities, it does not appear the Commission specifically asked for a technical surveillance. Therefore, if there is public criticism about placing a wire tap on Marina Oswald it would be directed at the Bureau, rather than the Commission. (u)

RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as we have furnished the Commission with the pertinent information from these sources, by separate letters as the information was received, we recommend that this report not be sent to the Commission. (u)

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