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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 6, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

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Special Agent Vincent Drain of the Dallas Office was called before the President's Commission today to exhibit the clothing worn by Oswald on 11-24-63, when Ruby shot him. This clothing had been in the custody of the Dallas Police Department (DLPD) and is to be used in Ruby's forthcoming trial. The Commission had requested we obtain this clothing, which we did, after assuring local Texas authorities we would maintain the chain of evidence so as not to prejudice the prosecution of Ruby.

The items which SA Drain brought with him included Oswald's shoes, sweater, khaki shirt, and black pants. These items were grouped on the top of a desk with other items of his clothing being examined by the Commission. Due to the necessity for SA Drain to maintain the chain of evidence, he was present during part of the questioning of Mrs. Marina Oswald.

Mrs. Oswald identified all of the above items presented by SA Drain as belonging to her deceased husband. She also identified a brown shirt worn by Oswald at the time of his apprehension by the DLPD on 11-22-63.

During this phase of questioning SA Drain was requested to remain so as to preclude any possible distraction. The questioning was done by Chief Justice Warren, Senator John Sherman Cooper, and Congressmen Hale Boggs and Gerald Ford.

SA Drain furnished the following account of the Commission's questions and Mrs. Oswald's answers during the approximately 25 minutes he was present in the hearing room:

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Question: Did you ever hear your husband make any remarks of any kind against President Kennedy?

Answer: No.

Question: Do you think he disliked President Kennedy?

Answer: No.

Question: Why do you think he killed President Kennedy?

Answer: I think he wanted a place in history or wanted to be a big shot or something.

Question: Do you think he was of sound mind?

Answer: Yes, I do, but I think he used it in the wrong way.

Question: Did you ever hear him say he was a Communist?

Answer: Yes, I did; one time when we were in New Orleans, I asked him if he really knew what a Communist was; I don't think he did.

Question: Do you think that he thought the economic conditions were better in Russia than in the United States?

Answer: No, I think he was dissatisfied with Russia, too.

Question: Do you think he killed the President?

Answer: Yes, I do.

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Question: Do you have any reason to believe that he was antagonistic toward the President?

Answer: I never heard him express any words like that.

Question: Do you think he conspired with anyone else to kill the President?

Answer: No, I think he was alone.

Question: Do you think he did it by himself.

Answer: Yes, I do.

Question: Do you think he told anyone what he was going to do?

Answer: No, I don't think he told anyone.

SA Drain advised he took as many notes as possible under the circumstances and has attempted to fill in the questions and answers as he remembers them.

ACTION:

For information.

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Mr. Belmont

February 7, 1964

A. Rosen

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

While talking with J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission today, Mr. Rankin advised that John F. Doyle, an attorney in Washington, D. C., had been designated by the President of the Washington, D. C., Bar Association to represent Mrs. Marguerite Oswald (the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald) when she appears before the President's Commission on Monday, February 10, 1964.

Mr. Rankin advised that Doyle is considered a very capable attorney; that he was formerly Assistant Corporation Counsel under Oliver Gasch from 1948 to 1951 and was Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia from 1953 to 1955 and 1957 to 1961.

Mr. Rankin stated Mark Lane, the New York attorney who is representing Mrs. Oswald, stated that he was too busy obtaining affidavits and other material to show Oswald was not guilty of shooting the President to appear before the Commission with Mrs. Marguerite Oswald on February 10. Rankin commented he was very thankful for this development so they would not have Lane to deal with.

Indices are being checked concerning Mr. Doyle and you will be advised of any significant information in the Bureau files concerning him.

Mr. Rankin stated he did not know the exact schedule of the Commission for the immediate future but mentioned that following the obtaining of testimony from Mrs. Oswald they planned on calling Mrs. Ruth Paine (the woman with whom Mrs. Marina Oswald was living at the time the President was shot) before the Commission and that it would probably be next week or the following week.

1 - Lee Harvey Oswald, Internal Security - R File 105-82555
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Callahan
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(OO: DALLAS)

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Re Bureau cablegram, 2/6/64 to Legat, Ottawa.

New Orleans airtel to Bureau 2/3/64 corrected the date appearing in New Orleans airtel, 1/31/64 to June 1953.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-82555)

FROM DALLAS (100-10461)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

RE TELCALL FROM MR. WILLIAM BRANNIGAN TO SAC ROBT. RIGHMYER HOUSTON, FEB. SEVEN LAST AND MY TELCALL TO INSPECTOR DONALD MOORE TODAY CONCERNING ALONZO F. HUDKINS, III, ~~AKA~~ *ALSO KNOWN AS* LONNIE HUDKINS. *TEXAS*

HUDKINS ARRIVED DALLAS LATE THIS AFTERNOON FROM HOUSTON, HAVING HAD CAR TROUBLE EN ROUTE AND WAS INTERVIEWED BY SA VINCENT E. DRAIN AND SA W. JAMES WOOD. *SPECIAL AGENT*

HE WAS ADVISED THAT WE HAD RECEIVED INFO TO EFFECT THAT HE HAD MADE STATEMENTS THAT OSWALD HAD BEEN PAID TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH FROM ABOUT SEPT. SIXTYTWO AS AN INFORMANT FOR THE FBI AND THAT HE HAD SYMBOL NO. ~~ONE SEVEN NINE~~ *179* IN REGARD TO THIS, HE RELATED FOLLOWING INFO. HUDKINS CAME TO DALLAS, TEXAS IN LATE DEC., SIXTYTHREE TO CHECK OUT RUMORS THAT OSWALD MIGHT HVE BEEN AN

INFORMANT OF THE FBI. HE SAID THIS WAS BASED ON INFO HE HAD RECEIVED FROM ASST. DISI. ATTY. ~~WILLIAM ALEXANDER~~ *WILLIAM ALEXANDER* TO THE EFFECT THAT IN OSWALD-S NOTEBOOK THERE WAS THE NAME OF AGENT HOSTY, HIS OFFICE AND HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER AND LICENSE NUMBER. IN ADDITION HE HAD INTERVIEWED OSWALD-S MOTHER, MARGUERITE OSWALD, WHO SAID THAT

OSWALD WAS DOING IMPORTANT SUBVERSIVE WORK FOR THE GOVT. *TEXAS*

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MR. BELMONT I.S. THE DIRECTOR

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HUDKINS STATED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED A GOVT. OFFICIAL ,
NOT A FEDERAL OFFICIAL IN DALLAS, WHO HAD TOLD HIM THAT OSWALD
WAS ON THE PAY ROLL OF EITHER THE FBI OR CIA, WITH VOUCHER
NO. ONE SEVEN NINE, AND RECEIVED NO LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY
DOLLARS A MONTH AND NOR MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS
A MONTH. HUDKINS RELATED THAT THIS OFFICIAL HAD FURNISHED HIM
RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST WHICH HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO PRINT. , BUT
THAT HE DID NOT PRINT ANYTHING STATING OSWALD WAS AN INFORMANT OF
THE FBI OR CIA, BUT MERELY RAISED THIS QUESTION IN HIS ARTICLE
IN THE HOUSTON POST DATED JAN. ONE, SIXTYFOUR. HE STATED HE ONLY
HAD THIS OFFICIAL-S WORD AND DID NOT SEE ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
OF ANY KIND TO SUBSTANTIATE SAME. HUDKINS SAID HE MADE INQUIRIES OF
SOME FRIENDS OF HIS IN HOUSTON, WHOSE NAMES HE WOULD NOT DIVULGE,
AND ~~ESQ-AXXX~~ ALSO ASKED HIS WASHINGTON HDQTRS. TO ATTEMPT TO CHECK
THIS OUT. HUDKINS RELATED THAT THIS COULD NOT BE VERIFIED AND
THEREFORE WAS NOT PRINTED. HUDKINS WAS QUESTIONED AT LENGTH IN
ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THE SOURCE THAT OSWALD WAS AN FBI OR CIA
INFORMANT , BUT HUDKINS REFUSED TO DIVULGE HIS SOURCE OR TO
FURNISH A SIGNED STATEMENT. HE DID ADMIT THAT THIS WAS A LOCAL
DALLAS SOURCE. HE STATED THAT HE HAD QUOTED EXACTLY ALEXANDER-S
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STATEMENTS TO HIM PREVIOUSLY AS TO AGENT HOSTY-SOME BEING IN
 OSWALD-S NOTEBOOK, WHICH INCLUDED HIS HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER.
 HUDKINS STATED THAT HE LATER LEARNED THAT HOSTY-S HOME TELEPHONE
 NUMBER WAS NOT IN THIS NOTEBOOK. HUDKINS STATED THAT WHEN THE
 LOCAL DALLAS SOURCE WHO FURNISHED HIM WITH THE ALLEGED INFO THAT
 OSWALD WAS AN FBI OR CIA INFORMANT, HE WAS ALONE AND NO OTHER
 REPORTERS WERE PRESENT. THE ONLY OTHER INFO HUDKINS STATED THAT
 HE HAD HEARD THAT OSWALD MIGHT BE A SYMBOL INFORMANT WAS FROM
 JOE GOLDEN, A REPORTER PRESENTLY WITH THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER
 AND FORMERLY OF THE DALLAS NEWS, WHO WAS IN DALLAS IN LATE DEC.
 SIXTYTHREE. GOLDEN MENTIONED TO HIM A NUMBER, DIFFERENT FROM ONE
 SEVEN NINE, THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A VOUCHER NUMBER. HUDKINS CANNOT
 RECALL THE NUMBER.

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Sought & interview Golden at once

WHILE WAITING FOR HUDKINS TO ARRIVE AT THE DALLAS COUNTY
 COURTHOUSE AND SHERIFF-S OFFICE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CONFIDENTIALLY VOLUNTARILY
 ADVISED SA DRAIN THAT HE WAS [REDACTED] "BURNED UP" [REDACTED] BECAUSE
 ALEXANDER HAD LEAKED TO THE DALLAS NEWS THE RESULTS OF THE
 PSYCHIATRIC AND BRAIN TESTS WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN RUBY AT THE
 DIRECTION OF THE COURT. [REDACTED] RELATED HE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE
 THAT ALEXANDER WAS ALSO THE SAME SOURCE THAT PUT OUT THE RUMOR THAT
 OSWALD WAS AN FBI INFORMANT. [REDACTED] ADVISED ALEXANDER IS A
 MENTAL CASE AND THAT HE COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND DIST.
 ATTY WADE KEEPING HIM AS A PROSECUTOR OTHER THAN THE FACT WADE
 WAS TOO LAZY TO PROSECUTE THE CASE HIMSELF AND THAT ALEXANDER WAS

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*Distant attorney
Dallas County, Texas*

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THE ONLY PROSECUTOR HE HAD THAT HE COULD UTILIZE IN THE RUBY CASE.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

IN PREVIOUS HEARINGS, [REDACTED], ALEXANDER HAD REFERRED TO RUBY AS A ~~QUOTE~~ 'JEW BOY' ~~UNQUOTE~~ IN OPEN COURT, AND THAT [REDACTED] HAD HAD SEVERAL CALLS FROM PROMINENT JEWISH PEOPLE IN DALLAS, ASKING HIM TO KEEP RACIAL PREJUDICES OUT OF THE TRIAL IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.] FURTHER BACKGROUND INFO ON WILLIAM ALEXANDER IS SET FORTH IN NYTEL TO BUREAU CAPTIONED LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA DATED JAN. TWENTYFIVE LAST, SENT TO BUREAU AT THREE FIFTYTHREE PM, BEGINNING WITH SECOND PAR. PAGE SIX AND CONTINUING ON PAGE SEVEN, WHICH REFLECTS THAT ALEXANDER IS [IRRATIC AND A SUSPECTED MENTAL CASE.]

IT IS NOTED IN SAME TEL ON PAGE FIVE, DIST. ATTY. WADE STATED THAT WHEN HE APPEARED BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON JAN. TWENTYFOUR LAST, HE CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED LEE RANKIN THAT ANYTHING ALEXANDER SAID CONCERNING FBI OR THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE, HAD TO BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT BECAUSE OF HIS INTENSE DISLIKE FOR THE ^{UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S} ~~USA'S~~ OFFICE IN DALLAS AND THE DEPT.

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PAGE FIVE

AT CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW WITH HUDKINS, HE SAID THAT EVEN IF HE WERE CALLED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION, HE WOULD DECLINE TO FURNISH THE SOURCE OF THE ABOVE INFO.

IT IS ALSO TO BE NOTED THAT ON PAGES THREE AND FOUR OF MY TELETYPE MENTIONED ABOVE, ALEXANDER CLAIMS THAT HE HEARD REPORTERS DISCUSSING THE STATEMENT THAT OSWALD WAS POSSIBLY ON THE PAYROLL OF THE GOVERNMENT AT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH BEGINNING SEPT. NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, AND THAT HE HEARD PAYROLL NUMBER ONE SEVEN NINE OR VOUCHER ONE SEVEN NINE MENTIONED. APPARENTLY EITHER DIST. ATTY. WADE OR ASSISTANT DIST. ATTY/ ALEXANDER HAVE TOLD THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION THAT THE SOURCE OF THEIR INFORMATION WAS LONNIE HUDKINS. HUDKINS IN INTERVIEW STATES HE WAS NOT PRESENT AT ANY OF THE BOND HEARINGS ON RUBY OR ANY OTHER HEARINGS CONCERNING RUBY AND HAD NOT WORKED ON THE OSWALD-RUBY MATTER

SINCE JANURY ONE. HE ALSO SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT HE DID NOT GIVE THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO ALEXANDER OR WADE BUT DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER ALEXANDER HAD GIVEN THE INFORMATION TO HIM. HE SAID IF HE DIVULGED HIS SOURCE HE WOULD BE RUINED AS A REPORTER.

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Get report to Rankin promptly.

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cc - Mr. Sullivan

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2-9-64

Alonzo F. Hudkins, a newspaper reporter, interviewed to determine basis for statements Oswald was CIA or FBI informant. He claims received information from government official (not Federal Government) in Dallas. States he was unable to confirm allegation and did not print anything concerning it but merely raised question in an article. He refused to divulge his source or furnish signed statement.

[REDACTED], confidentially advised has reason to believe that Assistant District Attorney William Alexander put out rumor that Oswald was FBI informant. [REDACTED] described Alexander as "mental case."

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1 - Mr. Belmont; 1 - Mr. Mohr; 1 - Mr. DeLoach; 1 - Mr. Rosen;
1 - Mr. Sullivan; 1 - Mr. Branigan; 1 - Mr. Lenihan

February 11, 1964

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your conversation with
Inspector James R. Malley of this Bureau on February 7, 1964,
regarding Lonnie Hudkins, the Houston "Post" reporter who wrote
an article in the January 1, 1964, issue of the Houston "Post"
entitled "Oswald Rumored as Informant for U.S."

For your information, Mr. Alonzo F. Hudkins, III,
also known as Lonnie Hudkins, was interviewed by Agents of
this Bureau on February 8, 1964, in this matter. Mr. Hudkins
stated he arrived in Dallas, Texas, in late December, 1963, to
check-out rumors that Oswald might have been an informant of
the FBI. He stated such rumors were based on information he
had received from Assistant District Attorney William Alexander
to the effect that Oswald's address book contained the name of
Agent Dosty, his office and home telephone numbers and his
automobile license number. Mr. Hudkins also stated he had
interviewed Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald,
who said that Oswald was doing important subversive work for the
Government.

Mr. Hudkins further stated he had contacted a
Government official, not a Federal official in Dallas, who had
told him that Oswald was on the payroll of either the FBI or
the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) with voucher number 179
and that he had received no less than \$150 a month and no more
than \$225 a month. Mr. Hudkins claimed that the official who
furnished him this information had furnished him reliable
information in the past which he had been able to print.
Mr. Hudkins stated he did not print anything stating Oswald was

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an informant of the FBI or CIA but merely raised this question in his article in the Houston "Post" of January 1, 1964, since he had only this official's word and did not have any supporting documents of any kind to substantiate this allegation. He further stated he had made inquiries of some of his friends in Houston, Texas, whose names he would not divulge and had also requested his Washington, D. C., headquarters to attempt to check out this allegation. According to Mr. Hudkins this allegation could not be verified through any of his sources and, therefore, was not printed in the Houston "Post."

Mr. Hudkins was questioned at length in an attempt to ascertain his source that Oswald was an FBI or CIA informant, but Mr. Hudkins refused to divulge his source or to furnish a signed statement. He stated that when he received this information from his source he was alone and no other reporters were present.

According to Mr. Hudkins, the only other information he had heard that Oswald might be a symbol number informant was from Joe Golden, a reporter of the "Philadelphia Inquirer," who was in Dallas in late December, 1963. According to Hudkins, Mr. Golden mentioned to him a number different from 179, that might have been a voucher number. Mr. Hudkins stated he could not recall the number.

At the conclusion of our interview with Mr. Hudkins he stated that even if he were called to appear before the President's Commission, he would decline to furnish the source of his information.

In connection with Mr. Hudkins' reference to Joe Golden, please be advised that we have interviewed Mr. Joseph Goulden, a reporter for the "Philadelphia Inquirer," in connection with an article Mr. Goulden reported in the December 8, 1963, issue of the "Philadelphia Inquirer," wherein he alleged that Lee Harvey Oswald at one time had been contacted by the FBI to become an informant. He said he had obtained this information from a law enforcement officer in Dallas whom he declined to identify. We reinterviewed Joseph Goulden on December 16, 1963, in an attempt to pin down the source of his allegation, but Mr. Goulden declined to identify the law enforcement officer after allegedly having talked to him on the telephone. He did say, however, that the officer told him that the matter was being "handled through proper channels."

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

For your added information, we have contacted the Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, to determine if an allegation had been made a matter of record to the effect that Lee Harvey Oswald at one time had been contacted by the FBI to become an informant. No such record was found in the files of the Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas.

The foregoing is furnished for your information in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
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Prof. Gardner
FEB 10 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of February 6, inclosing your affidavit of that date.

I would like to take this occasion to clarify several points in connection with the matter covered by your letter. District Attorney Wade did not testify before the Commission. He and other Texas officials held discussions with members of the Commission in Washington. In the course of these discussions, Mr. Wade mentioned having heard the rumor that Oswald had been an informant of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Wade did not suggest that he gave credence to this rumor, but felt obliged to report it to the Commission.

Your affidavit refers to affidavits that were obtained from all FBI Special Agents who were in contact with Oswald, as well as affidavits from the Special Agents in charge of their respective field offices. I should like to confirm my verbal request to Mr. Malley that these affidavits be made available to the Commission.

After the Commission has reviewed these additional affidavits, I will undoubtedly be writing to you again to request information supplemental to your affidavit and the affidavits of the agents, to make certain, by any standard, that the historical record on this matter will be complete and unassailable.

Sincerely,

J. R. Malley

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-32555)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-31965)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.
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(re Lane)

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau dated 1/23/64.

On 2/10/64, Mr. [redacted] Wayne State University (WSU), Detroit, Michigan, source of information who has furnished reliable information in the past, protect identity, advised SA LAWRENCE M. COOPER, JR., that MARK LANE is scheduled to speak at 2:30 p.m. in Room 101, State Hall, WSU. [redacted] advised that this speech is sponsored by the WSU Young Democrats, a recognized campus organization at WSU.

[redacted] advised that there is no fee for the use of this hall and apparently the site of the speech had been changed from the WSU Community Arts Building inasmuch as WSU would not waive the \$65.00 fee for the use of that auditorium.

The 2/7/64, issue of "Narodna Volya", Bulgarian language Communist line newspaper, contains an article which indicates that on 2/14/64, at 8:00 p.m. MARK LANE, New York attorney, and former democratic assemblyman, will address a meeting at the Central Methodist Church, Detroit. This article indicates the meeting is sponsored by the Detroit Friends of the National Guardian, a New York news weekly. This article indicates that LANE has been retained by Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, mother of the Subject.

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The article indicates that LANE will discuss the guilt or innocence of LEE OSWALD at this meeting.

UACB Detroit will affordigent coverage of the meeting at Central Methodist Church and submit report of results. In view of the small size of the room at WSU and inasmuch as the meeting will be attended primarily there by students, no coverage will be afforded the meeting at WSU.

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TO : MR. SULLIVAN *J*

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN *7*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

DATE: 2-10-64

In a United Press release dated 2-9-64 referring to the appearance of Mrs. Marguerite Oswald before the President's Commission, it was stated "A Secret Service Agent and an FBI man accompanied her on the trip to Washington." The Director noted "I assume this is not true."

The Director's assumption is correct. No FBI Agent accompanied Mrs. Oswald.

ACTION:

This is submitted for the information of the Director.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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Lee Oswald

UPI-24

(MRS. OSWALD)

FORT WORTH--MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD FLEW TO WASHINGTON UNDER SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION TODAY TO LAY WHAT SHE CALLED "TRUMP CARDS" BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION AND TELL THE INVESTIGATORS ABOUT A MYSTERIOUS "THIRD LIFE" INVOLVING HER SON, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN.

PROTESTING HIS INNOCENCE, THE 36-YEAR-OLD MOTHER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD SAID SHE WOULD PRESENT INFORMATION "THE COMMISSION HAS NOT HAD ACCESS TO BEFORE." SHE INDICATED SHE WOULD ACCEPT THE FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

THE COMMISSION HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN APPOINTED WASHINGTON ATTORNEY JOHN DOYLE TO REPRESENT MRS. OSWALD AT THE HEARINGS DESIGNED TO SIFT THE EVIDENCE AGAINST OSWALD AS THE SLAYER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN DALLAS LAST NOV. 22.

ALTHOUGH MARINA OSWALD, WIDOW OF THE SLAIN MAN, TOLD THE COMMISSION SHE BELIEVED HER HUSBAND GUILTY, HIS MOTHER HAS ARGUED THAT THE EVIDENCE IS "CIRCUMSTANTIAL," AND THAT HER SLAIN SON WAS INNOCENT.

A SECRET SERVICE AGENT AND AN FBI MAN ACCOMPANIED HER ON THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON. SHE SAID SHE DID NOT ASK FOR THE PROTECTION.

MRS. OSWALD SAID IT WAS A "REAL FIGHT" TO WIN AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION.

"I WILL TELL THE COMMISSION ABOUT LEE'S LIFE, MY LIFE AND A THIRD LIFE," SHE SAID.

THERE WAS NO FURTHER REFERENCE TO A THIRD LIFE. MRS. OSWALD HAS TWO OTHER SONS. OSWALD'S FATHER, A SALESMAN, DIED SHORTLY BEFORE HE WAS BORN.

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ADD MRS. OSWALD, FORT WORTH
 MRS. OSWALD SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH REPORTERS AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL
 AIRPORT AS SHE ARRIVED FROM FORT WORTH, TEX., WITH FOUR SECRET
 SERVICEMEN ASSIGNED TO PROTECT HER.

SHE REFUSED TO DETAIL THE "NEW EVIDENCE" TO BE GIVEN TOMORROW
 TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE DALLAS TRAGEDY. 4
 BEFORE LEAVING TEXAS, SHE TOLD OF "TRUMP CARDS" SHE WOULD LAY
 BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND PROMISED TO TELL INVESTIGATORS ABOUT A MYS-
 TERIOUS THIRD LIFE INVOLVING LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-82555

FROM DALLAS 100-10461 1P

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS-R-CUBA.

RE DALLAS TEL FEB TEN AND TEL CALL TO BUREAU FEB NINE RE STORY ABOUT ASSASSINATION WITNESS BEING HELD IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY, APPEARING IN FEB TEN EDITION OF FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM.

JACK BUTLER, MANAGING EDITOR, FT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM,

[REDACTED] STATES HIS REPORTER, THAYER WALDO, OBTAINED HIS INFO FROM A SOURCE THE PAPER THOUGHT TO BE COMPLETELY RELIABLE. NOW HIS PAPER IS "AGHAST" AT DEVELOPMENTS, AND IS OF OPINION THE SOURCE WAS WRONG. BUTLER DECLINED TO REVEAL WALDO'S SOURCE. BUTLER DID STATE THE SOURCE NEVER NAMED A SPECIFIC PERSON AS BEING AN EYE WITNESS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSINATION.

WALDO WAS UNAVAILABLE, BUT MR. BUTLER STATED HE WOULD CONTACT HIM AND IF WALDO WAS WILLING TO REVEAL HIS SOURCE HE WOULD CALL THIS OFFICE. HE HAS NOT DONE SO.

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

MR. DELMONTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

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TO : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

DATE: 2/11/64

FROM : R. H. Jevons *RHJ*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.
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As a matter of record, the President's Commission returned to the Laboratory on 2/10/64, the items set forth on the attached sheet which had been previously delivered to the Commission in accordance with its request. Portions of five items were not returned in their entirety and the retained items are listed on the attached sheet by item number. The original delivery of these items to the Commission has been appropriately acknowledged by letter to J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the Commission.

ACTION:

For information.

Enclosure

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- 1-Mr. Belmont - encl.
- 1-Mr. Rosen - encl.
- 1-Mr. Sullivan - encl.
- 1-Mr. Malley - encl.
- 1-Mr. Lennihan - encl.

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Portions of items retained by the
President's Commission:

1	One photograph depicting a lawn, house and long building
7	One photograph depicting alley, house and other buildings
14	One photograph depicting back of house and gasmeter
70	One photograph depicting small boy holding rein of large toy horse
182	One printed form in Russian language with handwritten numbers on front and handwritten words on back

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(MRS. OSWALD)

WASHINGTON--MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD TODAY FINISHED TELLING THE WARREN COMMISSION HER VERSION OF HER SON'S LIFE STORY. CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, WHO HEADS THE COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, SAID THE MOTHER OF KENNEDY'S ACCUSED ASSASSIN WOULD COMPLETE HER TESTIMONY WITH A NARRATIVE OF HER OWN LIFE.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID HE EXPECTED MRS. OSWALD TO COMPLETE HER OWN STORY BEFORE THE DAY IS OUT.

WARREN SAID THE COMMISSION HAS IDENTIFIED AND RECORDED ALL THE CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS WHICH MRS. OSWALD SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN THE INVESTIGATION.

BUT HE SAID THE GRANDMOTHERLY WOMAN HAD DECIDED AGAINST FURNISHING THE COMMISSION WITH SOME PHOTOGRAPHS BECAUSE THE COMMISSION HAD REFUSED TO GUARANTEE HER THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE SHOWN TO ANYONE ELSE.

MRS. OSWALD, WARREN SAID, INDICATED SHE WANTED TO USE THE PHOTOGRAPHS IN A BOOK OR SOME OTHER PUBLICATION LATER.

UPON THE ADVICE OF HER ATTORNEY, MRS. OSWALD DECLINED TO SPEAK TO REPORTERS AS THE COMMISSION BROKE FOR LUNCH AT 1 P.M.

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February 12, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - Mohr
- 1 - Callahan
- 1 - DeLoach
- 1 - Rosen
- 1 - Sullivan
- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Baumgardner
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Lenihan

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter of February 6, 1964, enclosing an affidavit executed by me, wherein I categorically state that Lee Harvey Oswald was never an informant of the FBI.

Pursuant to your request, there are enclosed nine additional affidavits, executed by personnel of this Bureau who, because of their assignments, would have been responsible for or cognizant of any attempt to develop Lee Harvey Oswald as an informant of the FBI. In addition, there is enclosed an affidavit, executed by John W. Fain, retired Special Agent of the FBI. Mr. Fain took part in interviews of Lee Harvey Oswald on June 26, 1962, and August 16, 1962, at Fort Worth, Texas.

You will note that each of the individuals concerned denies any knowledge that Lee Harvey Oswald ever was an informant of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE:

By letter 2/6/64 there was transmitted to the Commission an affidavit executed by the Director, wherein the Director categorically stated Oswald was never an informant of the FBI. The enclosed affidavits are from FBI personnel in Dallas, New Orleans, and San Francisco, who at some time had contact with Oswald or would have been responsible for any funds paid to Oswald as an informant. We also have obtained an affidavit of former Agent John W. Fain, which is being enclosed for the Commission since Fain had personal contact with Oswald during two interviews in 1962.

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SAC, Dallas (100-10461)

2/12/64

Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS - R - CUBA
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Reference is made to Laboratory report D-442235 AX dated 2/7/64 addressed to your office and reporting the results of the examination of Q488. Reference is also made to Laboratory report D-441943 AX dated 2/7/64 reporting the results of the examination of Q485.

The Laboratory has arbitrarily assigned D-98 to specimen Q488 and D-99 to specimen Q485.

There are attached hereto four photographic copies of D-98 and D-99. If these exhibits have been previously reported on, you should prepare a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination, identifying the investigative report which covered the particular exhibit. You should attach two photographic copies of each exhibit to the two copies of the letterhead memorandum which will be furnished to The President's Commission and one photographic copy of each exhibit to the letterhead memorandum which will become the Bureau's file copy. The fourth photograph is for your files.

If an exhibit has not been previously incorporated in an investigative report, then you should prepare an investigative report and attach two photographic copies of each exhibit to the two copies of the investigative report which will be furnished to The President's Commission and one photograph to the Bureau's file copy (signed by SAC).

Enclosures (8)

- 1 - Mr. Stokes, 645 RB (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Rogge, 5718 (sent direct)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 6, 1964, setting forth the results of certain time tests on bus travel between specified locations in the Dallas, Texas, area conducted by your agents at the Commission's request. I am confident that this information will be of assistance to members of the staff.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Fears Hidden by Greek Queen D-11

By Drew Pearson

When Queen Frederika of Greece gave her delightful impromptu toast at the White House luncheon in her honor, no one would have guessed that she was extremely worried over the prospects of war between her country and Turkey.



Pearson

Late cables from Cyprus and London had just reported the peace talks deadlocked and Turkey threatening to send troops from the mainland to the island of Cyprus.

The Greeks have informed high American and British officials that if the Turks do land troops on Cyprus, Greece will attack.

War between these two NATO allies and friends of the United States would be extremely embarrassing, to say nothing of dangerous.

The Turkish population, 18 per cent of the total, has one half representation in the Cyprus Parliament and the right of veto over legislation.

Greeks say this is unfair, also claim the Turks have refused to integrate.

stage problems worrying the Queen of Greece when she paid an impromptu gracious tribute to her host, President Johnson, at the formal White House luncheon.

FBI's Failure

The FBI was irate over this column's disclosure on Dec. 2, 1963, that the FBI, though fully aware of Lee Oswald's presence in Dallas, had failed to report him to the Secret Service in advance of President Kennedy's arrival. This, I stated, was an important factor in the death of the late President.

This week, William Turner, for 10 years a G-man, reports in Saga magazine: "Lee Oswald . . . was probably aided by jealousy and lack of cooperation and communication between law enforcement agencies . . ."

"I learned that a Dallas FBI agent had especially interviewed Oswald only ten days before the assassination . . . I also learned that eventually the FBI did give the Secret Service a 'risk list' of people the Bureau feared might harm the President. But Oswald's name was not on it."

Congress Moves

The Republicans at long last have seen the handwriting on the walls of Congress. It looks as if the Kennedy-Johnson legislative program,

under the whiplash of Mr. Johnson is going to proceed with almost assembly line smoothness in the House of Representatives — beginning Thursday.

Thursday the House Rules Committee will report out the much debated civil rights bill, will begin debate Friday, and even continue debate Saturday. There is a commitment that debate will even continue the following Saturday until the bill comes to a vote.

Rep. Howard Smith, the distinguished Virginia Dixiecrat who sits supreme on the House Rules Committee, doesn't like this procedure a bit. And on previous occasions he's ambled off to visit the cows on his five dairy farms in Virginia. But this time the 80-year-old czar of the Rules Committee isn't going cow visiting. He's a realist. He knows when he's beaten, and he's staying right here.

Meanwhile in the Senate, the tax bill is due to be whipped into final shape and reach the Senate floor by the end of this week. It could be held up by Southern Senators as a concealed filibuster against the civil rights bill; because if the Senate is busy discussing taxes, it can't take up civil rights. In this case, President Johnson will have to get on the telephone again. However, thanks to his

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D. L. Jones

loading and thanks to our public reaction to the 80th Congress, it has finally begun to move in the House of Representatives

Anti-Rights Lobby

In contrast to progress in the House, John Synon, a lobbyist hired by the State of Mississippi, has boasted that he has now lined up enough votes in the Senate to kill the civil rights bill. He claims to have the 34 votes he needs to stop the Senate from breaking a filibuster.

Synon has stayed carefully behind the scenes, seldom approaching Senators openly. Instead, he has been dickering and dealing with the lobbyist and special business interests. First, he held off-the-record breakfast meetings to get acquainted with them, then followed up with private approaches to those who seemed susceptible. He offered to secure Southern support for their special interests if they, in turn, would use their influence to help sabotage the civil rights bill.

Synon has also flooded country newspapers with stories and advertisements attacking civil rights.

On the record, Synon is director of the Coordinating Committee for Fundamental American Freedoms. Most of his money, however, is put up by a Mississippi state agency.

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TO : MR. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT : LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- DATE: 1-29-64
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Stokes

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Brannigan

Drew Pearson's 1-29-64 column makes reference to former SA William W. Turner's article concerning the assassination of President Kennedy which appears in the March, 1964, issue of "Saga" magazine. Pearson quotes Turner from his article as follows:

"I also learned that eventually the FBI did give the Secret Service a 'risk list' of people the Bureau feared might harm the President. But Oswald's name was not on it."

The Director has inquired if we furnished Secret Service any list in Dallas.

We did not give the Secret Service a "Risk List." On 10-30-63 Dallas advised Secret Service that one Norman Lee Elkins had reportedly made a statement that if President Kennedy made a trip to Texas, that a "reception" was planned for him. On the same date Secret Service interviewed our original source of that information and Elkins himself. In addition, on the morning of 11-21-63 an Agent of the Dallas Office found in Dallas a bundle of leaflets captioned "Wanted For Treason," which contained seven separate criticisms of President Kennedy's policies. These leaflets and further information subsequently received by Dallas concerning the origin of these leaflets were furnished to Secret Service 11-21-63. It is true that Secret Service was not furnished any information concerning Oswald since we had no information which would suggest in any way that he represented a threat to the personal safety of the President.

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To: SAC, Memphis (105-891)
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From: Director, FBI (105-82555) — 1919

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
 IS - R - CUBA

ReMPairtel 2-6-64 setting forth allegations by John Martino concerning captioned subject.

In view of newspaper publicity resulting from statements allegedly made by Martino and investigation conducted by MP in this regard, it is felt pertinent data developed would be of interest to other U.S. Governmental agencies including the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy. MP should, therefore, immediately surep all pertinent information developed to date concerning this matter including basis for investigation.

MM should also surep results of interview with Martino as instructed in reairtel.

[For the information of MP, Bufiles disclose] John Vincent Martino, an electronics manufacturer in MM, was imprisoned by Fidel Castro in Cuba from July, 1959, to October, 1962. Martino has been previously interviewed by MM at which time he pretended greater knowledge of Cuban affairs than he actually possessed. He also indicated previous statements made re subject based on information received from unidentified Cuban aliens and he had no firsthand knowledge or information concerning subject at that time.

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Airtel to SAC, Memphis
RE: E.L.E HARVEY OSWALD
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NOTE: MP has enclosed newspaper article appearing in "Press - Scimitar" newspaper in MP entitled "Oswald was Paid Gunman for Castro, Visitor Says." The article stated in part "We know that subject was in Mexico. We know that he left from a clandestine airport in Yucatan for Cuba and was there the week of October 4." Information in this article was based reportedly on statements made by John Martino in a talk before the "Speakers of America group" in MP 1-31-64. Investigation by MP indicates writer of article states story actually misleading and Martino reportedly upset over story indicating the information attributed to him was merely conjecture and he had no firsthand knowledge. In view of press coverage, however, it is felt the above additional action should be taken.

FBI

Date: 2/6/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (105-891) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka;
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RE ALLEGED ALLEGATIONS BY JOHN MARTINO

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Miami and Dallas is one copy each of a news story appearing in the Press-Scimitar newspaper, page 40, issue of 1/30/64 entitled "Oswald Was Paid Gunman for Castro, Visitor Says." The story was written by Press-Scimitar staff writer KAY PITTMAN. PITTMAN's story stated in part, "LEE HARVEY OSWALD was paid by CASTRO to assassinate President KENNEDY, JOHN MARTINO, an American businessman who was imprisoned in Cuba for 40 months, said today." The story continued in part, "We know that OSWALD was in Mexico. We know that he left from a clandestine airport in Yucatan for Cuba and was there the week of Oct. 4." (ENC)

This news story further indicated that MARTINO was in the Memphis area on a speaking tour and was to speak on 1/31/64 at the Christian Youth Auditorium, Memphis, before the "Speakers for America group." According to the article, MARTINO claimed to be working with the Cuban underground in the Miami area. He claimed in the news story that on 7/23/59 he, along with his 13 year old son, left Miami for Cuba on a business-pleasure trip and that MARTINO, who then worked in electronics, and his son were arrested, thrown in prison and MARTINO was accused by the Cubans of being a gun runner. He

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allegedly was held as a prisoner in Cuba for some 40 months thereafter and was reported as author of a book, "I Was A Prisoner Of Castro."

On 2/4/64 KAY PITTMAN, reporter, Press-Scimitar newspaper, Memphis, was interviewed and advised that actually her story was somewhat misleading in that MARTINO did not indicate that he had any firsthand information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD and OSWALD's alleged connection with CASTRO. He claimed that he got his information about OSWALD from the "Cuban underground."

Miss PITTMAN's news story revealed that MARTINO was welcomed at the Memphis airport by C. M. WHITAKER and Mrs. W. M. CHAMBERS, aka Irene Chambers, and the news story listed WHITAKER as the chairman of the "Speakers for America" and listed Mrs. CHAMBERS as a member. TENN

On 2/4/64 [redacted] Confidential Source - Racial, (protect identity) advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE that [redacted] heard MARTINO speak at the Christian Youth Auditorium 1/31/64 and that MARTINO stated that he had been grossly misquoted by Miss PITTMAN in her news story and that he had no direct knowledge concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD and that he was merely conjecturing that OSWALD may have been paid by the CASTRO forces to assassinate President KENNEDY.

On 2/4/64 CORNELIUS M. WHITAKER, 1788 Peabody, advised that he is an active conservative in the Memphis area, a member of the John Birch Society, and had at the request of BILL NASH, 4420 Powell Street, Memphis, agreed to serve as chairman of a paper group known as "Speakers for America" for the purpose of bringing MARTINO to Memphis for a speech concerning conditions in Cuba. He stated that NASH is a West Tennessee representative of American Opinion, a subsidiary of the John Birch Society. Mr. WHITAKER stated that he was present during the interview with MARTINO by Miss PITTMAN and that he did not recall MARTINO giving any indication that he had any direct knowledge concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD, that Miss PITTMAN asked MARTINO if CASTRO could have hired OSWALD to assassinate President KENNEDY and that MARTINO had, to WHITAKER's recollection, stated that this was possible. He did not recall MARTINO making any statements concerning any alleged trip by OSWALD from Yucatan to Cuba or being in Cuba during the week of 10/4/63. Memphis Tenn

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He stated that on 1/31/64 MARTINO was very upset as a result of the news story by KAY PITTMAN, stating that he had been misquoted in many facets of her story. WHITAKER described MARTINO as an American citizen, a staunch Catholic and a fine Christian gentleman whom he considered sincerely anti-Communist.

On 2/5/64 BILL NASH, 4420 Powell Street, who described himself as a West Tennessee representative of American Opinion, advised that the Speakers Bureau of America was a temporarily formed paper group operating on behalf of the American Opinion Bureau, a subsidiary of the John Birch Society, and that he, NASH, had been responsible for bringing MARTINO to Memphis to speak. He said that MARTINO had spoken on the night of 1/30/64 at Forrest City, Arkansas, had later gone to Wichita, Kansas, and had later gone to Nashville, Tennessee, to speak. NASH was upset due to the fact that he claimed that the newspapers consistently misquoted MARTINO and that recently the Nashville Tennessean in describing him called him an ex-Cuban felon, when actually MARTINO is a native born U. S. citizen. NASH was not present during the interview of MARTINO by PITTMAN but stated that MARTINO on the following day, 1/31/64, was most upset and commented that because of the story by Miss PITTMAN that the FBI and Communist Party would probably both be angry with him for having such statements attributed to him. NASH elaborated that MARTINO claimed that he had cooperated extensively with the FBI in the Miami area, furnishing information concerning possible pro-CASTRO activities. NASH advised that he was not certain as to MARTINO's current itinerary but that he was to be in Kansas and North Carolina during the week ending 2/7/64 and was to return to his home in Miami Beach, Florida, on or about 2/7/64. His home address is 2326 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Florida.

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MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Will arrange to interview JOHN MARTINO concerning statements attributed to him in the enclosed Xerox copy of the 1/30/64 Memphis Press-Scimitar news story.

UACB, no report will be submitted by Memphis.

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Oswald Was Paid Gunman
For Castro, Visitor Says

Businessman —
Learned From
Underground

By KAY PITTMAN

Press-Semitar Staff Writer

Lee Harvey Oswald was paid by Castro to assassinate President Kennedy, John Martino, an American businessman who was imprisoned in Cuba for 40 months, said today.

Martino, who says he now works with the Cuban underground, was in Memphis on his way to a speaking engagement in Forrest City, Ark. He will speak in Memphis at 8 tomorrow night at the Christian Youth Auditorium, 385 Poplar, before the Speakers for America group.

Details Given

Martino says his Cuban underground sources tell him that Kennedy was embarked on a plan to get rid of Castro. There was to be another invasion and uprising in Cuba, before the elections, and the Organization of American States—in on the plan—was to go into Cuba and stop the fighting. The OAS would then control the country until an election could be set up. Castro knew all this.

"When Castro was in Brazil an attempt was made on his life. He said then, in the Brazilian embassy, that 'John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy were not the only heads of state that could have someone executed.'"

He added, "We know that Oswald was in Mexico. We know that he left from a clandestine airport in Yucatan for Cuba and was there the week of Oct. 4. We know also that since the death of Kennedy the work on an invasion has virtually stopped."

Invasion View

Martino believes that an invasion against Cuba would be foolish. "It would be too high a price to pay in American lives. It would take 20 or 30 invasions to defeat Castro. He has an Army of 100,000 Cubans, not counting the Russians. He also has a big Air Force with fast enough MIGs to make a nuclear strike on Miami before we could shoot them down.

"The only solution would be a total blockade by the Organization of American States. This would cut off his petroleum supply and he couldn't last without this."

On July 23, 1959, Martino and his 13-year-old son left Miami for Cuba on a business-pleasure trip. Martino, who worked in electronics, and his son were arrested and thrown in prison a few hours after they arrived. The Cubans accused Martino of being a gun-runner. They let his son go after five days.

He is author of the book, "I Was a Prisoner of Castro."

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Author: KAY PITTMAN

Editor: CHARLES SCHNEIDER

Title: HARVEY LEE OSWALD
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Submitting Office: MEMPHIS.

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ENCLOSURE



—Press Scimitar Staff Photo by William Leaspreck

CASTRO'S PRISONER for 40 months, John Martino of Miami (left) is greeted at Memphis Municipal Airport by C. M. Whittaker and Mrs. W. M. Chambers. Whittaker is chairman of Speakers for America and Mrs. Chambers is a member.

1 - Mr. Belmont; 1 - Mr. Mohr; 1 - Mr. DeLoach; 1 - Mr. Sullivan;
1 - Mr. Branigan; 1 - Mr. Stokes

1 - Mr. Rosen - 1 - Mr. Malley

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2-7-64

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Department has furnished Bureau by routing slip a typewritten letter and envelope in Spanish language sent to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy by one Ernesto Flores Luna, not further identified, postmarked Mexico, D. F., 1-17-64. Letter contains wild allegation concerning Oswald receiving some undescribed documents in Mexico through clerk in a shoe store run by an intimate friend of Castro; further, that the shoe store owner, a Victor Cohen, harbored Oswald when he was in Mexico.

The Laboratory has compared typed envelope and letter with other typing specimens in this case with negative results.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Flores based on available data; however, Victor Cohen is possibly identical with an individual mentioned in Legat, Mexico, report 7-14-61 concerning "Foreign Political Matters-Guatemala" indicating that Victor Cohen, son of Isaac Cohen, is a businessman in Tapachula, State of Chiapas, Mexico, and maintains close relations with Customs and Immigration officials in the area. He is also engaged in contraband of arms and is in possession of Russian-made .22 caliber machine gun.

Legat, Mexico, has been instructed by Cable 2-7-64 to attempt to identify Cohen and resolve above allegations through available sources. Further efforts should be made to identify Ernesto Flores Luna and interview him for more specific data concerning this matter.

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For information.

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FEB 10 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I appreciate receipt of your letter of February 4,
1964, setting forth the results of your investigation relating
to the four telephone numbers contained on a slip of paper
found in the trousers worn by Lee Harvey Oswald at the time
he was shot by Jack L. Ruby.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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February 14, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of January 31, 1964, requesting investigation of allegations made by Dan Proniewicz of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Enclosed are two copies of a communication prepared by our Minneapolis, Minnesota, office dated February 11, 1964, containing the results of our investigation as well as the interview of Mrs. Proniewicz.

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)
1 - Foreign Liaison Section

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This item previously on Director's "Special List."

NOTE: Proniewicz's letter referred to the Commission by the Department. Proniewicz indicated President Kennedy was not killed by "one man" and there was "money behind it," and that she would help solve this matter. Interview of Proniewicz facilitated through cooperation of Canadian authorities. Investigation indicates Proniewicz had no information of value to our investigation and was diagnosed by Canadian medical authorities as "psychotic and suffering from chronic paranoid schizophrenia." This concludes our inquiry.

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FEB 10 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of February 3, 1964, regarding our request for the items of clothing worn by Lee Harvey Oswald at the time he was arrested in Dallas by the Dallas Police Department. As you know, we completed our interrogation of Marine Oswald Thursday, February 6, 1964, and presented certain of these items of clothing to her for identification. At all times these items were retained in the custody of Special Agent Vincent Drain, as arranged with the Texas authorities.

I appreciate your making these arrangements, which were of great assistance to the Commission.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
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General Counsel

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FEB 11 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to acknowledge your letter dated February 6, 1964, enclosing the originals and one copy of each of the 18 items turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Mr. Arnold Johnson, Legislative Director of the Communist Party, USA, through his attorney, John J. Abt.

In accord with the request of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Abt the original documents will be returned to them after they have served their purpose.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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Memorandum

TO : MR. BELMONT *[Signature]*

FROM : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

DATE: February 7, 1964

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The Director's affidavit prepared for submission to the President's Commission to refute the allegation that Oswald was an FBI informant states, in part:

"The emergency conditions that prevailed during World War II when the FBI conducted its SIS program did not permit the tight supervision that prevails currently in the FBI's informant operations. But this is true only in regard to the fact that SIS men necessarily were given the latitude to develop and pay informants on the spot without prior approval from FBI headquarters. Nevertheless, SIS men operated under a control system and adhered to it by advising FBI headquarters of payments made and the identity of the individuals paid. Such payments were supported by receipts in nearly every instance."

This statement is supported by the following details which have been developed:

Eight Bureau Officials and Agents who were actively engaged in the SIS Program have been specifically interviewed on this point and are unanimous in declaring that every cent expended in our foreign operations was meticulously accounted for in official vouchers which were subjected to thorough review and supported in nearly all instances by actual receipts. These men state that so far as the accountability of funds was concerned, the same rules applied in the foreign field as were enforced in the domestic field. In this regard, the Manual of Rules and Regulations then in force in Section 130, captioned "Vouchers," required that "receipts should be secured for confidential expenditures wherever it is possible and practical to do so."

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It is my personal recollection from my SIS experience that this rule was strictly adhered to and that never was there any question of operating in any other manner. This is borne out by the record.

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