

Memorandum Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
to Mr. A. H. Belmont  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

DETAILS

Background

Reference is made to the discussion January 28, 1964, between the Director and Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the President's Commission, concerning appearance before the Commission last week of Henry Wade, former FBI Agent who currently is the District Attorney of Dallas County, Texas.

According to Rankin, the Commission was advised that speculation had been made that Lee Harvey Oswald had been an FBI informant with symbol number 179 and had been receiving payments from the FBI in the amount of \$200 monthly.

Wade reportedly told the Commission Oswald could have been active in this capacity without FBI headquarters personnel knowing about it because of the manner in which informants are developed and handled. In support of this contention, Wade is said to have pointed to his own experiences in the FBI, specifically in regard to his service in South America (in the Special Intelligence Service (SIS) program), when, allegedly, records of his activities were not maintained, and he did not have to account for money furnished him to develop and pay informants.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to explore these specific allegations and to set forth, pursuant to the Director's request, (1) the specific procedures we use in the development and control of our security informant program, (2) the system used in handling informants in SIS program years ago, and (3) details concerning Wade's SIS service while he was employed as a Special Agent of the FBI.

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I. Development and Control of Security Informants

First, it can be said unequivocally that Lee Harvey Oswald was never an FBI informant, was never paid any money for furnishing information, and was never given a symbol number of any kind much less the specific one allegedly assigned him. Furthermore, we are in a position not only to state this but also to produce records which would prove the impossibility of such being the case. These records cover every aspect of the procedures used in the development and control of informants.

Informant Program Closely Supervised

In order to fulfill our responsibilities in the internal security field, we use security informants to penetrate the Communist Party (CP), USA, and keep us advised of the Party's plans and activities. Recognizing the importance of this phase of our operations, we afford close supervision at the Seat of Government (SOG) to the security informant program and have established safeguards to insure against any misuse or abuse of its operation by our field offices.

Bureau Authority Necessary

Our field offices cannot develop anyone as a security informant without authorization from the SOG. To obtain this authorization, they must conduct an exhaustive background investigation of the prospective informant, the results of which are analyzed at the SOG before approval for development is given. Prior to giving such approval, the SOG automatically eliminates as a prospective informant any individual with questionable factors in his background, such as evidence of mental instability, a dishonorable discharge from the armed forces, narcotic addiction, perversion, unusual credit risks, complicated marital or domestic situations, and the like.

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### Progress Letters Necessary

When we do authorize a field office to proceed with the development of an individual as an informant, we follow the development through progress letters. At the end of four months, and at four-month intervals thereafter, the field office must submit progress letters containing an informative summary of information furnished and assistance rendered by the individual under development. These include a current certification each time concerning the individual's stability and reliability.

### Symbols and Code Names Assigned

As the individual develops, he is assigned a permanent symbol number and code name to afford him security. The informant never knows the symbol number assigned to him. It is a number permanently assigned to him, and the same number cannot be used again by the field office under any circumstances for any other individual. The individual also is given a fictitious or cover name by the field office which he, of course, is made aware of and he affixes it to his communications with the office. Every symbol number and code name is indexed here at the SOG.

### SOG Authorizes Regular Payments

If the services of an informant warrant payment on a regular basis, the field offices must also obtain authorization from the SOG to make such payments. In every such case, this too is re-evaluated every four months at the SOG to determine if continued payments are warranted.

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Special Agents in Charge (SACs) Authority Limited

SACs of our field offices are authorized to make payments to individuals not utilized on a regular basis as informants, but here too the SOG controls this by limiting the amount an SAC can pay to any one individual in this category to \$200. SACs are under instructions to make such payments only in specific instances in which it is necessary and expedient to do so to obtain information concerning matters or persons under investigation when such information is not otherwise obtainable or when it is necessary to advance expense money to an individual to enable him to secure the information.

Controls in Effect

The SOG maintains additional control of such payments by the SAC in several ways. Such payments can only be made to individuals who have never been paid on a regular basis for services or expenses with Bureau authorization; such payments cannot exceed \$200, regardless of the number of payments; and such payments must be accounted for by the field offices at the end of each month through the submission of a detailed accounting to the SOG.

Funds Accounted For

When payments are made to anyone for information or assistance, either on the SAC's authority or on prior Bureau authority, receipts must be obtained in every instance in which it is possible to so obtain them. If a receipt cannot be obtained for a particular payment, complete circumstances concerning the payment must be set forth by the field office on a voucher at the time reimbursement is claimed at the end of the month. Receipts must clearly show: (1) the date on which the payment was made; (2) the period for which made; (3) the total amount paid, broken down into separate amounts for services and expenses; (4) the name of the FBI Agent making the payment; and (5) the signature of the person receiving the money.

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### Records of Expenditures Maintained

Receipts and vouchers prepared by field offices in this regard are transmitted to the SOG generally on a monthly basis (more frequently in many instances). They are reviewed to insure that all such payments are being made in accordance with Bureau instructions and are recorded in ledgers pertaining to each field office operation.

It is to be noted that the Bureau's precise handling of such matters is demonstrated every time an informant, a former informant, or other persons to whom we have paid sums of money are prospective witnesses. In such cases, we must and do furnish the Department a set of photostats of the original receipts signed by the prospective witnesses.

### Control Measures

In regard to control of informants, field offices are under instructions to maintain close contact with them. The informants must be contacted as often as necessary with at least one personal contact every two weeks. The net result of these close contacts, as previously noted, are evaluated at the SOG in the four-month progress letters submitted. When it is necessary for any reason to discontinue the services of an informant, the field office must promptly notify the SOG.

### Oswald Precluded as Informant

It can readily be seen then how such policies and procedures completely preclude the possibility of Lee Harvey Oswald even being considered as an FBI informant much less having been developed as one by us. The statement that he was is, in fact, ridiculous. The CP, USA, through its press has been spreading this outrageous lie in order to divert attention from the fact that Oswald was a confessed Marxist who was active in support of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) (a pro-Castro organization) and who was in correspondence with the CP, USA.

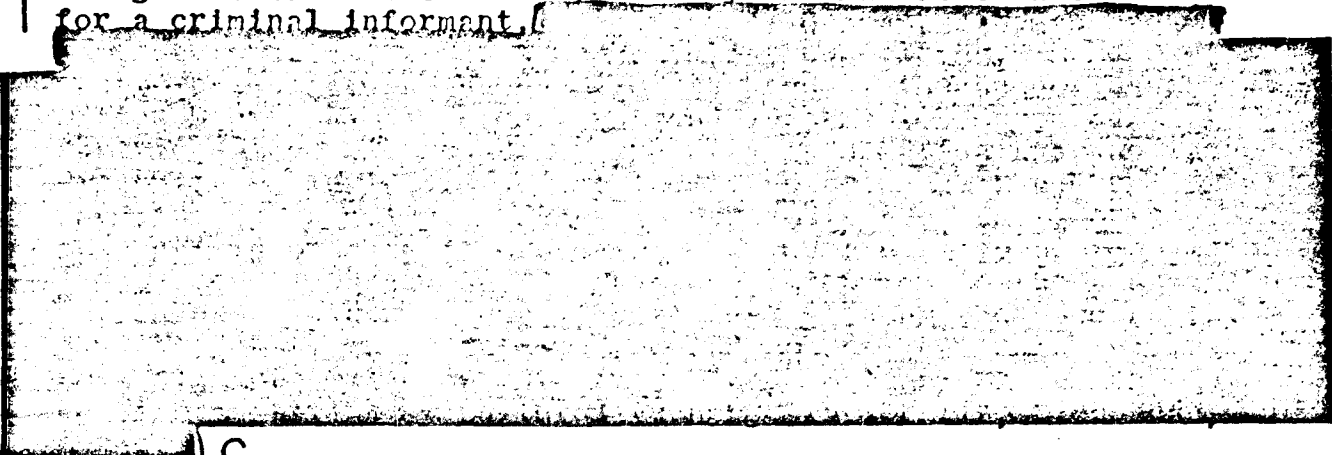
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Absence of Payments to Oswald

Had any of our offices even made payments to him under the SAC's authority, these would have been shown in the receipts and vouchers submitted by each office. These records have been checked and double checked and no such payment was ever made.

Symbol Numbers Identifiable

Had Oswald been assigned a symbol number, this would be a matter of record not only by number but also by name. As a matter of fact, we can identify every symbol number used, past or present. The number 179 supposedly assigned Oswald is currently used by the Dallas Office for a criminal informant.



Procedural Steps Never Taken

Furthermore, Oswald could not have been assigned such a symbol number without a prior background investigation by any field office considering him for development. Had any field office considered developing him, it would have had to obtain approval by the SOG. There is no record of any such request by any field office and no record of any such approval.

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### Nature of Contacts with Oswald

As we have already pointed out to the Commission, the only contacts FBI Agents had with Oswald prior to the assassination of President Kennedy involved three interviews Bureau Agents had with him. The first was on June 26, 1962, at Fort Worth, Texas, shortly after his return home from the Soviet Union. The purpose was to assess the possibility of his having been given intelligence assignments by the Soviets. The second, on August 16, 1962, was in the same connection. The third was at his specific request on August 10, 1963, following his arrest in New Orleans the preceding day on a charge of disturbing the peace and creating a scene. At that time, he described some of his activities in connection with the FPCC.

### Affidavits Secured

Oswald was again interviewed by FBI Agents at the Dallas Police Department following his arrest after the assassination of the President. This interview was aimed at eliciting any admissions he might make in connection with the assassination, as well as to obtain any information he might have been able to furnish of a security nature.

During none of the interviews with Oswald by Bureau Agents were any efforts made to develop him as an informant. We have obtained affidavits from every Agent who was in contact with Oswald. In addition, we also have secured affidavits from their respective SACs. These affidavits show that none of the FBI Agents ever made any effort to develop Oswald as an informant. These affidavits will be available in the event you desire to furnish them to the Commission.

### II. Handling of Informants Under SIS Program

With regard to the handling of informants under the SIS program, file review shows that as a result of a control system then in effect we do have a record of

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payments made, the identities of informants and Agents handling them, and receipts for payments. In the few instances where informants refused to sign receipts, Bureau was furnished all other data and record was still made of payment and informant who received same.

### III. Henry Wade's SIS Service

Mr. Henry M. Wade entered on duty as a Special Agent on December 4, 1939, and resigned September 1, 1943, to enter the Armed Forces. He was in Ecuador for eight and one-half months (undercover), beginning August 16, 1942. We received from SIS agents a periodic summary on informants in Ecuador. Such a list was furnished by Wade on September 23, 1942, a few weeks after his arrival in Quito. This was supplemented by other letters from Wade on November 5, 1942; February 26, 1943; and April 5, 1943, and a complete list of all informants handled by him, listing the disposition of each, prepared April 30, 1943, before his departure from Ecuador. In these, Wade indicated the amount being paid to each informant and his intentions to continue such payments as justified by services received. Wade had eleven informants, paid ten of them, and his vouchers for this period clearly show amounts paid to each and list receipts obtained.

#### Funds Handled by Wade in SIS

Concerning funds handled by Wade, he was required to account for his expenditures and reclaim them by voucher, as mentioned above. In July, 1942, he did receive an advance of \$1,075. This money was not primarily for operational expenditures but for subsistence and travel in connection with his assignment. His passage from New Orleans to Guayaquil, Ecuador, for example, cost over \$500. Wade was required to make full restitution of this advance and completed repayment on June 28, 1943.



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Therefore, it can be seen that Wade did not have unlimited funds for the purpose of developing sources, was required to strictly account for expenditures made and did furnish such an account, supported by receipts. Copies of Wade's vouchers and receipts submitted have been prepared and are available for delivery to the Commission if such action is desired.

A brief of Wade's complete Bureau service record has been prepared separately for the Director's information.

#### OBSERVATIONS

It is definite that we have all the facts to clearly and unequivocally refute the wild and ridiculous allegations that Lee Harvey Oswald was a paid informant for the FBI and operated with a symbol number. It would be desirable to furnish these facts to the President's Commission and point out that in the interest of setting the record straight, the Commission should issue a statement refuting these allegations.

It could be pointed out to the Commission that this is important for several reasons. Less than two weeks after the assassination, the communist press began a campaign to develop the idea that Oswald was an FBI informant and that, as an agent of the Government, he assassinated President Kennedy. The story has developed enough interest to result in calling individuals before the Commission to inquire into it. If the allegations continue unchallenged and unrefuted, there is bound to be increasing acceptance of them on the part of the public -- an acceptance that will prove damaging not only to the FBI but to the Government as a whole.

Should the Commission refuse to issue a statement refuting the allegations, we should inform the Commission we intend to issue such a statement. We should point out that the allegations are not confined to testimony before the Commission but have appeared publicly, notably through the campaign of the CP to hammer away on these points. As a result, we are free to deal with the allegations as we see fit.

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We should point out to the Commission that it has always been our policy to face such allegations head on and we intend to follow the same policy in this matter if the Commission will not take prompt and effective action. If we do not do this, remaining silent, attacks against us in the press on this point may increase. Our silence will be taken as an admission of guilt. Six months from now when the Commission issues its report, the falsehood will be so widely distributed that it will be much more difficult to refute it.

*W.C.S.*

*[Signature]*

*[Initials]*

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SAC, New York (105-38431)

2/25/64

Director, FBI (105-82555) — 2088

PERSONAL ATTENTION

REC 27

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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ReNYlet with enclosed letterhead memo, both dated 2/10/64, setting forth information concerning Miss Rosalynd Laidler.

Enclosed for your information and future guidance is one copy of Bulet to Honorable J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, The President's Commission, dated 2/14/64, incorporating information furnished in re letterhead memorandum.

Re letterhead memorandum was not furnished to the Commission as Mr. Rankin's name and title were incorrectly set forth. Further, re letterhead memorandum indicated that Miss Laidler's call to Rankin was made to Mr. Rankin's home in New York City. Bufiles do not bear this out as it appears the call was received by Mr. Rankin in Washington, D. C.

New York should correct spelling and title of Mr. Rankin in re letterhead memorandum to conform with that set forth in enclosed Bulet to Mr. Rankin. Appropriately note your letterhead memorandum so that no further dissemination will be made of the incorrect data and score responsible personnel with errors of form.

You should also impress upon all personnel handling investigations concerning Lee Harvey Oswald and related matters the necessity for absolute accuracy and high quality from an investigative as well as a reporting standpoint.

Enclosure

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- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

REC 277

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DATE: 2/10/64

*EFM*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-38431)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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ROSALYND LAIDLER

Re NY teletype to Bureau, 2/8/64.

Enclosed is the original & 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination captioned as above.

*1 - to Bureau, 2 copies NY  
2-14-64, L.A. file*

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- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 6)
- 1 - New York (105-38431)
- 1 - New York (89-75)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
February 10, 1964

Re: Lee Harvey Oswald

*BAFFINX 1934*  
*Free Banking Commission*  
*Commission*

On February 7, 1964, Miss Rosalynd Laidler, telephonically advised Mr. Rakin of the Warren Commission ~~at his home in New York City~~ that she had seen Lee Harvey Oswald in Brooklyn, New York, approximately one year ago.

*NY*

On February 8, 1964, Miss Laidler was contacted at her home, 982 Garfield Place, Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Agnes Laidler, mother of Rosalynd, advised that she tried to stop her daughter from making a phone call to Mr. Rakin and advised that there was no truth to her statements. Mrs. Laidler advised that her daughter is thirty years of age, and is mentally unbalanced. She stated that her daughter has been receiving psychiatric treatment for the past ten years and is always imagining things.

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Miss Rosalynd Laidler stated that she had seen Lee Harvey Oswald on Fulton and Jay Streets, Brooklyn, New York, when he was giving out pamphlets for The Fair Play For Cuba Committee one year ago. She stated she overheard him talking to an unknown male. Oswald stated that he was unhappy with President Kennedy and had bought a rifle from a mail order house in Chicago, Illinois and was going to kill the President. Miss Laidler then became very incoherent and irrational at which time the interview was brought to a conclusion as it was evident she was very upset.

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*see [unclear]*  
*J. Lee [unclear]*  
*President [unclear]*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. DeLoach	
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Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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7-05 P.M. URGENT 2-20-64 DAW

TO DIRECTOR (105-82555) AND DALLAS (100-10461)  
FROM SAN ANTONIO (L05-2909)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS DASH R DASH CUBA.

RE ATLANTA TEL FOUR TWENTYFIVE P.M. TODAY WHICH REQUESTED  
SAN ANTONIO IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE OSBORNE DASH BOWEN  
AND WHEN LOCATED CONTACT BUREAU RE INTERVIEWS.

BOWEN INTERVIEWED LAREDO, TEXAS, FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, LAST  
AND RESULTS SET FORTH IN SAN ANTONIO TEL TO BUREAU FEBRUARY  
SEVENTEEN, LAST, FOUR TWENTYTWO P.M.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, SAN ANTONIO WILL DISREGARD LEAD SET  
FORTH IN RETEL, UAC. DALLAS RECEIVED AM COPY OF RETEL.

ATLANTA BEING ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

DALLAS ~~ADVISED~~ TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE.

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~~LINE TWO WORD FIVE IS "TO" LAST LINE SHOULD READ "DALLAS TELE  
PHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE."~~

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EX-102

TO SACS CHARLOTTE (105-1731)  
NEW ORLEANS (100-16601)

FROM DIRECTOR <sup>REC 27</sup> FBI (105-82555) — 2090

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

RE DALLAS AIRTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY TWO LAST CONCERNING OSBORNE-  
BOWEN. MEMPHIS IS TO REINTERVIEW BOWEN IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.  
HANDLE INTERVIEWS REQUESTED REAIRTEL IMMEDIATELY AND SUTEL RESULTS  
TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS. DALLAS AND MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

- 2 - Memphis (105-891) (Enclosure)
- 1 - Dallas (100-10461)

NOTE FOR SAC, MEMPHIS:

SAC, Memphis refer to Buairtel instant date instructing  
reinterview of Osborne-Bowen. During interview question him  
concerning marital status and in light of any pertinent information  
which may be obtained from Mrs. John H. Bowen, Greenville, South  
Carolina, and the Mrs. John Bowen of New Orleans. Enclosed is  
copy of reairtel.

NOTE: Incoming suggests possibility Osborne-Bowen may be bigamist.

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Date: 2/22/64

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) - P -

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS - R - CUBA  
OO: Dallas

RE: ALBERT OSBORNE, aka JOHN HOWARD BOWEN

Re Bureau airtel to New Orleans and Portland 1/22/64,  
furnished New Orleans photographs of BOWEN - OSBORNE.

Enclosed for Charlotte are two (2) photographs,  
one (1) of "ALBERT OSBORNE" and one of "JOHN HOWARD BOWEN"  
taken 2/3/64, by the Birmingham Office.

For the information of Charlotte, OSBORNE - BOWEN  
is believed to have set next to OSWALD on the bus trip from  
Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City on 9/26-27/63. BOWEN has denied  
he is identical to OSBORNE, although several people have  
positively identified him as being identical.

In efforts to locate OSBORNE - BOWEN, investigation  
was conducted in Mexico where it was determined that at a  
residence of BOWEN on 1/21/64, there was noted a letter  
addressed to him from "The Bean", 6243 Camp Bowie, Fort  
Worth, Texas.

On 2/18/64, Mr. JIM JOHNS, Southern Baptist  
Radio & Television, 6248 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth,  
Texas, advised that "The Bean" is a monthly religious  
magazine published by this organization, and is distributed  
mainly in the Southern and Southwestern parts of the United  
States.

- (3) - Bureau
  - 2 - Charlotte (105-1731) (Enclosures 2)
  - 2 - New Orleans (100-16601)
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*1 - Dallas*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

SOVIET SECTION



DL 100-10461

A search of all mailing lists of this organization failed to find any record of an ALBERT OSBORNE but the following names were listed on the various mailing lists:

Mrs. JOHN H. BOWEN  
335 Earle Street  
Greenville, South Carolina

Mrs. JOHN BOWEN  
75 Neron Place  
New Orleans, Louisiana

LEADS:

CHARLOTTE:

AT GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Will locate and interview Mrs. JOHN H. BOWEN for all information she may have concerning JOHN HOWARD BOWEN and concerning his having assumed the identity of ALBERT OSBORNE as well as information concerning his travels.

NEW ORLEANS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

Will locate and interview Mrs. JOHN BOWEN for same information requested of Charlotte.

2-25-64

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (105-891)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

This deals with Albert Osborne, aka John Howard Bowen, fellow passenger of Oswald during Red Arrow bus trip from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City 9-26-63. Enclosed for Memphis is one copy each of Buairtel to Indianapolis 1-27-64, Legat, Mexico City, cable dated 1-27-64, Birmingham airtel 2-11-64, San Antonio tel 2-17-64 and copy of Buairtel to Legat, London, 2-6-64. Also enclosed are photographs of John Howard Bowen in sun helmet, Osborne-Bowen in suit standing in front of stone building, Albert Osborne taken in connection with 1-53 Canadian passport application, Albert Osborne taken in connection with 10-63 Canadian passport application, John Howard Bowen standing full face with glasses and profile taken at Florence, Alabama, Resident Agency 2-8-64.

The Osborne-Bowen in whom we are interested was interviewed 1-7-64 by Legat, Mexico City, at Texmelucan, Mexico. He admitted identity of Osborne and furnished false information regarding travels in U. S. of Bowen. On interviews at Florence, Alabama, and at Laredo, Texas, 2-8 and 2-16-64, respectively, he maintained he was John Howard Bowen and furnished false information concerning his activities since 10-1-63.

Walter Osborne and Mrs. Lillie Featherstone, brother and sister of Osborne, state he was born at Grimsby, England, and visited them in England in 11-63. They identified the first four photographs described herein as pictures of their brother. Walter

Enclosures (11)

- Folsom \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont 1 - Dallas (100-10461)
- Mohr 1 - San Antonio (105-2929)
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad 2 - Mexico City (105-3702) (Enclosures - 2)
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Evans 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)
- Gale JCS:mhw:pdb
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan (9)
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Airtel to SAC, Memphis (105-891)

Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Osborne has corresponded with his brother at Laredo, Texas, in care of John H. Bowen. Several witnesses have advised that they know Osborne under both the Osborne-Bowen identities.

Legat, Mexico City, advises that American Express there on 2-22-64 received letter from Bowen postmarked 2-19-64, Nashville, Tennessee, return address in care of Central YMCA, 226 Seventh Avenue, Nashville. He requested his first class mail be forwarded to above address.

Reinterview Osborne-Bowen. Press him for full specifics concerning nature of his activity since 6-62 and with particular reference to period from 9-26-63 to date. Develop full identifying data including date and place of birth, citizenship status, identity of all living relatives. Develop specifics concerning his training for the clergy and nature of his missionary work. Ascertain why he has used dual identity and why he was untruthful during the three previous interviews. Question him concerning his application on 10-10-63 for Canadian passport at New Orleans under name Albert Osborne. Interview of Osborne-Bowen is to be handled by mature, experienced agents who are to definitely pin him down regarding points as indicated above and regarding his recollection of fellow passengers on bus trip in question. Note in this regard that while he maintains all fellow passengers were Mexicans there were at least six English-speaking passengers in addition to Oswald and himself on bus in question. Memphis handle interview earliest possible date. Sutel results to Bureau and Dallas. Fingerprints of Bowen taken 2-8 last at Florence, Alabama, reveal he is identical to John Howard Bowen who was printed in 1935 by Bureau Field Office Nashville for identification purposes and by Houston Police Department 12-18-53 under number 64246 for investigation. Was described as born Chester, Pennsylvania, 1887. Houston instructed by teletype today to check on 1953 arrest.

Enclosed for Legat, Mexico City, is one copy each of San Antonio teletype 2-17-64 and Birmingham 2-11-64 airtel. Legat handle logical investigation as a result of interviews of Bowen per enclosures.

2/25/64

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC NEW YORK

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD; IS - R - CUBA

RE ALBERT OSBORNE, AKA JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT OSBORNE-BOWEN HAS USED DOUBLE IDENTITY FOR MANY YEARS. HE POSSESSES CANADIAN PASSPORT NUMBER FIVE DASH SIX ZERO FIVE THREE SEVEN SEVEN UNDER NAME ALBERT OSBORNE ISSUED TO HIM BY CANADIAN CONSULATE OCTOBER TEN, LAST. OSBORNE-BOWEN HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED ON THREE OCCASIONS DURING WHICH HE HAS FURNISHED FALSE INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS TRAVELS AND IDENTITY. HE IS PRESENTLY IN NASHVILLE AND MEMPHIS BY AIRTEL TODAY HAS BEEN FURNISHED INSTRUCTIONS TO REINTERVIEW. OSBORNE'S BROTHER AND SISTER IN ENGLAND STATED HE VISITED IN ENGLAND IN NOVEMBER, LAST, AND RETURNED TO NYC DECEMBER FIVE, LAST, BELIEVED BY AIR. ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE RECORD OF HIS ARRIVAL THROUGH IMMIGRATION. SUTEL MEMPHIS AND BUREAU. DALLAS AND MEMPHIS ADVISED

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TO SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

REBUAIRTEL JANUARY TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST, RE ALBERT OSBORNE  
 AXA JOHN HOWARD BOWEN WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PASSENGER  
 WHO SAT NEXT TO OSWALD DURING BUS TRIP TO MEXICO CITY SEPTEN-  
 BER TWENTY-SIX, LAST. THIS MAN WAS BORN NOVEMBER TWELVE,  
 EIGHTEEN EIGHTY-EIGHT AT NEW CLEE, GRIMSBY, ENGLAND. DURING  
 THREE INTERVIEWS HE HAS FURNISHED FALSE AND CONFLICTING  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS TRUE IDENTITY. HE HOLDS A CANADIAN  
 PASSPORT ISSUED TO HIM OCTOBER TEN, LAST, UNDER OSBORNE IDEN-  
 TITY. HIS BROTHER, WILLIAM OSBORNE, AND SISTER, LILLIE  
 FEATHERSTON, ON INTERVIEW IN ENGLAND STATE OSBORNE VISITED  
 WITH THEM IN ENGLAND EARLY NOVEMBER, LAST, AND TRAVELED TO  
 PRESTWICK, SCOTLAND WITH GROUP OF SCIENTISTS WHO WERE GOING TO

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TELETYPE TO SAC, INDIANAPOLIS  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
105-82555

ICELAND TO PHOTOGRAPH VOLCANO WHICH EMERGED FROM OCEAN. HE  
ALSO INDICATED INTENTION OF TRAVELING TO SPAIN. OSBORNE  
HAS SISTER, MRS. ADA AMOS, WHO RESIDES MANCHESTER STREET,  
GARY, INDIANA. INTERVIEW MRS. AMOS IMMEDIATELY FOR ALL  
INFORMATION SHE HAS RE BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES OF OSBORNE -  
BOWEN. DOES SHE KNOW WHY HE USES DUAL IDENTITY?

SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS AS MEMPHIS BEING  
INSTRUCTED BY AUNTE. TODAY TO REINTERVIEW OSBORNE AT NASHVILLE.  
MEMPHIS AND DALLAS ADVISED BY MAIL.

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2-25-64 Stokes

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

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

ReBuairtel to Memphis 2-25-64 setting forth instructions for reinterview of Osborne - Bowen. Enclosed for each recipient office is copy of 2-19-64 memorandum prepared by Legat, London.

Enclosure

1 - Legat, Mexico City (105-3702) (enclosure)  
1 - Dallas (100-10461) (enclosure)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Dallas (100-10461)

Date: February 19, 1964

Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

REC 27 FBI File No. 105-82555-2095  
Lab. No. D-442878 AX

Examination requested by: Legat, Ottawa  
References: Letter 2/11/64  
Examination requested: Document  
Remarks:

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The Laboratory has arbitrarily assigned the number D-141 to specimen Q493.

Four photographs of D-141 are retransmitted to your office herewith. At such time as a report is submitted concerning D-141, you should attach two photographs of this exhibit to the two copies of the report designated for The President's Commission and one photograph to the copy of the report signed by the SAC which will become the Bureau's file copy. The fourth photograph is for the completion of your file in this matter.

- Enclosures (6) (Four photographs of D-141, 2 Lab report)
- 2 - Legat, Ottawa (163-364) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 1 - Mr. Stokes, Room 645 RB (sent direct)
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Dallas**

Date: **February 19, 1964**

Re: **J.E. HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS - R**

FBI File No. **105-82555**

Lab. No. **D-442878 AX**

Specimens received **2/17/64, from Legat, Ottawa**

**Q493 One-page typewritten letter bearing heading "Emilio Carranza  
4-a Texmelucan, Pue. M E X I C O." addressed to "Central  
Y.M.C.A. Montreal, Canada." beginning "Dear Sir- If you  
have...." and signed "Albert Osborne"**

**Result of examination:**

The typewriting on Q493 matches most closely the Laboratory standard for an Underwood pica. style of type spaced ten letters per inch. This typewriting was not identified in the Anonymous Letter File and a photograph of the typewriting will be added to this file.

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The submitted evidence is retained.

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Date: 2-11-64

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Attention : \_\_\_\_\_

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

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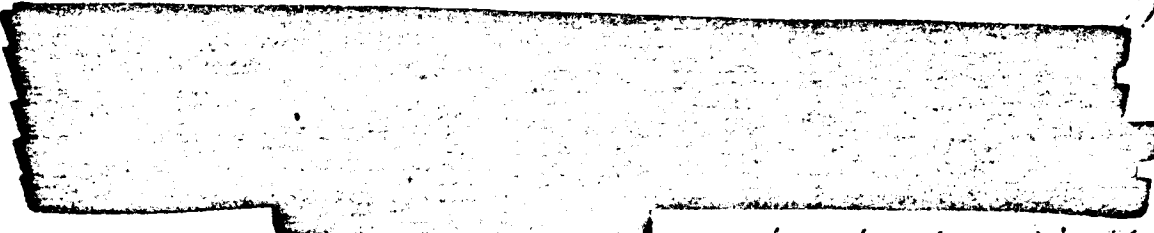
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-37111) (RUC)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA  
(OO: DALLAS)

ReBu telephone call to WFO 2/19/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Dallas one copy of a LHM setting forth investigation at Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C., on Mrs. MARINA OSWALD, during her recent stay there while testifying concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY.

WF T-1, interviewed by SA JAMES F. MORRISSEY, [redacted] He furnished material contained herein on a confidential basis; for this reason his identity is to be protected.

[redacted] advised that he had no record of any long distance calls made by Mrs. MARINA OSWALD while at the hotel. However, he said that a review of all the long distance calls revealed the following for JIM MARTIN and JOHN THORNE, described in the LHM, made during their stay at the hotel:

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WFO 105-37111

Re MARTIN, on 2/4/64 he made a 10 minute call to Dallas, Texas, telephone 327-1183. On the same date, approximately between 11 p.m. and midnight, he made a 15 minute call to Dallas, Texas, to 327-0188. On 2/6/64 at approximately 3:20 p.m., MARTIN made a 19 minute person-to-person call to a PURDY in New York City, 986-8700. On the same date at approximately 6:23 p.m., he made a five minute call to Dallas, Texas, 327-0188. Also on 2/6/64 he made a person-to-person call about 7:35 p.m. to WANDA MARTIN, Dallas, Texas, 327-0188. On 2/7/64 at about 3:50 p.m. MARTIN made a 12 minute person-to-person call to a PERDY, New York City, 986-8700. At approximately 11:25 p.m. on the same date, MARTIN made a 16 minute call to TED PURDY in New York City, 755-9647. On 2/8/64 MARTIN made a six minute call to New York City to TED PURDY, PL 5-9647. Shortly thereafter he made an eight minute call to Dallas, Texas, 327-0188. At about 11:12 a.m. on the same date he made a person-to-person call to Speagleburg, Easthampton, N.Y., 324-4180.

Re THORNE, [REDACTED] indicate that on 2/4/64 he made a long distance call of approximately five minutes to Grand Prairie, Texas, 362-2608. On the same date, THORNE made another call at approximately 11:19 p.m. to Grand Prairie, Texas, to AN 4-1889. On 2/5/64 at approximately 6:28 p.m., THORNE made a call of approximately six minutes duration to Grand Rapids, Texas, AN 2-2608. On 2/6/64, THORNE made a four minute call to Grand Prairie, Texas, sometime after 6 p.m. to AN 2-0035. On the same date he subsequently made an 11 minute call to Grand Prairie, Texas, AN 4-1889. At approximately 11:11 p.m. on the same date, THORNE made an 8 minute call to Minneapolis, Minnesota, 377-9176. On 2/7/64 THORNE made a seven minute call to Grand Prairie, Texas, AN 4-1889. On 2/8/64 at approximately 11:09 a.m., THORNE made a four minute call to Grand Prairie, Texas, 262-2608.

WFO 105-37111

No leads are being set forth by WFO in regard to these above telephone calls. In view of the extensive investigation that has been conducted in the OSWALD matter, any leads or investigation suggested by these phone calls is being left to the discretion of the Bureau and the office of origin.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D.C. 20535

February 19, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

On February 19, 1964, WF T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Marina Oswald, wife of the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, and her party stayed at the Willard Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., during the recent period when she testified before the Presidential Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. By her party, WF T-1 meant her child, a nurse, Secret Service Agents, a Mr. John Thorne, and a Mr. Jim Martin. WF T-1 stated that Thorne was reported to him as her lawyer, while Martin described himself to WF T-1 as her business manager.

WF T-1 stated that the Abraham Lincoln Suite had been arranged for Mrs. Oswald through the United States Secret Service; that this suite consists of rooms 301-2 and room 345. He explained that the suite is entered from the hotel hallway into a small alcove or hallway; that off this alcove to the left is room 345 with two beds, and to the right 301 and 302, a combination bedroom and adjoining living room space. The two bedrooms face each other across the common alcove. Entrance to the suite, however, can only be gained through the common entrance from the hotel hallway. Occupants of the suite control access through this common entrance as well as to the individual rooms within the suite.

WF T-1 advised that registration E4246 in the name of Tom Kelley, Secret Service, was arranged for Marina Oswald for rooms 301-2 of the suite. A date stamp disclosed she registered at 9:23 a.m. on February 2, 1964. A date stamp also revealed her departure from the hotel at 9:41 a.m. on February 9, 1964.

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WF T-1 advised that registration E4247 in the name of Tom Kelley, Secret Service, revealed that room 345 was assigned to unnamed Secret Service Agents; that a date stamp indicated registration at 9:23 a.m. on February 2, 1964. A date stamp on the reverse indicated that departure was at 12:55 p.m. on February 7, 1964.

WF T-1 advised that room 345 was occupied by two Secret Service Agents; that registrations E4286 and E4285 pertain to these two agents and actually are clarifications of registration E4247. WF T-1 advised that Registration Number E4286 in the name of William Carter, Little Rock, Arkansas, revealed he occupied room 345. The time of departure stamped on the reverse is 12:55 p.m., February 7, 1964. WF T-1 advised that Registration Number E4285 in the name of Bob Jamison, Miami, Florida, revealed he occupied room 345. The time of departure stamped on the reverse side is 12:55 p.m., February 7, 1964. No in stamp of registration appeared on E4286 and E4285, but WF T-1 said that the date stamp on registration E4247 of 9:23 a.m., February 2, 1964, applied to them; that they came in with Mrs. Oswald. WF T-1 said that registrations E4285 and E4286 bore a notation that they were associated with the Secret Service.

Thus, WF T-1 pointed out, these two Secret Service Agents checked out of room 345 on the morning of February 7, 1964. He said he had learned that the Secret Service exercised responsibility for Mrs. Oswald only during the period she testified before the Commission.

WF T-1 believed that a nurse stayed with Mrs. Oswald and her child during the period of her testimony; that because of the fact that there was no separate billing for this woman, he believed she was utilized by the Secret Service; that she departed the same time they did. WF T-1 said nurse occupied one of beds in same room as Mrs. Oswald, he believed. Mrs. Oswald's child slept in a crib moved into the suite.

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WF T-1 said that Mrs. Oswald's registration revealed that she did not check out according to a departure stamp thereon until 9:41 a.m. on February 9, 1964.

WF T-1 said that registration number E4310 in the name of Jim Martin, 11611 Farrar, Dallas, Texas, revealed a stamped arrival of 8:00 p.m., February 2, 1964. According to this record, Martin was originally assigned room 633. He subsequently moved to room 625. Then according to a room change or change of rate slip he moved from 625 to room 345 in the Abraham Lincoln Suite on February 7, 1964 at 5:19 p.m., as indicated by a date stamp on the slip. The time of departure stamped on the reverse of the registration form is 2:02 p.m. on February 9, 1964.

WF T-1 said that registration card E4311 for John M. Thorne, 302 W. College, Grand Prairie, Texas, revealed a date stamp showing he checked in at 8:01 p.m. on February 2, 1964. Thorne was originally assigned to room 632, moved to room 618, and then to room 345 of the Abraham Lincoln Suite. According to a room or rate change slip dated February 7, 1964, Thorne moved to 345 from 618 on that date. Although there is no time stamp on this slip, WF T-1 said the change was undoubtedly at the same time as Martin's since the same clerk's name appears on both slips. The time of departure stamped on the registration card reverse is 2:02 p.m., February 9, 1964. No further change of rooms was indicated for Marina Oswald, Martin or Thorne, WF T-1 said.

WF T-1 said that the Presidential Commission was billed for expenses of Mrs. Oswald until the departure of the Secret Service Agents on February 7, 1964. Her subsequent expenses of about \$95.00 were billed to: Mr. Jim Martin, Box 1407, Prairie, Texas. Thorne's entire expenses were billed in the same manner.



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WF T-1 said he had gained the impression from the way Mrs. Oswald looked at her business manager, Martin, that she was "sweet" on him. He remarked to an unrecalled Secret Service Agent that Mrs. Oswald seemed to be enamored with Martin, and the latter remarked, as if in agreement, that he felt sorry for Martin's absent wife. WF T-1 said the housekeeper who handled the suite in question said that Martin and Mrs. Oswald always seemed to be together whenever she was around the suite. WF T-1 said he had no further information in this respect. He did mention that Martin was quite attentive to her child while they were at the hotel, but thought part of this was for publicity effect.

WF T-1 said he had received no complaints whatsoever pertaining to Mrs. Oswald's stay at the hotel. He said that a complaint of any nature would have been brought immediately to his attention.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI DALLAS

8-40PM CST URGENT 2-19-64 DRL

TO DIRECTOR (105-82555) ATTENTION: ASST. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN  
FROM DALLAS (100-10461)

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

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D. S. Sullivan  
C. J. Casper  
J. Edgar Hoover

RE TELCALL TO ASST. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN TODAY.

A LENGTHY STATEMENT WAS OBTAINED TODAY FROM MARINA OSWALD RE [REDACTED] INVOLVING HERSELF AND HER FORMER MANAGER, JAMES HERBERT MARTIN. THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS FOLLOWING. WHILE RESIDING AT INN OF SIX FLAGS NEAR DALLAS UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE OF SECRET SERVICE, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION, SHE WAS INFORMED BY A SECRET SERVICE AGENT THAT MARTIN HAD INVITED HER AND CHILDREN TO RESIDE AT HIS HOME. SHE ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT MARTIN HOME ON THANKSGIVING AND WHILE AT THE MARTIN HOME ON THAT OCCASION, ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM MR. AND MRS. MARTIN TO RESIDE WITH THEM. SHE MOVED TO THEIR HOME ABOUT NOV. TWENTYNINE OR THIRTY, SIXTYTHREE AND RESIDED THERE UNTIL SUN., FEB. NINE LAST. UNTIL HER TRIP TO WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF FEB. THREE LAST, SHE WAS UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE OF SECRET SERVICE AT THE MARTIN HOUSE.

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SHORTLY AFTER BEGINNING RESIDENCE AT THE MARTIN HOUSE, HER INTUITION TOLD HER THAT MARTIN HAD FEELINGS OF LOVE TOWARD HER ON NEW YEARS EVE, AFTER REFUSING TO BE KISSED BY MARTIN WHEN HE

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ASKED TO GIVE HER A NEW YEARS KISS IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS WIFE, MARTIN SUBSEQUENTLY CAUGHT HER IN THE HALLWAY AND TOLD HER HE LOVED HER AND THEN KISSED HER. SHE BELIEVED HIM SINCERE.

FOLLOWING THIS EVENT, MARTIN ALMOST DAILY PROFESSED HIS LOVE TO HER AND FREQUENTLY HUGGED HER AND KISSED HER, BUT ALWAYS SURREPTITIOUSLY. HE ALSO PROPOSITIONED HER TO HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS, BUT SHE REFUSED. SHE DID TELL MARTIN THAT SHE WAS WILLING TO BE HIS MISTRESS AND THEY MADE PLANS WHEN SHE WOULD HAVE A PLACE OF HER OWN AND HE WOULD VISIT HER CLANDESTINELY. MARTIN ALSO GAVE HER SEVERAL GIFTS.

ABOUT JAN. FOUR LAST, MARTIN TOOK HER ALONE TO THE LA TUNISIA RESTAURANT, DALLAS. TWO SECRET SERVICE AGENTS OCCUPIED A TABLE NEARBY. THEY ENJOYED A GOOD DINNER. MARTIN PROFESSED HIS LOVE TO HER AND SHE REPLIED EVERYTHING WOULD BE FINE IF IT WERE NOT FOR HIS FAMILY.

SHE DID NOT HAVE [REDACTED] WITH MARTIN AT THE MARTIN HOME.

FOLLOWING HER TESTIMONY IN WASHINGTON AND ON FRIDAY, FEB. SEVEN, SHE REQUESTED THE SECRET SERVICE WITHDRAW ITS SURVEILLANCE OF HER. THE SURVEILLANCE WAS WITHDRAWN ABOUT NOON THAT DAY. SHE HAD TWO ROOMS AT THE WILLARD HOTEL, WASHINGTON, ON THE THIRD FLOOR, AND ON FRIDAY, FEB. SEVEN, THORNE AND MARTIN MOVED TO THE ADJOINING ROOM TO HER, WHICH THE SECRET SERVICE HAD OCCUPIED UNTIL THEIR WITHDRAWAL. ON THIS FRIDAY, SHE AND MARTIN AND JUNE ATE TOGETHER

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AND THEREAFTER TOOK A WALK IN WASH. THEY RETURNED TO THE HOTEL ABOUT SEVEN OR EIGHT PM. THAT EVENING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS WAS DONE WITH MARINA-S CONSENT AND THERE WAS NO FORCE WHATSOEVER ON THE PART OF MARTIN.

WHILE IN WASHINGTON, SECRET SERVICE AGENT LEON GOPADZE TOLD HER THERE WERE RUMORS MARTIN LOVED HER AND THESE RUMORS MIGHT BE SO DETRIMENTAL AS TO LEAD TO HER DEPORTATION FROM THIS COUNTRY. MARTIN TOLD HER HE HAD FRIENDS WHO COULD FIX UP A FICTITIOUS MARRIAGE WHICH WOULD FORESTALL DEPORTATION.

ON SUN., FEB. NINE LAST, ROBERT OSWALD CAME TO THE MARTIN HOME IN DALLAS AND TOOK MARINA AND JUNE TO THE CEMETERY TO VISIT THE OSWALD GRAVE. ROBERT SUGGESTED SHE LEAVE THE MARTIN HOME AND SHE AGREED TO DO SO, AND ACCOMPANIED ROBERT TO HIS HOME IN DENTON, TEXAS SAME DAY. ON TUESDAY, FEB. ELEVEN, SHE CALLED MARTIN ON TELEPHONE AT HIS HOME FROM ROBERT OSWALD-S HOME, WHILE MRS. MARTIN LISTENED ON EXTENSION. THEY ENGAGED IN A THREE WAY CONVERSATION. SHE TOLD MARTIN SHE WAS DISPENSING WITH HIM AS A MANAGER AND AS A LOVER, AND SUGGESTED THAT MRS. MARTIN BE TOLD THE WHOLE TRUTH. MRS. MARTIN SAID MR. MARTIN HAD TOLD HER THE WHOLE TRUTH. ON FEB. FOURTEEN, SHE SENT REGISTERED LETTERS TO BOTH MARTIN AND THORNE, WHICH DISMISSED THEM AS MANAGER AND LAWYER RESPECTIVELY. THE LETTERS WERE SENT ON ADVICE OF MR. AND MRS. DECLAN FORD, FRIENDS OF MARINA-S WITH WHOM SHE NOW RESIDES. ON THE ADVICE OF FORD AND ROBERT OSWALD, SHE HAS RETAINED WILLIAM A. MC KENZIE, DALLAS, AS HER ATTORNEY.

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AFTER TAKING UP TEMPORARY RESIDENCE WITH ROBERT OSWALD, SHE DECIDED TO RETURN TO DALLAS AND CONTACTED MRS. FORD. MRS. FORD CAME TO DENTON AND MARINA ASKED HER IF SHE COULD STAY IN THE FORD HOME TEMPORARILY. MRS. FORD AGREED TO THIS, AND ON THURSDAY, FEB. THIRTEEN, MARINA BEGAN RESIDING WITH THE FORDS, WHERE SHE NOW RESIDES.

IT WILL BE NOTED THE FORDS ARE ACTING AS ADVISERS TO MARINA. MRS. FORD SPEAKS RUSSIAN.

MR. MC KENZIE IS ACCOMPANYING ROBERT OSWALD TO WASHINGTON TODAY AND HAS REQUESTED THAT MARINA OSWALD, WHO IS EXTREMELY TIRED, NOT BE INTERVIEWED UNTIL HIS RETURN APPROX. FRIDAY NEXT.

PURSUANT TO ASST. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN-S REQUEST, MR. MC KENZIE WAS CONTACTED JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM DALLAS, CONCERNING A POSSIBLE INTERVIEW OF MARINA TONIGHT RE THE NIXON INCIDENT.

MC KENZIE WAS ADAMANT THAT MARINA SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED, AND SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE TO THE WELFARE OF THE BUREAU NOT TO INTERVIEW MARINA CONCERNING THE NIXON AFFAIR UNTIL HIS RETURN BECAUSE OF HER FATIGUE RESULTING FROM MANY INTERVIEWS, PARTICULARLY THE LONG INTERVIEW OF TODAY WHICH WAS OF AN INTIMATE NATURE. PURSUANT TO

THE REQUEST OF THE ATTY., NO INTERVIEW WILL BE MADE OF MARINA UNTIL MC KENZIE RETURNS TO DALLAS, UACB.

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February 20, 1964  
BY COURIER SERVICE

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

*Lee Oswald*

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 18, 1964, requesting appropriate investigation to develop all circumstances surrounding the incident involving Marina Oswald and James Herbert Martin. Reference is also made to our letter dated February 19, 1964, concerning interviews of Marina Oswald on February 17 and 18, 1964.

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There is enclosed a memorandum dated February 20, 1964, setting forth the results of our interrogation of Marina Oswald on February 19, 1964, concerning the Martin incident. There is also enclosed a copy of a February 19, 1964, memorandum setting forth the results of inquiries conducted at Washington, D. C., concerning the residence at the Willard Hotel of Marina Oswald, Martin and John H. Thorne. Copies of the enclosed memoranda are being furnished to the U. S. Secret Service.

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Our interview of Marina Oswald is continuing and further details will be furnished to you as received. In this connection, Mr. William A. McKenzie, Mrs. Oswald's attorney, has requested that Mrs. Oswald not be reinterviewed until his return to Dallas, probably on Friday, February 21, 1964. Accordingly, we will attempt to continue our interrogation of Mrs. Oswald when Mr. McKenzie returns to Dallas.

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Marina Oswald was interviewed on February 19, 1964, concerning her relationship with her former manager James Earl Ray. She stated that while residing at the Inn of Six Flags near Dallas under the surveillance of the Secret Service immediately following the assassination she was informed by a Secret Service Agent that Martin invited her and her children to reside at his home. She accepted an invitation to visit the Martin residence on Thanksgiving Day and while at the Martin home on that occasion she accepted an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Martin to reside with them.

She moved to the Martin residence about November 29 or 30, 1963, and left the residence on Sunday, February 9, 1964. Mrs. Oswald said that during her residence at the Martin home she was under the surveillance of the Secret Service.

She advised that shortly after taking up residence at the Martin home her intuition told her that Martin had feelings of love toward her. On New Year's Eve, after refusing to be kissed by Martin when he asked permission to give her a New Year's kiss in the presence of his wife, Martin subsequently caught her in the hallway and told her he loved her and then kissed her. She stated she believed him to be sincere. Following this event, according to Mrs. Oswald, Martin almost daily professed his love for her and frequently surreptitiously touched and kissed her. In addition, he propositioned her to have [redacted] which she refused. She said she told Martin that she was willing to be his mistress and they made plans when she would have a place of her own at which he would visit her clandestinely. Martin also gave her several gifts.

About January 4, 1964, Martin took her alone to the La Tunisia restaurant in Dallas. Two Secret Service Agents occupied a table nearby. On this occasion Martin professed his love to her and she replied to the effect that everything would be

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since if it were not for Martin's family. She maintained that she did not have [redacted] with Martin at the Martin home.

Following her testimony in Washington, D. C., on Friday, February 7, 1964, she requested the Secret Service to withdraw its surveillance on her and, accordingly, the surveillance was withdrawn about noon that day. She said she had two rooms at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., on the third floor and that on Friday, February 7, 1964, John E. Thorne, her attorney, and Martin moved into the room adjoining hers which the Secret Service occupied until its withdrawal. On February 7, 1964, she, Martin and her daughter, June, ate together and thereafter, took a walk in Washington. They returned to the hotel about 7 or 8 p.m. [redacted]

[redacted] This was done with Mrs. Oswald's consent and there was no force whatsoever on the part of Martin.

While in Washington, Secret Service Agent Leon Gopadze told her that there were rumors Martin loved her and these rumors might be so detrimental as to lead to her deportation from this country. She said that Martin told her he had friends who could fix up a fictitious marriage which would forestall deportation.

On Sunday, February 9, 1964, Robert Oswald came to the Martin home in Dallas and took Marina and her daughter, June, to the cemetery to visit the Oswald grave. Robert Oswald suggested she leave the Martin home and after agreeing to do so, she accompanied Robert Oswald to his home in Denton, Texas. On February 11, 1964, she telephoned Martin at his home from Robert Oswald's home and while Mrs. Martin listened on an extension, they engaged in a three-way conversation. She, at that time, told Martin she was dispensing with him as a manager and as a lover and suggested that Mrs. Martin be told the whole truth. Mrs. Martin told her that her husband had told her the whole truth. 1

On February 14, 1964, she sent registered letters to both Martin and Thorne dismissing them as her manager and lawyer, respectively. The letters were sent on the advice of Mr. and Mrs. Declan Ford, friends of Mrs. Oswald, with whom she now resides. On the advice of Ford and Robert Oswald, she has retained Mr. William A. McLenzie of Dallas as her attorney.

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After taking up temporary residence with Robert Oswald she decided to return to Dallas and contacted Mrs. Ford. Mrs. Ford came to Denton, Texas, and Mrs. Oswald asked her if she could stay in the Ford home temporarily. Mrs. Ford agreed to this and on Thursday, February 12, 1964, Mrs. Oswald took up residence with the Fords where she now resides.

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At the request of the President's Commission we instructed Dallas to interview Marina Oswald concerning the allegation that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at a Washington hotel during the time she was in Washington testifying before the President's Commission. Attached teletype sets forth results of this interview wherein Marina Oswald admits [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] with Martin at Willard Hotel, Washington, 2-7-64. [REDACTED] done with her consent and no force used by Martin. [REDACTED] occurred following the withdrawal by Secret Service of its surveillance of Oswald. She alleges that while in Washington, Secret Service Agent Leon Copadze told her there were rumors Martin loved her and rumors might be detrimental and lead to her deportation. We are disseminating details in attached to the President's Commission today.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-82555)

FROM DALLAS (100-10461) 10 P

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ROBERT L. OSWALD, BROTHER OF SUBJECT, FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT NITE FEB EIGHTEEN-NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR IN WHICH HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFO:

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 13, 1964, requesting this Bureau to undertake appropriate investigation in an effort to develop full circumstances surrounding the incident involving Marina Oswald and James Herbert Martin.

For your information, we interviewed Mr. Robert L. Oswald, brother of Lee Harvey Oswald, on February 18-19, 1964, at which time he stated he first met James Herbert Martin approximately November 26 or 27, 1963, at the Inn of the Six Flags, Arlington, Texas. He met Mr. Martin through United States Secret Service agent, Mike Howard, at which time Martin was assistant manager of the Inn of the Six Flags. At that time Martin indicated a willingness to take Marina Oswald and her two children into his home at Dallas and consider them part of his family. Marina Oswald moved into Martin's home at 11511 Farrar, Dallas, Texas, on November 29 or 30, 1963, with the understanding she was not to pay anything for room and board.

According to Robert Oswald, on Saturday, December 7, 1963, Martin mentioned some business contracts he desired Marina to sign. On Sunday, December 8, 1963, Robert Oswald met John H. Thorne, an attorney, at Martin's home at which time a typed contract was reviewed by him which he discussed with Marina Oswald. Robert Oswald did not advise Marina to sign this contract on December 8, 1963, but on Monday, December 9, 1963, he consulted an attorney and later, on that same date at the home of Martin, Marina, on his advice signed a contract in the presence of Martin and Thorne.

Robert Oswald continued that at the same time a contract was drawn between Marina and Robert Oswald, which listed her as her assistant business manager and providing for 10 percent of ten percent of all funds received by Marina Oswald from personal engagements, books, pictures, movie rights and the like, and ten percent of all increases in the trust funds.

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received by Marina Oswald as donations.

Robert Oswald stated that during the period after December 9, 1963, Martin and Thorne did not come up with any positive results in the way of contracts and earnings for Marina Oswald and for this reason, he was dissatisfied with their handling of Marina's business.

On Wednesday night, February 5, 1964, James Wakefield, Burke, an author, and Carl D. Schafer, business agent for Rankin, visited Robert Oswald's home at Denton, Texas. Burke and Schafer had met with Martin and Thorne on two occasions to the best of Robert Oswald's recollection, negotiating with respect to writing a book on Marina Oswald's story. Robert Oswald stated Burke and Schafer were critical of the manner in which Martin and Thorne were handling Marina Oswald. Mr. Burke allegedly commented that Martin and Thorne were referring to Marina to the effect that they had the wife of the killer of the President of the United States in the palm of their hand. Robert Oswald stated he was upset by this conversation and after Burke and Schafer departed, Robert Oswald's wife, Vada Oswald, told him about a conversation she had with Marina Oswald Sunday, December 29, 1963, at which time Marina had told Vada that Martin was in love with Marina but that Marina was not in love with Martin.

Robert Oswald advised he was in telephonic contact with Martin at approximately 12:30 A.M. on the morning of February 6, 1964, at Washington, D. C., where Marina, Thorne, and Martin had gone so that Marina could appear before the President's Commission. Martin told Robert Oswald that Marina was in her room "three floors down" and Robert told Martin to have Marina call him at 6:00 P.M., February 6, 1964. According to Robert Oswald, he did not receive the call at the appointed time.

He stated he again telephonically contacted Martin at approximately 12:30 P.M. February 7, 1964, at Washington, D. C., at which time Marina was there and she came to the phone. Robert told Marina he wanted her to return home and she replied that they were planning a news conference and some sight-seeing and that she would return home on Saturday, February 8, 1964. Robert Oswald stated he called the Martin home at Dallas, Texas, at approximately 9:00 P.M., February 8, 1964, and talked to Marina Oswald telling her that he was coming to see her the next day.

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On Sunday, February 9, 1964, Robert Oswald and his wife visited Marina Oswald at the Martin home. Robert spoke with Marina privately and immediately Marina said, "You want to talk to me about Jim." Robert stated he told Marina that he did not think it was right for there to be any personal relationship between Marina and Martin and that he wanted her to come to Denton, Texas, with him and his wife to which Marina immediately agreed. Martin interposed several reasons, mostly business, as to why Marina should remain at his home, but Marina left at the request of Robert Oswald at approximately 6:30 P.M., Sunday, February 9, 1964. Robert Oswald stated he told Martin on that date that he wanted Marina Oswald to move out of the Martin home because there was something personal between him and Marina to which statement Martin did not answer. On Monday, February 10, 1964, Robert Oswald stated that after consulting with a Denton attorney, he was advised he should meet with Thorne and Martin and tell them he wanted them to terminate their connections with Marina.

Robert Oswald continued that on Monday afternoon, February 10, 1964, his wife called him at work and told him that Marina had told her that Marina [REDACTED] with Martin in Washington, D. C., on Thursday night, February 6, 1964. Robert stated he did not understand that there was any [REDACTED] involved but that Marina had consented. He also stated he understood the [REDACTED] incident occurred after the United States Secret Service had discontinued its protective custody of Marina Oswald.

After Robert Oswald received the call from his wife, he called Thorne and told him he wanted to meet with Thorne and Martin because of the personal involvement of Marina with Martin. According to Robert Oswald, Thorne seemed shocked and indicated it was the first he had heard of it and suggested that he meet with Robert Oswald without Martin present. That same night, Thorne and his wife came to the Robert Oswald home in Denton, Texas, at which time Thorne indicated Martin should be dismissed. Robert Oswald told Thorne on this occasion that he knew Martin had slept with Marina in Washington, D. C. Subsequently, at approximately 11:00 P.M., February 10, 1964, after Thorne had returned to Grand Prairie, Texas, Thorne telephoned Robert Oswald and stated that the best thing to do was to buy out Jim Martin's contract but Thorne did not mention a figure.

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Robert Oswald further stated that on Tuesday, February 11, 1964, Marina Oswald met Mrs. Martin at Mrs. Martin's home as Marina was getting some of her belongings from the Martin home. Mrs. Martin questioned Marina about the relationship between Marina and Mr. Martin. According to Robert Oswald, he learned of this through his wife, Vada, as he was not present at the time. On Tuesday night, February 11, 1964, when Robert Oswald arrived home from work, Marina was on the telephone and he understood that she had both Martin and his wife on the other end of the line. Marina proceeded to tell Mrs. Martin everything while Martin was listening. Robert Oswald heard very little of this conversation as it was almost over when he came in. Marina was crying after she hung up the telephone. Robert's wife, Vada, told him what the conversation was about and about an hour later Marina stopped crying and told Robert she hoped he understood. Robert told Marina he did not hold her completely blameless but that Martin was more at fault.

Robert Oswald further advised that that same evening Carl Schafer recommended William A. McKenzie of Dallas as an attorney with whom Robert Oswald might discuss the contract between Marina and Martin.

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According to Robert Oswald, on Wednesday, February 12, 1964, Kathy Ford, a friend of Marina's, and John Thorne came to Robert Oswald's residence at which time Thorne said Martin wanted \$5000 to terminate his contract. Robert Oswald added that Marina returned to Dallas with Kathy Ford to spend the night at Kathy Ford's home. Thorne furnished the transportation.

On February 13, 1964, in accordance with Mr. McKenzie's suggestion to Robert Oswald, Marina decided to discharge Martin and Thorne. On February 14, 1964, Robert Oswald and his wife learned that Kathy Ford's husband had prepared two letters, one to Martin and one to Thorne, both of which Marina had signed, and that they had been mailed Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to Martin and Thorne notifying each that his services to Marina Oswald were terminated immediately.

Robert Oswald further advised that on Sunday, February 16, 1964, Marina told him that she had been faithful to Lee Harvey Oswald while he was alive and that what had happened to her and Martin was after Lee had gone. Marina did not directly mention any [redacted] between her and Martin and neither at this time nor any other time did Robert Oswald understand from talking to her or anyone else that there was a [redacted] of Marina Oswald by Martin.

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Robert Oswald's wife had told him that Marina had said Martin loved her and that he was going to divorce his wife for Marina. Martin made such statement to obtain Marina's consent to their having [redacted] in Washington, D. C. Robert Oswald added that Marina Oswald also told his wife, Vada, that Martin stayed in her room at the Willard Hotel on Thursday and Friday, February 6 and 7, 1964, after the United States Secret Service had ceased its protective custody of Marina. Vada Oswald also told Robert Oswald that Marina said Martin moved into Marina's room but added Thorne kept Martin's clothes in Thorne's room, which was adjoining Marina's room, after the Secret Service had moved out.

Robert Oswald further stated he had seen a picture of Marina Oswald and Martin sitting on the sofa in Marina's hotel room in Washington, D. C. He understood such picture was made by Thorne. Robert Oswald stated it was his belief that Marina moved from his home to the residence of Kathy Ford because she did not want to be a burden to him in his small home and because she feels at ease talking to someone who also has Russian for her native language.

For your added information, during our interview with Robert Oswald, he advised that on January 13, 1964, James Herbert Martin told him that Marina had told Martin that when Richard Nixon visited Dallas, date not indicated, Marina learned that Lee Harvey Oswald intended to shoot Nixon. Marina reportedly locked Lee Harvey Oswald in the bathroom all day to prevent him from going so. Robert Oswald added that Marina related the same story to him on January 13, 1964, when they made a trip to the cemetery to visit the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald. Robert Oswald stated he does not know where Lee Harvey Oswald and Marina were living at the time of the alleged intention of Lee Harvey Oswald to shoot Nixon and he does not know the date of such incident but vaguely recalled that Nixon reportedly planned to visit Dallas during the summer or early fall of 1963. Robert Oswald also does not recall Marina stating how she knew Lee Harvey Oswald planned to shoot Nixon.

Mr. Maurice Carlson, President, Reliance Life and Accident Insurance Company, Dallas, Texas, who is a close friend of Richard Nixon, informed this Bureau February 19, 1964, that Richard Nixon was invited to Dallas in April, 1963, to the Southeast Dallas Chamber of Commerce to receive the Good American Award. Mr. Carlson stated that at the last minute Nixon was unable to attend. Mr. Carlson also stated he does not know if press coverage of this contemplated visit by Nixon was given



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in Dallas newspapers. Mr. Carlson also stated that Mr. Nixon did come to Dallas on November 21, 1963, arriving by private plane with the President of the Pepsi Cola Company.

We plan to continue our interviews with Marina Oswald on Friday, February 21, 1964. During our next interview with Marina, we will question her in detail concerning the allegation that Lee Harvey Oswald planned to shoot Richard Nixon. Results of such interview will immediately be furnished to the Commission.

We have obtained a signed statement from Robert Oswald in connection with the interview of him described above. This signed statement will be immediately furnished to the Commission upon receipt from our Dallas Office.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan 2-19-64, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS - R - Cuba, REL:hc/jdd.

Xerox copy of instant letter to Rankin is being furnished to Secret Service by Liaison 2-20-64.

# Memorandum

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

Mr. W. A. Branigan

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In connection with the incident that occurred between Marina Oswald and her business manager, James Herbert Martin, during Marina's recent stay in Washington, D. C. when she testified before the Commission, the Commission has requested this Bureau to conduct appropriate investigation to develop full circumstances surrounding the incident. One of the things the Commission desired us to obtain was whether the [redacted] between Martin and Marina Oswald occurred at a time when she was under protective surveillance of the Secret Service.

We contacted the Secret Service in this matter February 19, 1964, and have obtained from them the memorandum setting forth details of its protective detail for Mrs. Marina Oswald. In its memorandum, Secret Service sets forth circumstances which placed Marina Oswald in contact with James Martin on November 24, 1963. Secret Service also sets out data concerning its protective custody of Marina in Dallas during the period following the assassination.

Secret Service also sets out in detail its coverage of Marina Oswald during the period February 2 - February 7, 1964, when Marina testified before the President's Commission. Secret Service reports that it afforded Mrs. Oswald protective attention until 2/7/64 at approximately 2:30 P.M. when Secret Service discontinued its protection at the request of Mrs. Oswald.

The Secret Service memorandum reports that Agent Gopadze notified his superior February 3, 1964, that Mr. Norman Redlich of the Commission's staff reported to him a rumor which had been received by the Commission that Martin and Mrs. Oswald were in love with each other. Special Agent Gopadze was instructed to interview Marina about this rumor and Marina indicated that she felt Martin was falling in love with her and that Martin had told her she should buy a small house in Dallas and perhaps some day they could be married. Special Agent Gopadze indicated he told Marina she was playing a very dangerous game; and that if she got messed up in a divorce suit, she might find herself in trouble with immigration authorities.

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