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Bureau noted that in these PD-192 Forms your office, indicated that the property being listed was located in the bulky Exhibit Files" of your office. As you are aware, much t of the evidence in captioned matters obtained by your office thas been forwarded to the Eureau where it is being maintained by the FBI Laboratory. Accordingly, you should resubmit these FD-192 Forms and in those instances where the evidence concerning captioned matters is maintained by the FBI Laboratory, you should a so designate on the ID-192 Forms involved. You should also indicate on each ID-192 Form the evidence item number where known. REC- 31

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I am glad that we had the opportunity to discuss. personally on January 28, 1964, the allegations to the effect that Ice Harvey Oswald was an informant of the Federal Eureau of Investigation.

Since our meeting, the Commission has received many helpful materials from your office concerning these allegations. I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated February 6 and 12, 1964, enclosing your own affidavit as well as various offidavits submitted by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald or had responsibility for the supervision of Bureau informants in the areas where Oswald lived. I know that the Commission will consider these submissions, supplemented by your recent interviews of District Attorney Wade and Houston "Post" reporter Hudkins, as important contributions to the Commission's work.

In light of our continuing review of these allegations. I would like to bring to your attention one related matter. Your letter of January 27, 1964, edvised the Commission that Special Agent Jemes P. Hosty's name, office telephone number and automobile license number, one digit off, appeared in Oswald's address book. In so informing the Commission, your letter supplied information . which appears to have been omitted from an earlier report of the FFI submitted to this Cormission.

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Specifically, the report of Special Agent Gemberling dated December 23, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, beginning at page 672 purports to set forth the names, addresses and/or phone numbers contained in Oswald's address book. At page 696 of this report, certain entries are set forth with an indication that they appear on page 74 of the address book. Examination of the address book reveals that certain information has been omitted at this point in your report, including Special Agent Hosty's name, a telephone number, a license number, the date "Nov 1, 1963," and an address, "1114 Commerce St Dallas."

The Commission would like to be informed of the circumstances surrounding this omission. More particularly, it would assist the Commission in appraising the significance of this matter if we knew the names of the agents, including supervisors, who prepared this portion of the report or made any decision to omit information from the report. Needless to say, we would like a full explanation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin General Counsel

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February 27, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of February 20, 1964, wherein you requested to be advised of the circumstances surrounding the omission of Special Agent James P. Rosty's name and related data as appearing in Lee Harvey Oswald's address book in our report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated December 23, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, in the Uswald case. You indicated it would assist the Commission in appraising the significance of this natter if it knew the names of the Agents, including supervisors, who prepared this portion of the report or made any decision to omit information from the report.

You indicated also that you would like a fulp a explanation.

For your information, I have determined that Epecial Agent Robert P. Gemberling made the decision as to hat information should be included in his report of December 25, 1963. I also determined that Special Agent John T. Kesler had responsibility for reviewing photographic copies of the pages of Lee Harvey Oswald's address book to determine which items needed investigative attention. Such items were set forth as investigative leads to be covered and it was such lead material that was incorporated in Special Agent Gemberling's report of December 23, 1963.

I am enclosing herewith affidavits executed by

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

I want you to know that I feel our reporting procedures in this matter are completely logical and sound. This Bureau never purported that Special Agent Gemberling's report of December 23, 1963, contained the complete listing of Lee Harvey Oswald's address book and, as you know, additional items in Oswald's address book not previously reported were furnished to the Commission in the report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated February 11, 1964, at Dallas, Texas.

This Bureau from the beginning of this investigation has developed and reported all available and relevant facts and it will continue to do so.

I trust that this letter and the enclosures thereto will satisfy the requirements of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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