

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE:

By letter 3-18-64 Commission asked for further investigation in effort to fix with as much certainty as possible the earliest date and time that Oswald's unemployment check mailed from Austin, Texas, 9-23 could have been delivered to him in New Orleans. The investigation reported in the enclosures which have been read and approved by Messrs. Belmont and Malley conclusively establishes that the earliest the check could have been deposited in Oswald's post office box was 5:30 a.m. September 25. This establishes that he did not leave New Orleans on his Mexico trip prior to morning of 9-25 for he cashed the check in New Orleans sometime after 8:00 a.m. 9-25 when the grocery store where it was cashed opened.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060) ATTN.: Inspector JAMES R. MALLEY
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) (P)
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Dallas airtel 3/23/64, forwarding results of investigation concerning individuals who were on or near the triple underpass on the date of the assassination.

Enclosed herewith are five copies each of the following-described FD-302's which completes all interviews of known witnesses on or near the triple underpass on the date of the assassination:

- RAY H. LUNDAY, Deputy Chief of Police, Dallas Police Department
- Mr. JAMES W. FOSTER, Patrolman, Dallas Police Department
- Mr. JAMES C. WHITE, Patrolman, Dallas Police Department

The results of the above-described FD-302's will be reflected in the next report submitted in the OSWALD captioned case

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge
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Mr. RAY H. LUNDAY, Deputy Chief of Police, Dallas Police Department, advised that on November 22, 1963, two police officers of the Dallas Police Department were assigned to stations on the triple railroad overpass at Elm, Main, and Commerce Streets to assist in coverage of the motorcade route taken by President KENNEDY on that date. Patrolman JAMES C. WHITE, Traffic Division, was assigned the west side of the triple overpass and Patrolman J. W. FOSTER was assigned the east side of this overpass.

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Mr. JAMES W. FOSTER, Patrolman, Traffic Accident Squad, Dallas Police Department, advised that on November 22, 1963, he was assigned a station on the railroad overpass over Elm, Main and Commerce Streets in Dallas as a station for coverage of the motorcade taken by President KENNEDY. Patrolman FOSTER stated he arrived at this station at approximately 10:15 AM on this date and immediately took up a point on the railroad overpass overlooking the triple intersection. He stated his instructions were not to permit anyone on the overpass and that he worked the east side of the overpass and Patrolman JAMES C. WHITE of the Dallas Police Department was assigned to work the west side of this overpass.

Patrolman FOSTER stated he did not permit anyone on the overpass except about nine Union Terminal Company railroad employees that appeared to be working in the area and moved to the east edge of the overpass shortly prior to the arrival of the Presidential motorcade. Patrolman FOSTER stated he was in a position directly above the south edge of Elm Street at the time the Presidential motorcade arrived. Just as the vehicle in which President KENNEDY was riding reached a point on Elm Street just east of the overpass, Patrolman FOSTER heard a noise that sounded like a large firecracker. He stated his attention was directed to President KENNEDY and he realized something was wrong because of the movement of the President. Another report was heard by Patrolman FOSTER and at about the same time the report was heard, he observed the President's head appear to explode and immediately thereafter, he heard a third report which he knew was a shot. Patrolman FOSTER stated that because of the distance from the place where the shot appeared to come from, he felt the third shot struck President KENNEDY as he heard the sound of the second shot that was fired. He stated the shots sounded as if they came from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository Building, Houston and Elm Streets. Patrolman FOSTER stated he did not see where the shots came from or who fired them.

Immediately after President KENNEDY was struck with a second bullet, the car in which he was riding pulled to the curb, the motorcycle escorts started maneuvering and scattering, a man which he recognized to be a Secret Service agent jumped on to the rear of the President's car and pushed Mrs. KENNEDY down and then climbed into the car, and then Patrolman FOSTER heard

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some unidentified person shout "get out of here", and the President's car sped away.

Patrolman FOSTER stated he immediately surveyed the area where he was stationed overlooking the triple overpass and observed that a freight train had passed headed in a southerly direction and he could not see the west side of the overpass where Patrolman WHITE was stationed. The only other persons on the railroad overpass at this time were the railroad employees standing near Patrolman FOSTER. Patrolman FOSTER then moved from the overpass onto Elm Street in order that he might receive further instructions from his superior officers.

Date 3/1/641

Mr. JAMES C. WHITE, 2803 Klondike, Dallas, Texas, advised that he was a patrolman of the Dallas Police Department and on November 22, 1963, was assigned to a station on the triple railroad overpass at Elm, Main, and Commerce Streets for coverage of the motorcade route taken by President KENNEDY on that date. Patrolman WHITE stated his station was on the west side of the overpass looking down onto the parade route and just prior to the arrival of the motorcade and President KENNEDY, a freight train passed moving in a southerly direction and blocked his view of the east side of the overpass and buildings to the east of the railroad. He advised that at the time the President was shot, he heard a noise which was possibly the shots fired which killed President KENNEDY, but at the time he thought this noise was caused by torpedoes used by the railroad in directing the movement of freight cars. He advised that by the time the freight car had cleared the track and he was able to move to the east side of the overpass, the vehicle carrying President KENNEDY had left the area for Parkland Memorial Hospital and other policemen had proceeded to secure the scene. Patrolman WHITE stated he was unable to furnish any additional information that might shed any light on this matter.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

200 Maryland Ave., N. E.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20002

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J. LEE RANKIN,
General Counsel

MAR 20 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you know, among the many allegations appearing in the press has been the assertion that one or more of the shots fired at the Presidential limousine came from the vicinity of the triple overpass toward which the car was headed.

We would like your Bureau to interview all those persons who were in the vicinity of the triple overpass and the adjoining railroad tracks. These interviews should include not only their recollections of the shooting itself but also their recollections as to who else they saw in the vicinity and whether there were any actions of a suspicious nature after the shooting such as running away, sudden departure by auto, etc. The Commission feels that a thorough investigation of the triple overpass area is of extreme importance in view of the wide circulation received by the stories mentioned above.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

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April 1, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Lee Oswald

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 20, 1964, concerning allegations in the press that one or more shots fired at the Presidential limousine came from the vicinity of the triple overpass toward which the limousine was headed.

This Bureau has conducted numerous interviews with persons known to have been in the vicinity of the triple overpass at the time of President Kennedy's assassination. Many of these interviews have been previously incorporated in investigative reports furnished to you.

The following is a listing of interviews previously conducted and furnished to you of individuals on or near the triple overpass on November 22, 1963, with specific reference to reports wherein this information is recorded.

Report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling, dated November 30, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, captioned, "Lee Harvey Oswald; Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas; Assaulting Federal Officer."

Individual	Page Reference
Lee E. Bowers, Jr.	43
Charles Hester	48

- 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)
- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. I. W. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. L. J. Gauthier

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- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

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Individual

Page Reference

S. M. Holland	49 and 50
Oscar McVey	52
Frances Gayle Newman	53
William Eugene Newman	54 and 55
Jean (Mrs. Purser Edward) Newman	56 and 57
Jesse C. Price	65

Report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated December 10, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, captioned, "Lee Harvey Oswald, aka., Internal Security - R - Cuba."

Individual

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Mrs. Charles Hester	30
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Report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated December 23, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, captioned, "Lee Harvey Oswald, Internal Security - Russia - Cuba."

Individual

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Royce Glenn Skelton	26
Austen Lawrence Miller	27 and 28
Frank E. Reilly	29
Jim Tague	31
John F. Dolan	32 and 33
John Arthur Chism	38
Patrolman Joseph M. Smith	39
Patrolman E. V. Brown	39 and 40
Patrolman Joe Murphy	41

As of March 17, 1964, our Dallas Office interviewed nine additional individuals who were in this vicinity and on March 24, 1964, and March 25, 1964, the last three interviews of persons known to be in this area on November 22, 1963, were conducted. The results of these interviews are being incorporated in an investigative report by our Dallas Office which will be furnished to you at an early date.

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

All of the persons interviewed in connection with this matter were specifically asked if they had observed any suspicious actions and for the identification of other individuals who may have observed pertinent activity in this area.

In view of the above no further action is being taken in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Commission by letter 3/20/64 made reference to numerous allegations appearing in the press that President Kennedy was shot from the triple overpass. This speculation was probably prompted by statements issued by several doctors affording President Kennedy emergency treatment at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, to the effect the President had a hole in the front of his throat. This statement was pounced upon by some journalists as inferring this was a bullet entry hole, which is not the case.

The Commission requested we interview all persons in the vicinity of triple overpass insuring that certain specific questions were asked. Since we have interviewed all persons known to have been in this vicinity and each has been exhaustively questioned, no further action appears warranted. Dallas has advised the additional interviews conducted as indicated in the above letter will be set out in the next report submitted which report will subsequently be sent to the President's Commission.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-15823)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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J.F. [unclear] PAPPAS

Transmitted herewith to the Bureau are ten copies of a LHM concerning the above captioned case. Four copies of this LHM are being furnished to Dallas inasmuch as they are office of origin. One copy being furnished New York of the LHM for information.

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The attached LHM is being classified "confidential" inasmuch as data set forth from informants utilized could result in identification of informants of continuing value and compromise the effectiveness thereof.

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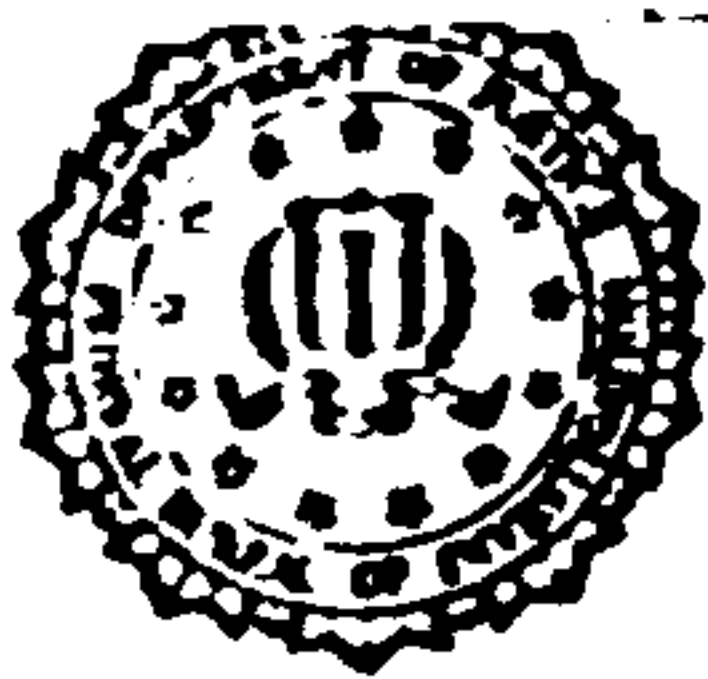
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
March 16, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Mark Lane, the attorney for Lee Harvey Oswald's mother, was in Los Angeles, California, in February, 1964, to speak on the Oswald case. Source stated that at the meeting where Lane spoke a young student from Antioch College in Ohio, by the name of Carl Frank was heard to state that he was a close friend of Mark Lane

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Another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Marvin Treiger is a member of the Youth Commission, Southern California District, Communist Party.

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Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE:

1 - Belmont
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February 14, 1964

FROM : W. A. Branigan

1 - DeLoach
1 - Rosen
1 - Sullivan
1 - Malley
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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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The Presidential Commission, by 2-12-64 letter, noted that in San Antonio's 12-4-63 report appears lists of 90 people who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo 9-26-63, and of 24 people who left Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 10-3-63 and that Oswald's name does not appear on these lists despite fact that his Mexican tourist card shows he entered and left Mexico on these dates at Nuevo Laredo. They also noted that according to a 12-8-63 Dallas report, Mexican immigration records at Nuevo Laredo showed Oswald left Mexico 10-3-63 by automobile while Oswald's tourist card does not show the method of travel.

Noting this they asked:

(1). Why Oswald's name does not appear on the 9-26 or 10-3-63 list and if these lists are, in fact, complete except for the absence of Oswald's name? It is likely that the Commission has answered its own question here.

(2). How can we account for the disparity in the number of the persons on the two lists? It is assumed that the records speak for themselves in that 90 persons entered on 9-26-63 and 24 departed on 10-3-63.

(3). What is the significance regarding the reference to Oswald's method of travel by automobile in the Mexican immigration records and does this mean that he was in an automobile when leaving or that he stated it was his intention to travel to New Orleans by automobile after he crossed the border? If the former is true, the Commission asks if we can determine who may have been in any automobile with Oswald at the time he crossed the border or thereafter.

On the basis of available information, we cannot be certain as to the answers to these questions and probability exists that the questions concerning Oswald's method of travel while leaving will remain unanswerable due to weak Mexican immigration records.

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Memorandum W.A. Branigan to W.C. Sullivan
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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ACTION:

(1). Attached is brief reply to the Commission advising them that we are seeking specifics regarding the points they raised.

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(2). Attached is teletype to Dallas and San Antonio and a cable to Legal Attache, Mexico City, seeking specific replies to the Commission's inquiries.

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OK. But our field supervision review as well as our present of your review were hopelessly derelict. I don't understand how a staff to bust groups of lawyers in various office groups such as it was behind to them. I want to definitely place responsibility on appropriate administrative actions can be taken.