

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

April 9, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Lee Harvey Oswald  
Internal Security - R - Cuba

On April 9, 1964, Vincent Theodore Lee, 37½ St. Marks Place, New York City, stated that he could not furnish any additional information to the FBI regarding Lee Harvey Oswald. He stated that he knew nothing of an evidenciary nature regarding stories being circulated to the effect that Patrolman Tippit of the Dallas Police Department, Jack Ruby, and the John Birch Society were involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. He stated that in his opinion, the John Birch Society could have been involved, but that his opinion was based solely on his feelings and not any facts in his possession.

Lee further stated that he did not have any information pertaining to an alleged meeting that took place at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas a week prior to the assassination, which meeting reportedly was attended by Mr. Bernard Weissman, Officer Tippit, and Jack Ruby.

It is to be noted that Vincent Theodore Lee is the former Director of the National Office of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

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# Memorandum

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 4-13-64

FROM : A. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

In connection with the investigation of subject's trip to Mexico City on 9-26-63, we have identified Albert Osborne as the passenger sitting next to the subject. Thereafter, in connection with the investigation of Albert Osborne, aka John Howard Bowen, we established that Albert Osborne was born 11-12-88 at Grimsby, England; he entered the U.S. in 1914 and proceeded to Canada in 1916, returning to the U.S. in 1919. He adopted the name of John Howard Bowen in 1916 reportedly to obtain a more Americanized name to assist in obtaining American citizenship which he never did obtain.

Attached is a copy of an FBI identification record #777 364 E pertaining to John Howard Bowen, who was arrested 12-11-53 in Houston, Texas, for investigation. Page 3 of this identification record reveals that John Howard Bowen was fingerprinted 2-3-64 for civil identification purposes by the FBI in Birmingham, Alabama. The identification record at present does not indicate that Albert Osborne is the real name for John Howard Bowen and that Osborne was born on 11-12-88 at Grimsby, England. Birth data appearing on page 2 of this identification record relating to Bowen is fictitious.

The above data is being set out so that the Identification Division may bring FBI record #777 364 E up to date with current information.

Page 27 of the report of SA Emory E. Horton dated 3-11-64 at Dallas, Texas, re Lee Harvey Oswald indicates that Albert Osborne was photographed and fingerprinted by Special Agents of the Birmingham Office on 2-8-64, at which time Osborne claimed he was John Howard Bowen. On page 41 of this report Osborne, during an interview with Special Agents of the Knoxville Office on 3-3-64, admitted his true identity and that he had adopted the name of John Howard Bowen. Photos of Albert Osborne taken 2-8-64 are attached along with one taken in 10-63 for a Canadian passport.

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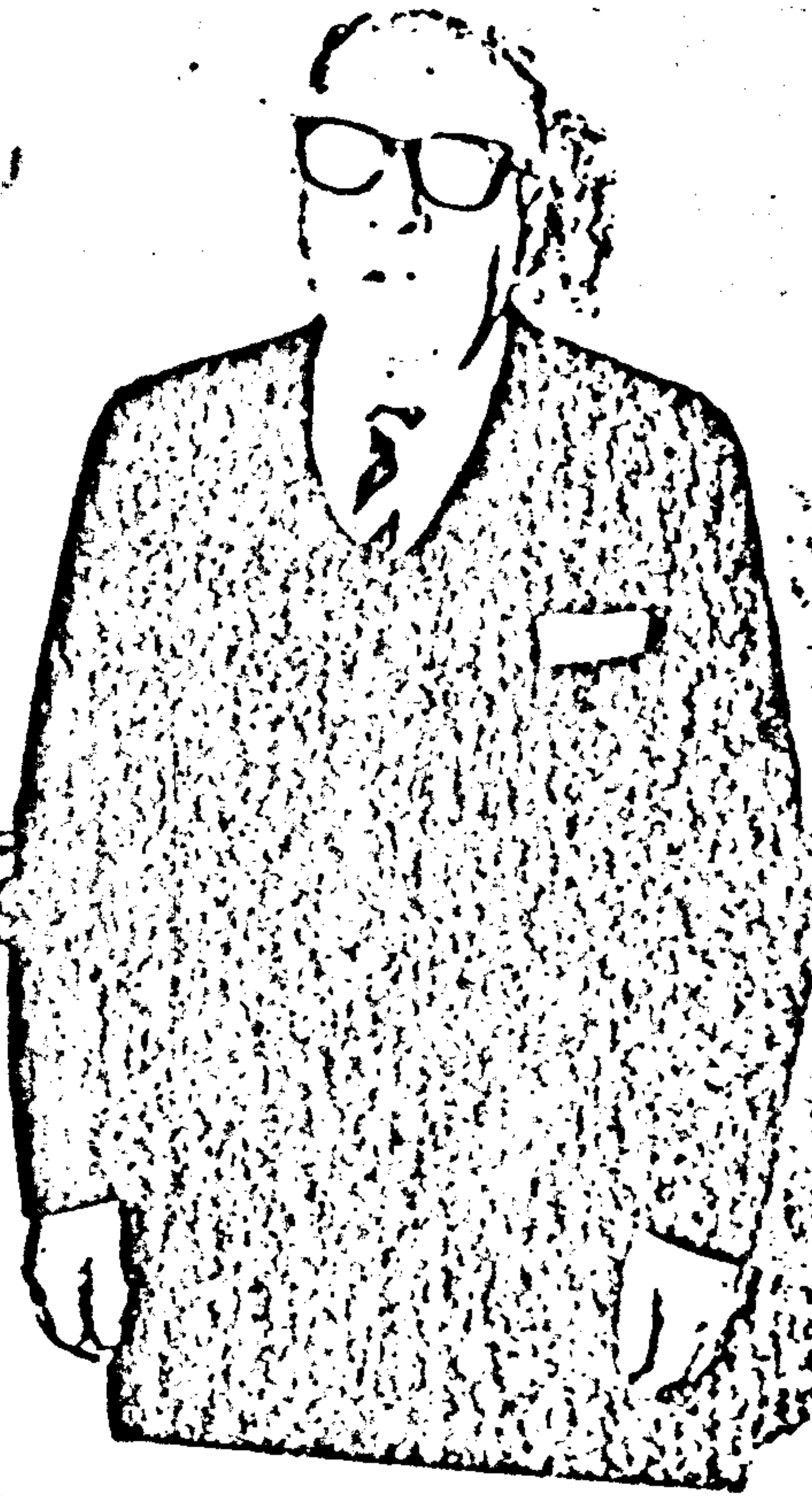
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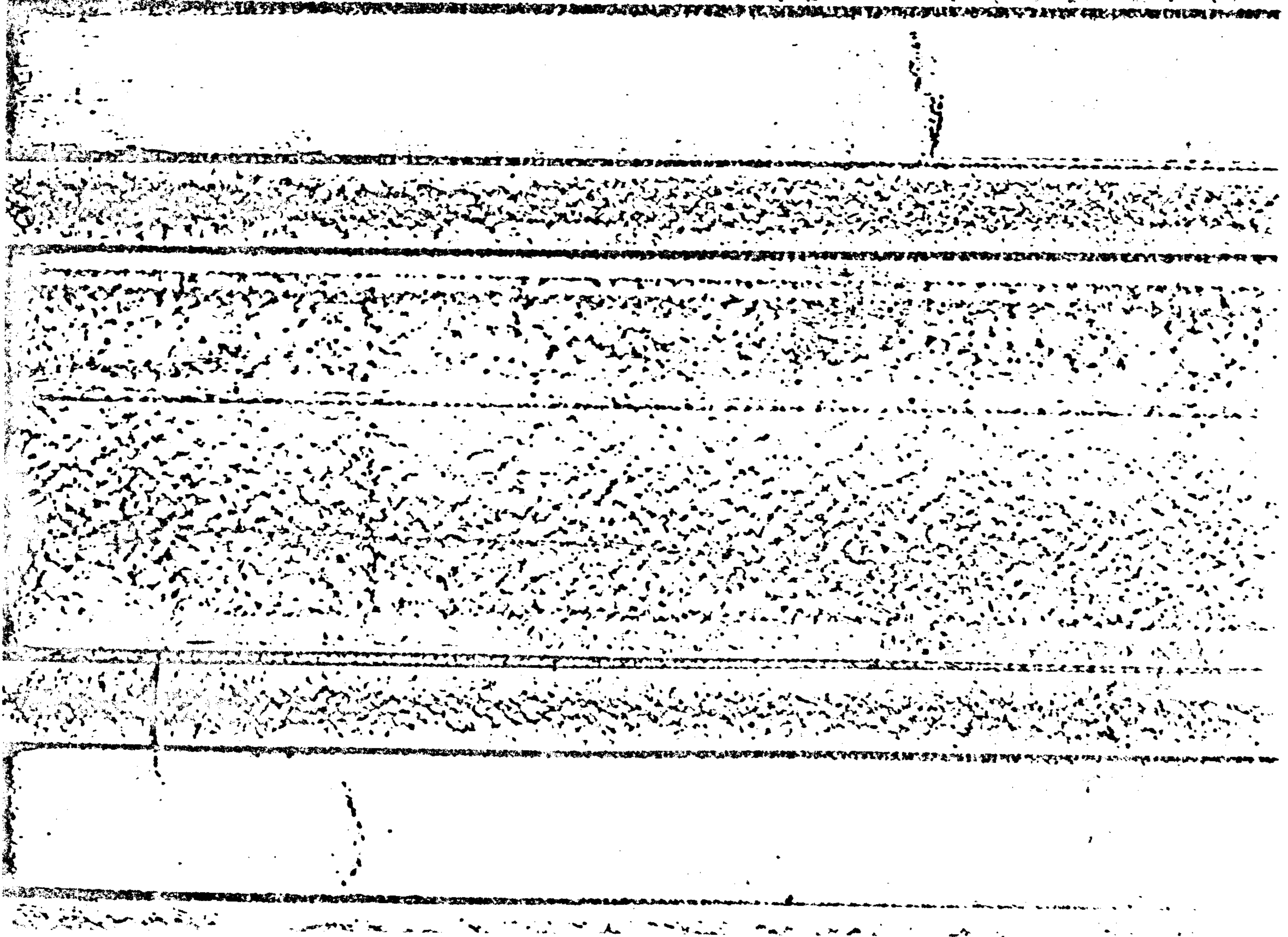
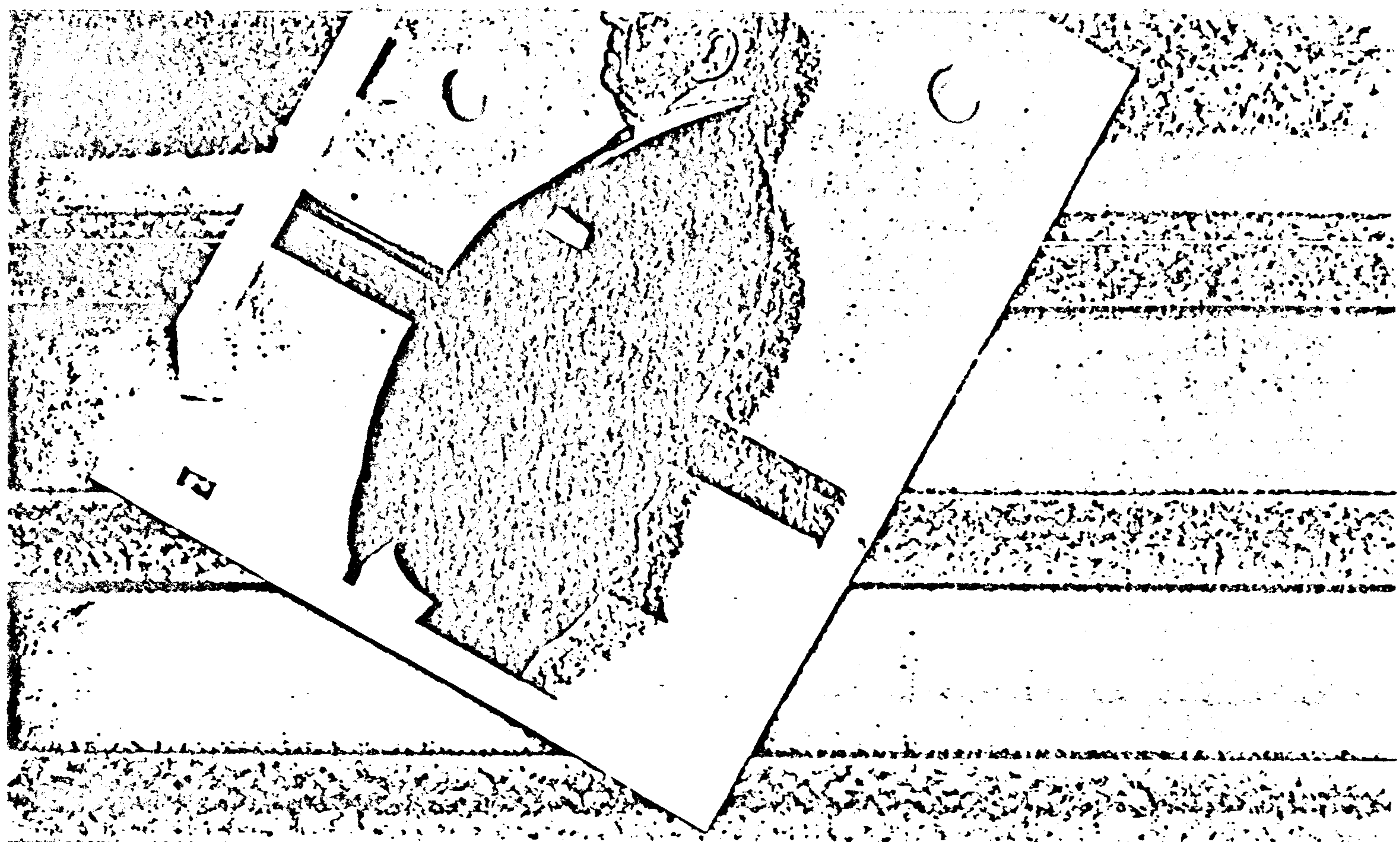
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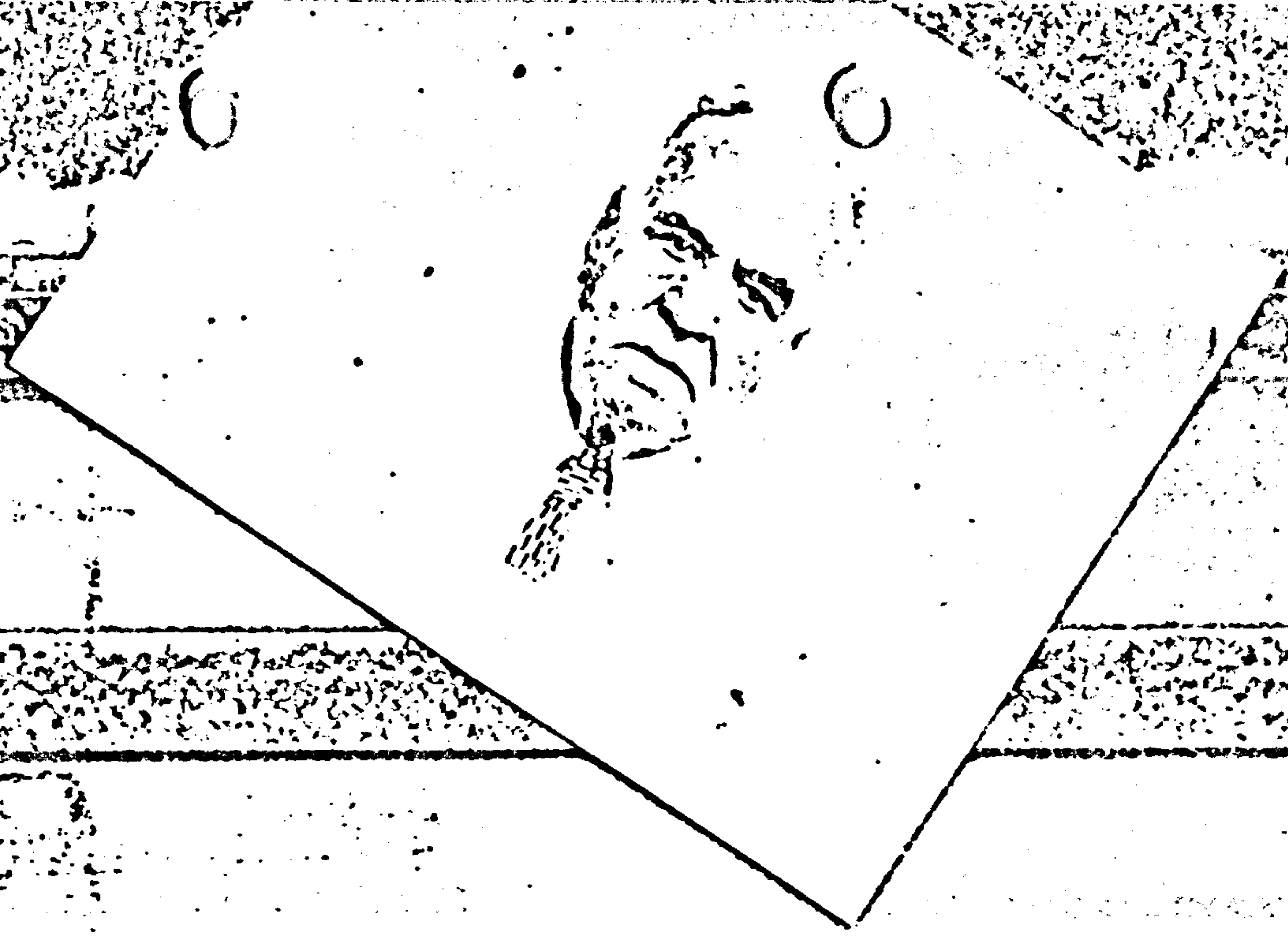
RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to the Identification Division so that FBI record #777 364 E can be brought up to date to include above-mentioned data re Osborne.

*W/D*







FBI

Date: 4/15/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16501)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

Re Bureau airtel to New Orleans and Milwaukee,  
4/10/64.

The correct spelling of the last name of Reverend HENRY L. HONOLD is HONOLD. Bureau, Dallas, Cleveland and Milwaukee please correct spelling of Reverend HONOLD in paragraph 2 and 3 on page 2 of New Orleans airtel, 4/1/64.

Bureau and Dallas please correct spelling of Reverend HONOLD as named on page 1, paragraph 3 and page 15, paragraph 2 of letterhead memorandum dated 4/3/64, submitted by New Orleans attached to New Orleans airtel, 4/3/64.

New Orleans copies have been corrected.

- ③-Bureau (RM)
- 2-Cleveland (RM)
- 2-Milwaukee (62-1178) (RM)
- 2-Dallas (100-10461) (RM)
- 1-New Orleans

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Date: 4/16/64

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-37111)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS-R - CUBA  
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Re Buairtel 4/14/64, to WFO, Mexico City, San Antonio, and Dallas, enclosing for WFO a copy of Legat., Mexico City, letter and letterhead memorandum dated 4/7/64, also reference WFO airtel to Bureau dated 4/10/64, re Individuals on Bus Manifest of Transportes Del Norte.

Re Buairtel 4/14/64, instructed WFO to check I-94 forms at Central Office, INS, on all individuals appearing on the Del Norte lines manifest who were destined to Laredo, Texas and points beyond, exclusive of the DE CUEVAS, VAN DER VORN, DEL RIO, and BARRIGA, all of whom have been interviewed, and exclusive of RUIZ MEZA. In addition attention was directed to the persons from the feeder bus who were destined to Laredo and points beyond as set out on pages 17 and 18 of the enclosed Mexico City, LHM dated 4/7/64.

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Dallas (AM-RM)
- 1 - San Antonio (Info) (AM-RM)
- 1 - WFO

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Approved: *James D. [Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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WFO 105-37111

On 4/15/64, the following names were checked at Central Office, INS against master indices as well as indices of non-immigrant visitors (I-94s) and I-94 "overstays." These names are:

AUGUSTO AGUILAR (possibly AUGUSTO AGUILOS)  
EULALIO RODRIGUEZ  
PAULA RUSIONI (or, RUSCONI)  
HILDA QUEZADA  
(Mr.) A. MARTINEZ

On 4/15/64, Mr. ABE KRICHEFSKY, Contact Representative Central Office, INS advised that with regard to the name Mr. A. MARTINEZ, it would not be possible to search this name through INS indices for an identification without additional data including a given name and date of birth. In this regard it was pointed out that in the master index, there are approximately 35,000 card records filed in the area of the name A. MARTINEZ, under the "soundex" system.

On the name AUGUSTO AGUILAR (possibly, AGUILOS) a search of records at Central Office INS was negative as to I-94 forms, I-94 "overstays" and master index.

On the name EULALIO RODRIGUEZ, INS records were negative on I-94 forms and I-94 "overstays," but master index contained records of three border crossing cards as follows:

Border Crossing Card No. 507572 was issued at Laredo, Texas, 11/26/58, to EULALIO RODRIGUEZ-PERALES, born 5/12/34, at Linares N. L. Mexico, residence shown as 23 de Abril 1314 Ste, Monterrey, N. L.

Border Crossing Card No. 263316 was issued at Laredo, Texas, 4/9/57, to EULALIO RODRIGUEZ-CARRILLO, born 2/12/31, San Luis Potosi, SLP, Mexico, residence shown as Lago de Pascuare 101 Pte, Monterrey, N. L. Mexico.

Border Crossing Card No. 1339074 was issued 7/1/63, at Laredo Mexico, to EULALIO RODRIGUEZ-GALVAN, born 4/10/23, Rio Verde, SLP, Mexico, employed as a body mechanic, residence shown as Ruperto Martinez, Ote 956, Monterrey, N. L., Mexico.

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On the name PAULA RUSCONI (PAULA RUSTONI), INS records did not contain any references in I-94 forms, I-94 "overstays" or master index.

On the name HILDA QUEZADA, no record was located among INS I-94 forms or I-94 "overstays." However master index contained two references to persons of this name:

One HILDA QUEZADA-QUIROZ, born 9/4/44, at Mexico, DF. Mexico was admitted on a class B-2 visa at Laredo on 5/24/63, valid to 6/15/63. She was holding Mexican passport No. 31067 and visa was issued at Mexico City, 5/25/63. Her permanent address was given as J.M. CORREA #196 Mexico DF Mexico, and address in United States given as "San Antonio and Houston, Texas." Departure record shows she departed the United States at Laredo on 5/30/63.

Also one HILDA MIRTHALA QUEZADA-ALFARO, born, 5/18/57, Mexico, an immigrant, entered Laredo on 3/5/62. The INS alien file A-12455579 for this person was located at District Office, INS, Atlanta, Georgia, as of 3/9/62.

It is noted referenced WFO airtel, 4/10/64, advised a search of I-94 records at Central Office, INS, on 4/7/64, failed to disclose any identifications, based on information furnished, on the names:

H. O. LEE  
PAULA RUSCONI  
Miss COSIO  
EULALIO RODRIGUEZ  
MARGARET A. WOLFF  
AUGUSTO AGUILAR.

FBI

Date: 4/13/64

Mr. Belmont	_____
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-38431)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R

Re NY airtel dated 3/17/64, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is a galley sheet of the May issue of "Esquire Magazine" of the story entitled "LEE OSWALD's Letters to His Mother". This copy is for transmittal to the President's Commission, and one photostat copy is enclosed for the Bureau.

This galley sheet was obtained through DAN BRICHAM of the "New York Journal American", who obtained it from GERRY ROTHBERG of "Esquire Magazine", 488 Madison Avenue, NYC on 4/13/64. The May issue of "Esquire Magazine" will be available on magazine stands on 4/16/64.

There is also enclosed for the information of Dallas one photostat of the "Esquire" article.

The NYO is continuing its efforts to attempt to obtain an advance copy of the record which will be made from the letters of OSWALD to his mother, which will be made and sold by Folkways Records and Service Corporation, NYC.

ENCLOSURE

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- 1-Dallas (100-10461) (Enc. 1) (RM)
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Lee Oswald's  
Letters To His Mother

(with footnotes by Mrs. Oswald)



Lee went to Russia in November of 1959. He was in Russia twenty months before I had the first letter from him.

I was in constant touch with the State Department with no result, so I made a personal trip to Washington, D.C., in January, 1961, and approximately in March I received an answer from the State Department, where informing me of my son's whereabouts. He was in Minsk, Russia, and then he was working in a radio factory. When he first went to Russia it was in the paper that he was in the Metropole Hotel in Moscow, and then for twenty months I didn't know whether Lee was alive or dead.

Lee joined the Marines at age seventeen, on his birthday. Three years later he got out of the Marines and three days after that went to Russia. Lee wrote continuously while in the Marines, and there's much speculation about the three days because he did leave a mother who was partially ill. I had had an accident. But Lee and I discussed this immediately upon his return; I was destitute and matter of fact, Lee got a discharge charge because of this accident, but he was only out of the Marines three weeks before his time would have been up. I started through the Red Cross at Lee's insistence, to see if he could help me in July. But it was September before he was released, and I have always said those three months of negotiations meant either that I could have been dead and not needed and not needed my son, or that I could have been dead and not needed him, also. But someday I hope to do something about this, because I am sure there are very many other mothers who are ill and need their sons, and I would say that they need them immediately, and not go

through the Government red tape for three months before they are sent home to help their mother out, however the case may be. So, after the three days—Lee said, "Mother, I have no background of work, and if I stay here the only salary I can demand would be \$30 to \$35 a week. Now we're talking about Texas, and not the Eastern states, because the salaries there are very, very low and actually that is the standard that And he said, "You're broke, so we could both be in the situation that you're in, so I've made up my mind that I'm going to work on a ship in the import and export business, where I can demand some money and I'll be able to help you."

I agreed with Lee because this is the way you help seventeen-, eighteen-, nineteen-year-olds, and I said, "It's a wonderful idea; but why don't you wait; Mother will settle her claim." It was not a suit, it was a compensation claim, I would be entitled to sixty percent of my salary, and the claim would have to be settled. In the meantime, probably I could baby-sit, and together we could manage. He said, "No, my mind's made up. We'll both be as bad off as you are now if I try to find work her so I want to work on a ship." This was good thinking, and he was right, because a \$35-to-\$40-a-week job would not take care of a mother and a boy. So I accepted the fact that he has a right to his own mind. And so he left, and one week later I received a letter from Lee from New Orleans, stating that he had passage on a ship to Europe and he didn't expect me to understand, but to please try and understand— "This is something I must do," and so on, so then about a week later I picked up the paper and knew that he was in Russia.

Photograph by Diane Arbus



The First Letter

Commission No. 87

Dear Mamma

Received your letter today and was surprised that you are writing on a ranch. What is concerned you, mamma? How is it you decided to go there?!

I am glad you think Mamma is beautiful and it will be good to her. The house that a mother and father they are dear. But she has a lot of work and makes her mind and she is thinking of the same house. She is living in the same place when I was there they are real nice people but make a mistake in the land away. The work is a dangerous. He finds the same work. You are ago for that occupation. He had me in good health and he had you all with good people. Mamma and father love you all.

The Fourth Letter

Commission No.

Oct 22, 1957

Dear Mamma

The Second Letter

Commission No.

Aug. 2, 1958

Dear Mamma

I received your letter today and was surprised that you are writing on a ranch. What is concerned you, mamma? How is it you decided to go there?!

I am glad you think Mamma is beautiful and it will be good to her. The house that a mother and father they are dear. But she has a lot of work and makes her mind and she is thinking of the same house. She is living in the same place when I was there they are real nice people but make a mistake in the land away. The work is a dangerous. He finds the same work. You are ago for that occupation. He had me in good health and he had you all with good people. Mamma and father love you all.

Vertical text on the right margin, possibly a date or reference number.

by Cyril and it is, I would not

should return, and it brought some  
books for his on - the subject II  
and for now she doesn't want to  
learn, she speaks little French  
already, she learned in Germany  
school, and she doesn't want to  
study another language for now,  
she really does not have the time  
you know, what will she be working  
from 10-5 and she will have lunch  
but it doesn't matter for now.

Well, that's about all for now.  
I'll try to write more often.

P.S.

Did you receive my  
letter with some  
pictures of my work on  
it??

Dear Mother,

I went on a little a week ago, but  
I think I feel it was a  
it is in writing again, we should  
from the school. It was very interesting  
for me.

Well with all of these things  
I must not mind have a baby  
I'll want a dog.

There is a little information  
about the school, but I still have not  
received them and until we do,  
I cannot know. I don't know  
if you can read the few letters  
and understand in collecting some  
from me.

The weather is cold and  
with rain, snow, although the  
state is not snow.

if you have my old photo

I knew that she was a foreign girl—a Russian girl—so I thought  
probably she would like a little trinket, so I sent her a bracelet and  
a necklace—sort of a wedding gift—I mean it was something that  
was new, very unusual. Matter of fact, I'd had the bracelet for about  
twenty-five years; it was my own bracelet that I sent. And then I  
sent her the necklace, and a silk scarf.

4. Robert is Leo's brother. Leo has a half-brother that's older. Leo  
has two brothers, John and Robert, and Robert lived in Fort Worth,  
Texas.

5. I learned through a letter that he was coming home. I also  
learned through the very first letter from the State Department  
giving me Leo's address that Leo had contacted the Embassy in



The Third Letter

Commission No. 52 - Oct. 2, 1961

Dear Betty,

I mailed your package of books yesterday, I think about 4 or 5 then I was very glad to hear from you.

I hope you are feeling well and are enjoying your stay in Vermont.

Here in the weather in that North and Vermont now.

I suppose it must be still pretty low there although here I've already turned quiet cold.

It's your letter here - must find that letter is he!

I am leaving in letters from Robert about once a month now.

In the future if you need me now think you can find me "Don't forget me" not

"Good things" and looks like "line to the wind" I don't really want, they are too heavy and you could have sent the small envelopes instead, but it's not important you made a very good choice in this. books will be gone. I will think about it, to now

mine sends her love.

Love,  
Les

The Fifth Letter

Commission No. 57

Nov. 1, 1961

Dear Mother

Please be me a big favor go to the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and get an affidavit of support on behalf of my wife. This is a technical point in regard to permission to enter the U.S. for marriage, and must be made out to the U.S. you simply fill out a form (the way to change of a few letters) and that's all.

Write me the name, as it will be directly written for the document in Moscow.

Received information about marriage which may be included in this what are:

Birth date and date city, mo, day, year.

July 11, 1931

Name - Ivania Nikolaevna - G. would

Place of residence. Number and address in Moscow.

Thank you,  
Lee

Lee, Mother

I have just received my last letter of Dec 2, 1961. I am glad to hear that you are all getting ready to leave. The matter is much in hand. I get your card about how what we need in my life. The ticket maybe you can try it. Red Cross in Moscow about that. They should notify American Embassy, Moscow, for transportation. 18

Lee advised you, send me my phone in about 10 days. I think it's for them, today, I also received a post card from you. The electricity is very cut and out. Lee, I'm in it in Moscow.

Thanks so very much for the card.

What you need. It's not possible to get it. I'll see what I can do. I'll get it for you. It's the same as last time.

Moscow stating that he wished to return to the United States. This is my first contact with Lee, through the State Department, informing me of Lee's address and of his desire to return to the United States and then after my correspondence with Lee direct making provisions for coming home.

6 [Letter received October 10, 1961]. Then I was on a case in

Vernon, Texas. And this will explain why I have so many addresses, because I am a live-in nurse, and I go anywhere that I have a case. I'm on private duty, and I get my cases by word of mouth. 7. John, Lee's brother, is in the service of our country—he's in the Air Force, and has been since age seventeen. He's now been in fourteen years; this is his career. He moves around a lot.

The Fifth Letter (Continued)

I expect as if you are, please  
send them 12

Do you have been anything for  
sent them in New Orleans?

And how about John?

He is sent her love and asks  
do you want to be a grandchild  
again??

Are you at it working for that  
play? you are obliged with his  
again but you?

Well that about all

for now. Write soon  
Love  
JL

Enclosed are some pictures of  
Kings and other machine area

from (this is not meant)

The Sixth Letter

Continuation No. 11 Nov 23

Dear Mother,

Today we received your grand gift.  
I am very surprised that you gave me  
my table in color and fabric

because it is already very nice as  
you and table will be very useful.

It is very nice to feel that you  
are so attached to me, more so, than,  
than to be.

I shall always remember your  
gift as a mark of our friendship.

I hope you won't be nervous  
for me, you shouldn't worry about  
as to work.

I love your room your spirit  
in a photograph (last) I love and of  
affection for your ally.

I hope you shall be well  
and that you again for the first time.

Yours  
Parsons

(I wish to be his best friend for the  
the

The Eighth Letter

The Ninth Letter

Today I received 3 letters from you one from the 12th the other from the 17th. as you will like we want you, the car is of course, but it is good health.

As to your questions about the money problem and how it is going the story for the newspaper is too good, maybe you'd better hold off for awhile about that. I'll tell you when the baby is due around November 1st.

We will probably fly into the U.S. on a regular airline. I'll see you to come to New York to meet us. I want you to understand that although you can visit in certain countries this document about our coming to the U.S. - identifying myself diplomatically - is more complicated than it is 19

about all for you with your main idea is to love. The

Dear Mooky

Will it wait to long until the baby is born and until we start to see you, in the meantime you can do two things for me; to be an applicant of passport in before it expires (the date is listed in the U.S.A.) it is a technical point regarding U.S. immigration - to enter the United States and can do this at the office of immigration and naturalization.

Also you can see about sending me some clothing or clothes from the Dept. of Welfare papers for the month of Nov. 1959 I want to know just what was said about me in the Feb. 1958 newspaper. so I can see since we will if you don't have

8. I had had the books at the ranch and they had Ford Times, a magazine all about automobiles, and then I had a novel, *Close to the Wind*, and any other material that I could pick up I sent to Lee, because at this particular time I am working for \$25 a week, and the postage alone for books and mail to Russia is very expensive, and I had no idea about the amount of books and postage - if I could

afford it. And besides, since he asked for books, I wanted to immediately send him something, so whatever was around the house I gathered up and sent them the very first package. 9 [Letter received October 30, 1961]. I just don't know what he could have been thinking of, dating this 1959. 10. Lee had married this Russian girl, and I thought possibly he

The Seventh Letter

Commission No. 67 Dec 13, 1961

Dear Mother,

We received your post and truly and also the parcel package of books which you put in a month and a half ago. I am sure to appreciate your help. I think will get together if we finally get back to the state, and maybe will be able to attend in 1962.

A Christmas Card

I hope everything is alright with you, why do you change address so often?

I sent you and Robert a Christmas card, and even Aunt Ethel in New Orleans, do you write to them at all? or to Aunt Helen.

Has Uncle been writing to you lately? 14

When you write you can 15 and we just post card minutes. I think they are cheaper and more in 1962. The postcards of

Types and America. How is on the ground level and will be until April or May. Maria is feeling fine with everything in O.K. will what.

Maria laughed when she heard your question about babies born at home or in hospital of course almost everyone here has their babies in the hospital you chose of books is very good, thanks alot for them.

Maria sends her love and hope you received her. Thank you letter for the beautiful. very you and her.

Love Lee.

P.S. I wrote

this letter in one

day. Let Aunt get to read I tell today, when I received your second package of books, (containing 4 books) so I shall thank you for the

The Tenth Letter

Commission No. 77 Feb. 1, 1962

Dear Mother,

The Eleventh Letter

Commission No. 88

Dear mother  
today I received 28 affidavits

from Mr. Phillips.

You asked whether I'll be staying at your place or Robert's in the West. I don't think I'll be staying at either but I will be visiting both. In any case I'll be coming to live on my mother's

probably still further. I'll be in St. Louis or near it. I'll be

probably come by - depending on the

date of departure yet - I'll be

still a few days before we

we're off.

as I said in my last letter

we're probably in April

news are good.

Don't worry about your art's OK?

The weather is rather cold here yet

I guess in Texas it must be pretty hot by now.

Did you get the newspaper clipping I asked you for?

I hope you've already

made out that affidavit of support

for Maria by now, like I asked you.

That's about all for now.

Love  
Lee

Love from little Jane and

Maria

would want to become a Soviet citizen, because he was working there, and had a wife who was a Russian girl, so I asked him if he had any idea of becoming a Soviet citizen.

11. This to me is very important. This is the first time these letters are being released to the public, and I have stated over and over that I have actual documents in black and white to retract some

of the awful statements that have been said against this boy. He's not perfect, but he has some very fine qualities. I think so, and the letters do show so. And so it states in the letter that Lee had brought literature and books for Marina for her to learn English, but she didn't want to, because of her housework and work, and he's gone along with that. However, I also know that Lee and

The Eleventh Letter

typing yourself, you can always get lined inside of newspapers by apply at their offices or the public library.

I received your page 17 newspaper and magazines, I do!!

also good thinking on your part. It gave me alot of news. I suggest it on all news-going in Union by news-hunt!

What is the latest news in Union?

There will soon, as all getting your letters makes me achieve sweet fire over-hair. When you write please write March 29. (yours) This helps me get your letters quicker. Love from us all  
Kis

The Twelfth Letter

Commission No. 114 - Feb 15, 1962

Dear Mother,

Well, I love a little (6 hrs) daughter, June Maria Oswald born at 10:00 A.M. February 15th. How about that??!

Maria feels O.K. she only took on down and chaff to gain birth at the hospital.

The possibility of our coming to the United States are very good although, of course, it'll be another couple of months.

Maria left me to leave the U.S.S.R. in good while Dec. 1, 1962 so we have no worries about the visa's running out before anything is arranged.

The American Embassy in Moscow sent me an application for a visa (which I requested) so they will make the money available

The Thirteenth Letter (Continued)

The Thirteenth Letter (Continued)

I don't think it is too serious. So leave said that way. Kiss

The Fourteenth Letter

Commission No. 116 - March 28.

the money - extraction is not  
 good although it is like to have  
 enough to fly to the states  
 but that's not too bright and  
 it's there, still it's not very  
 important as regards the matter  
 of transportation  
 but it's a bit of a problem  
 already, brought it there and in  
 it's worth it. I'm sure it's  
 very well when  
 it's a bit of a problem  
 with the money, as all is well  
 I had about all for now.  
 Yes  
 P.S.  
 Marina needs to be done.  
 P.S. now we also receive your  
 cash, thanks.

well, here we are in Texas  
 getting ready to leave for the USA,  
 it'll be sending a telegram or  
 otherwise informing you as to  
 where we shall embark and  
 go forth, everything is set.  
 we don't worry about it.  
 we shall be leaving from  
 Holland by ship for the U.S. on  
 June 24 however I expect to  
 stay over in New York for a  
 day or so and also ~~more~~ 30  
 Washington D.C. for sightseeing.  
 See you soon.  
 Yours  
 Lee

Marina returned from Russia to Fort Worth, that Marina im-  
 mediately started to take English lessons, also, through a univer-  
 sity and Marina speaks broken English quite well. And so this  
 will show you what the news media have done with my life and  
 Lee's. This is actual proof. One particular story that they have  
 exploited is that Lee treated her mean, and would not allow her

to learn English, but we have it in black and white, and I state  
 now that also in America that she was learning English. Lee  
 wrote and spoke Russian very fluently. In fact Lee has the equiva-  
 lent of one year of college education in Russian, and I have this  
 in black and white, in the form of an application he made to the  
 Albert Schweitzer School in Switzerland. (Continued on page 75)



The Thirteenth Letter

Commission No. 195

to us as soon as everything is arranged for marriage?  
The only thing holding us up now is the "attendant of support" for marriage which I already told you about once that we in, we can leave the estate. my intention is not.

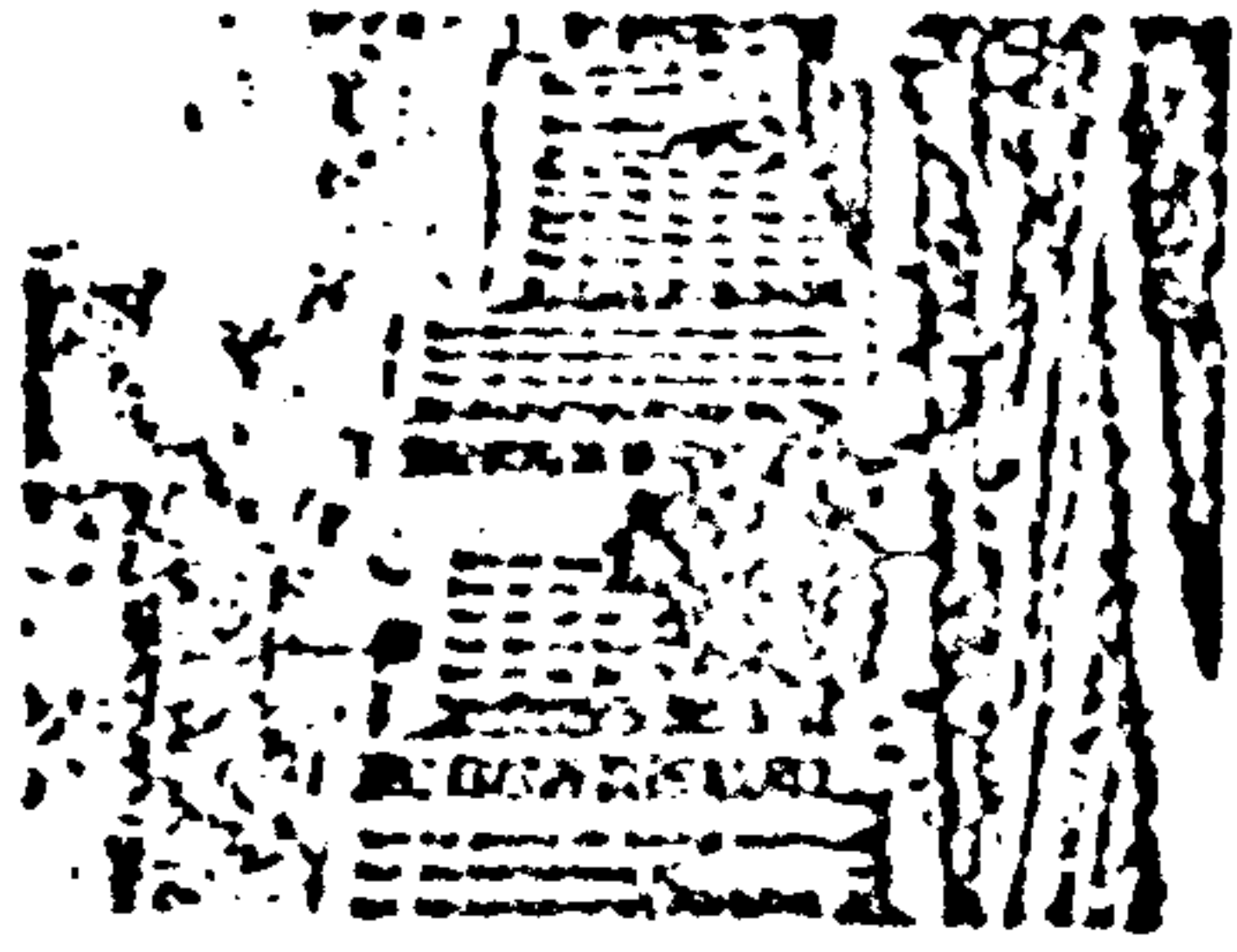
Now all things are yours and if you don't have that letter from the Marine Corps. telling about the meeting 24 below about getting a copy. I would like to have some material upon which to start before going into the details with you with in Vienna.

It is almost all for you from floor all these of us

Best wishes  
John

P.S. Enclosed 3 pictures of John and I

John and I



U.S. Navy Photo

Feb. 28

Dear mother  
Well, I suppose you're already read our letter about the birth of little June to Donald (not June Vienna) 25 lbs weight 216 at birth. much what was on 27th. 1925 mother and child are doing well, she left the hospital on 27th 27th

It's well probably a bit for a period of time or more months until little June gains weight for the time to the U.S.

The Fifteenth Letter

Commission No. 198

May 30, 1962

I already told you about...

postcards, they're much cheaper, matter of fact. I believe he mentions this in a letter. And so he's always thinking: "Mother, don't spend everything you earn on us. We want to hear from you, but do it the easiest way." The same way with the packages; he keeps saying, "Don't send heavy packages." He's worried about the terrific postage that I pay . . . the expense, and he didn't want me to spend all of my money on things for them.

16 [Letter received January 23, 1962; the date on the letter is the same, undoubtedly an error on his part]. I got the affidavit for him. I wrote first to the naturalization and immigration office. I think now I'm in Vernon, Texas, on a case, or probably Crowell. These sections are all together—probably fifty or seventy-five miles away, bringing me back to Fort Worth all the time. The original place, Crowell, Texas, was two hundred miles away, and then I worked my way back to Fort Worth on cases. . . . So Wichita Falls was the closest place that I could get this information, because I'm in very small towns, Crowell, Vernon, and those towns are very small places, so Wichita Falls was the main place and I wrote and they sent me a form to fill out. Of course, then I would have to have a sponsor for the affidavit of support—an American sponsor, and I was working for a man at this particular time, taking care of his mother, who had had a stroke, and he offered to be the sponsor.

17 [Letter received January 29, 1962]. I don't believe there are any missing letters. What I think he's saying is that the letter following this would have been the one about the affidavit, and he wants to make sure that I receive the letter.

18. Lee needed help now. He's ready to come home. All documents are secured for his wife and himself but he doesn't have the money to come home on so he asks me to contact the Red Cross and to contact several organizations who help people in these particular cases to come back.

19 [Letter received early in February, 1962]. I asked Lee if I should give his story to the newspaper because I am unable to get help. I had gone to several very prominent citizens and explained that this boy was in Russia and an American citizen who wanted to come home but for lack of money he was unable to. I

22. The editorials were letters from people in the newspapers. It had nothing to do with the prior questions he asked. I sent him some books and then I had wrapped the books up with newspaper editorials which are letters from people that I had accumulated that I had thought would be interesting reading. It had nothing to do with the story of his defection. This is just extra reading and I wrapped the books up in many, many of these papers, thinking that he would enjoy the newspapers, and he wrote back and said it was quick thinking on my part. He enjoyed reading them. I sent him a book by Vincent Peule, *The Power of Positive Thinking*, and most of the other books that I sent were books that I had bought in a used-book place where I was—*Time*, *Life*—and just any, you know, everyday books, magazines, not books actually, just magazines. It kept running up into money. The postage was very expensive and I would get these books at half price because they were used magazines, *Reader's Digest*, anything. But they were in good condition and, you know, I would say up-to-date. So it would take two months to get the material. It would cost me anywhere from \$2 to \$5 to send a package. Oh, yes, he said he received them, thank you. But I knew he liked Vincent Peale's work, in fact on his application to Albert Schweitzer College the book that he said he most liked to read, Vincent Peale was one of the authors that he thinks of the most.

23 [Letter received March 1, 1962]. The State Department loaned him the money to come home on. Lee had asked for \$800 and the State Department loaned him, as has been publicized and made public by the State Department, \$400 and some odd dollars, I think \$463. They only brought home a few things, one radio, I might say, jewelry from Russia, clothing and some silverware and personal things.

24. I had written him and told him that I had a letter from the Marine Corps giving him an undesirable discharge. He had an honorable discharge from the Marines, serving three years, and a good-conduct medal, and the undesirable discharge was given because he had defected to Russia.

25 [Letter received March 7, 1962]. (Continued on page 162)

12 [Letter received November 18, 1961]. I sent the one picture he had taken in New Orleans on Mother's Day, 1955. I sent a few baby pictures of Lee—just regular Kodak pictures.

13 [Received December 12, 1961]. The Christmas card says Merry Christmas, and what I find interesting, it has a pine cone and a clock with the numerals on, 12 o'clock. But the back of the Christmas card is blank, and this is what interests me most. This is a Russian Christmas card. There are no sentiments—you write your own words. All their Christmas cards are blank, which is wonderful—of course we do not have time to write our own words, particularly I would say people that have many, many acquaintances—in the hundreds—they don't even sign their name! But to me, this is ideal, because you have to sit down and write your own sentiments to your folks, and Lee did mention "Merry Christmas, Dear Mother—Lee," and Marina signed her name in Russian. So, see the Russian people are human beings after all, they do have many fine points to their way of life, just as we have to ours, but I believe that either today or tomorrow if we can recognize their fine points along with our fine points, along with their faults and our faults, and if we can nourish them then we will have peace.

14 [Letter received December 26, 1961]. At this time I'm not having contact with any family at all. Matter of fact I've never been close to the family from the time they left home. We, as a family, were a close family, but when the boys married. . . . You have to understand that I'm a widow making my own living, and I am working twenty-four hours a day, and moving from place to place, and they have their own life, so we now have drifted to a certain extent, but I think most families do drift after the boys marry and leave home. And I have three boys, and boys are a little different than I believe a daughter would be. And I'm a very independent person, and I make my own living, and so it's a full-time job for a woman my age to be out in the business world and take care of herself. So lately I don't have time for my family. I may be two hundred miles away.

15. I always did whatever the children asked me to do, because I knew it was very important. I also wrote letters. . . . Lee figured it was very expensive for me to mail letters, and I wrote quite frequently. And also, Marina enjoyed the pictures on the post-

also went to a very fine citizen who had a citizen award for helping people and I was turned down by him. The attitude was that if he went over to Russia to defect let him stay. Now this is a very fine, fine citizen with this attitude. And so I'm trying to get help for the boy and presenting my case that he is a young boy, he's an American citizen. He has been married and he has all documentation with him. The only thing lacking to bring him back to his native land would be money. And I am unable to get anyone to help in this endeavor. I thought if I would give the story to the newspaper that he wanted to come home, that his visas and everything were there, but it was the money lacking. Then maybe some good American would finance his way home because I was not having any luck talking to the ones individually to help him to come home. He said he didn't want me to give the story to the newspaper. He'll tell me that. He didn't want to complicate his coming home any more than was necessary. I think that then he was negotiating with the Embassy about money to come on a loan.

20 [Letter received February 23, 1962]. I'm having trouble getting the affidavit of support out, though, but he will have to have someone sponsor this and I thought that the people I was working for knew my problem and that they should offer and when they didn't I went to other people who had turned me down and then when I was talking about being turned down then my employer offered to help.

21. I had written him and said now I know you always know what you're doing. You have a Russian wife, you have a job. You have been in Russia for the last two years. You have sent me many, many fine gifts and you write all the time and all of this takes money and many, many photographs. Are you sure that this is what you want to do because you are a known defector and you may not be accepted and I have reason to say this because I had already explained how hard it was to get someone to help him to come home. How hard it was to even get an affidavit of support which was just a technicality, and so I'm now realizing that this boy is going to have it very hard here in the United States and so I said to him are you sure that this is what you want to do? And you exploited in the paper, very very much so, as a defector and that is why he is asking me to send the clippings of the papers so he would see

arrived in New York. Now, I never did ask him about Washington and I have no way of knowing if he went to Washington.

I received a postcard from Lee saying that they were leaving and this would be approximately about June 12 or 13 and later a speed letter from the State Department informing me that my son and his wife had left Moscow and would arrive in New York on June 13.

Well, the case that I'm on now is a very elderly woman and it's just she and I in the house and so I'm unable to leave my patient in order to meet my son. He's going to arrive in Dallas at the airport and Robert and his family are meeting him, but I'm unable to meet him and it's a week later before I can find someone to take care of my patient temporarily so I could go to Fort Worth, which I did for a weekend, to see Lee. Then I had to go back on my case. It was awfully crowded in Robert's house. He has two children and a wife and himself and with another couple and a child. I had then decided that I would terminate my services in Crowell, Texas, and come to Fort Worth where I could help the children as much as possible, which I did. I had exactly \$175 to my name. I had explained before that I was working for \$25 a week. Out of that I had to pay gasoline for my car to go to town because we're in little country towns way on the outskirts, which was approximately \$6 a week, and then I sent all these packages to Lee and postage and my insurance, so I didn't have anything left out of \$25 a week, and I did manage to save \$175 in this year. So I rented a house in Fort

a deeper understanding. I will admit that I am very ignorant until Lee defected—I'm still ignorant, I don't mean to say otherwise, but I have no knowledge. I always said Russian people were peasant people and very poor and didn't have anything, and I subscribe to the USSR, which is a magazine put out by our government in Russia and we have an agreement with Russia—they put out *AmeriView* that goes to Russia, in Russian, and the USSR is written about in in English for us to read. I wonderful magazine and when I started to see the beautiful subways in Moscow then I realized how ignorant I was and that Russian people were normal people just like we. Their way of life is different. When we respect their way of life a little bit, as I said before, then I think we're on the road to peace.

I have never asked Lee why he went to Russia. As I said, I respected his view, I have my own ideas about why he went to Russia. Now it's evident that I'm trying to make it public. At the particular time I didn't question him about all this. This is what he wanted to do. If there was another reason why he went to Russia, I knew he wouldn't tell me. I just wouldn't ask. It wouldn't be the thing they knew I saw Lee in the jail. I asked him if he was guilty of killing President Kennedy, and I answered I wouldn't insult him and ask him that question. And the reason for that was I heard him with my own ears and saw him on television say "I didn't do it, I didn't do it," so why should I ask him if he did such a thing? I heard him say he didn't do it so that's enough for me whether it's my son or any other man. #

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## LEE OSWALD'S LETTERS TO HIS MOTHER

(Continued from page 25) Well, the envelope and the stationery . . . he's announcing the birth of his baby, and since this is the first fancy stationery I had, I'm to assume that possibly it's something special in Russia. I had another one of them—I think it was around Christmastime when another fancy one

he wanted to name the boy Lee, he would have been named Lee Lee Oswald. They always take the middle name of the father. He then found out that it was June Lee Oswald.

26 [Letter received April 9, 1962]. He had always lived with me and I was now working back in Crowell, Texas, and I asked him if he planned to come to Crowell and that's when he answered that he wanted to live on his own.

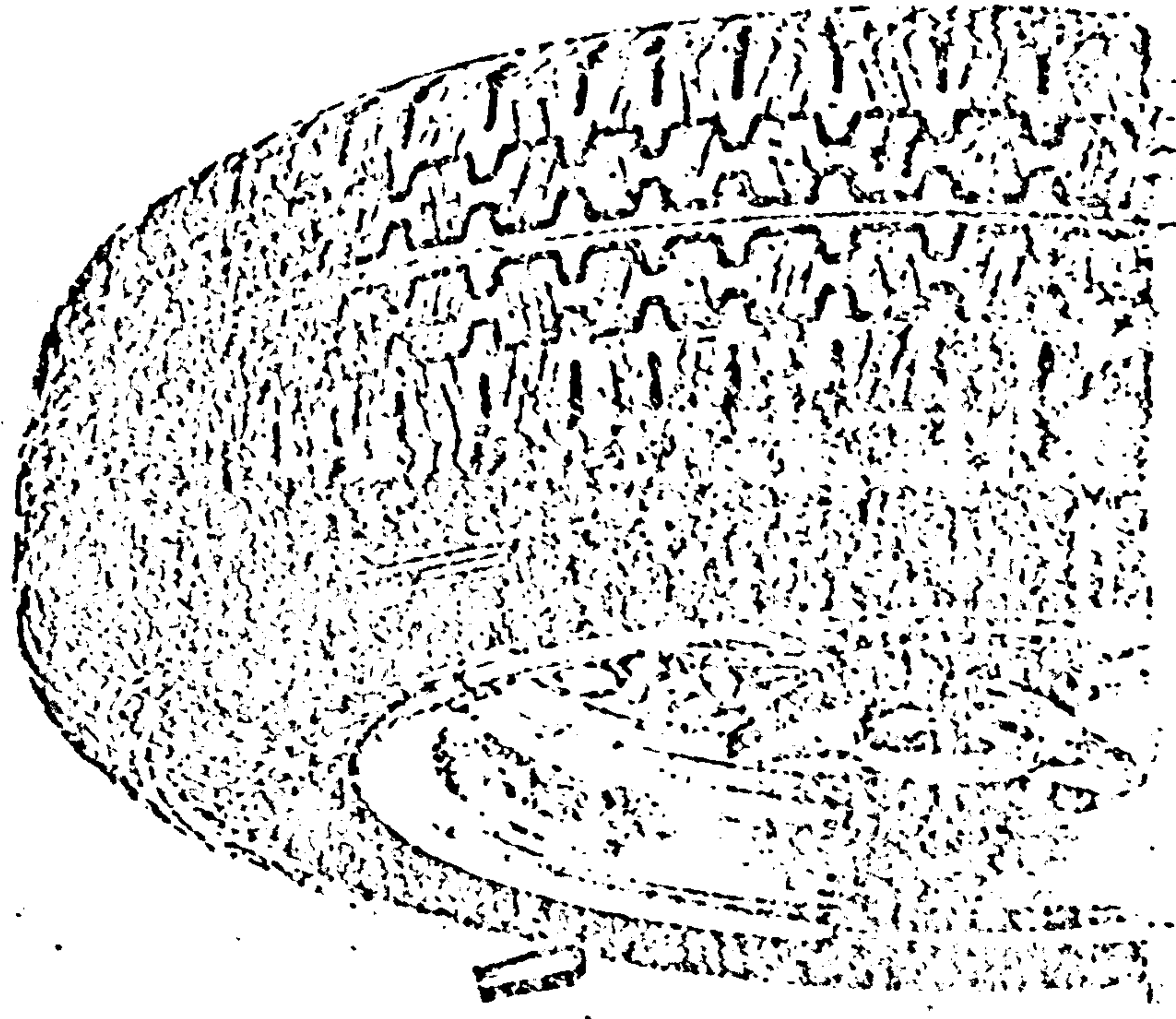
27. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and lived there up until the age of five, when I remarried and left there and part of his life was spent in Fort Worth, Texas, so that was the two places he knew of.

28. Those were the clippings about his defection. I couldn't send him too many because I had to put them in letters, but I did give him the general idea.

29. I was getting a little concerned because it's been almost a year now that Lee is trying to come home. Documentations had been settled for quite a while and I said I was getting a little concerned and worried why they weren't coming home, since he had stated that money was going to be financed through the State Department and he said not to worry about it. I mentioned to him that I was getting a little concerned and upset and worried because I wanted the baby born here in America. It should have been born here in America, but for lack of money Lee didn't come home as far as he should have. What I'm trying to say is, all of the visas and everything were settled, but the money problem is what kept him over there longer. Otherwise the baby would have been born here in the United States. And it's an awfully long trip, 10,000 miles, for a couple to come with a young baby. It's a very hard thing to do.

Worth, Texas, at the Rolco Apartments, and Marina and Lee came to stay with me. I bought all the food and paid the first rent and then Lee got a job, I took him every day for a job, then he got a job and they went on their own. So here I am once again down to my last penny. I had been this way many, many a time. It's enough to say that I have and everything works out all right. What I'm trying to say is that the only money I had, I paid rent and bought food for these kids for one month and it took me three weeks to find a job. I took him every day job hunting and the first pay he kept and with his second pay he had enough money to pay a month's rent and they went on their own.

I was never concerned about having a son in Russia. I made this perfectly plain in 1959 at the time of his so-called defection. They said that he had studied communism and that this is what he lived for—the time when he could go over there. Many, many statements. And I said then and was criticized then very severely that if he had studied communism and if he had thought out thoroughly and if this was what he wanted to do, I believe that as an individual that this was his right to do whichever he thought was the right thing to do, and that I would respect that right and I do—with everyone. And people in Russia are no different than the people here. I didn't know too much about Russia when he did defect, but I have now studied a little bit and see that I can say, sincerely, that they live and breathe like we do and they think and I see nothing different in Russia than we in America. I have a Russian daughter-in-law who I'm very proud of and would hope that the people would study other people's foreign ways a little so that we would have



30 [Letter received June 6, 1962]. It

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# Memorandum

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
DeLoach	✓
Rosen	✓
Malley	✓
Sullivan	✓
Branigan	✓
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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 16, 1964

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - R. E. Lenihan
- 1 - J. M. Sizoo

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

New York Office by airtel dated 3-17-64 captioned as above advised that it had received information that Mrs. Marguerite Oswald was preparing an article for "Esquire" magazine. New York airtel 4-13-64 furnished the Bureau with the galley sheet of the article, "Lee Oswald's Letters To His Mother," which appears in the May, 1964, issue of "Esquire."

The article consists of 15 letters written by Oswald while in the Soviet Union to his mother in this country, as well as comments by his mother on certain points in the letters.

The letters relate to such matters as Mrs. Oswald's comments that Oswald's wife, Marina, was beautiful; Mrs. Oswald's places of residence in Texas; Oswald's request for magazines to be sent to him in the Soviet Union; the birth of Oswald's first child, June Lee Oswald, in the Soviet Union; Oswald's steps to leave the Soviet Union; and his travel plans for return from the Soviet Union to this country. In the 15th letter Oswald informs his mother that on his return to this country he would stop and sight-see Washington, D. C., en route to Texas from New York. However, our investigation shows that Oswald proceeded direct from New York City to Fort Worth, Texas, by air.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald's comments include a summarization on her son's defection to the Soviet Union. She states that as far as she is concerned, he had the right to make up his own mind on Communism and then to go to live in the Soviet Union.

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79 APR 24 1964

Branigan to Sullivan  
Re: Lee Harvey Oswald  
105-82555

No further action is deemed necessary regarding these letters in view of the fact that the letters and comments add nothing significant to our investigation of the Oswald matter and the fact that the President's Commission has apparently received these letters at sometime in the past inasmuch as the notation "Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_" (followed by an apparent serial number of the Commission) has been placed on the first page of each of the letters.

We have determined that Mrs. Marguerite Oswald is making a phonograph record from the letters which will be made and sold by Folkways Records and Service Corporation, New York City. This organization has prepared recordings in the past for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

New York is following the preparation of this record and is attempting to obtain an advance copy for review at the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information. There are no derogatory references to the FBI in the article.

*over*

*W.C.S.*

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APR 14 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will confirm telephone conversations between Mr. Wesley J. Liebeler of our staff and Mr. Malley and Mr. Branigan of your office, in which Mr. Liebeler requested the following documents:

1. The originals of all correspondence between Lee Harvey Oswald and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.
2. Photostats of the correspondence between the Socialist Party and Lee Harvey Oswald. Those photostats are referred to in the report of Special Agent Richard L. Kesler (Internal Security-R), dated December 18, 1963, at Charlotte, N.C.
3. The file of the New York City Department of Welfare relating to the assistance rendered by them to Oswald and his family in June 1962. That file is referred to in the report of Special Agent John James O'Flaherty (Internal Security-R), dated December 17, 1963, at New York.
4. The original copies of correspondence sent to Lee Harvey Oswald by the Communist Party USA, the Socialist Workers Party, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and any individuals associated with any of those organizations. Those letters would, of course, have been found in Oswald's effects. A partial inventory of them appears at pages 386-389 of the report of Special Agent Gemberling, dated January 7, 1964, at Dallas, Texas.

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We would also like to have any materials which you may have obtained from the Travelers Aid Society in New York City relating to Oswald's contact with them in June 1962 and any material which you may have obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York City concerning Oswald's return to the United States at that time.

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Sincerely,

APR 21 1964

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

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 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM PHOENIX 171806

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA.  
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555) - *3-28-64*  
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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

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NOTE:

The Commission has asked if the FBI has contacted all informants regarding Oswald. Bureau airtel 4/15/64 instructed all offices to contact all security informants and potential security informants, this to include NOL. CP. SWP, Espionage, etc. informants. It is desired [REDACTED] be contacted.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO - DIRECTOR FBI (62-109060)  
ATTENTION: INSPECTOR JAMES R. MALLEY

FROM SAC DALLAS (89-43)

SUBJECT ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS,  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 4/17/64, FRANK L. ELLSWORTH, Special Agent, ATU, Dallas, while being contacted on another matter, advised SA RICHARD L. WIEHL that several nights ago he was interviewed at his residence by an investigator from the President's Commission whose name he did not know but whom he characterized as being the same individual who had become involved in difficulty during an interview with a Dallas police officer. This is believed to be BURT GRIFFIN. ELLSWORTH stated the Commission investigator was accompanied by a Secret Service Agent, name unknown.

ELLSWORTH advised the general questioning by the Commission investigator was concerning Cubans and gun activities with which Cubans were connected in the Dallas area. Subsequent to this questioning, the Commission investigator inquired as to what ELLSWORTH knew about FBI Agents JAMES P. HOSTY, Jr., and SA WIENL. ELLSWORTH stated he inquired as to what connection this had into the inquiry into the assassination at which time ELLSWORTH stated he received a most evasive answer.

Thereafter, the Commission investigator asked ELLSWORTH about the relations with the FBI and whether there had been any instances where the FBI had withheld information which should have been disseminated.

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Special Agent in Charge

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WELLSWORTH stated he advised the Commission investigator that the relations with the FBI in Dallas were excellent.

The above is being furnished the Bureau for its information.

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Date: 4/20/64

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)  
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (89-17) (P)  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS-R, CUBA

Re Bureau airtel dated 4/6/64 which requested that  
Lt. Col. ORLANDO S. TOSDAL, Norfolk, be interviewed.

Colonel TOSDAL was unavailable for interview  
until 4/20/64. He is presently assigned to Headquarters,  
FMFLANT, Norfolk. He furnished the following information:

He stated that he was commanding office of MACS-9,  
Marine Air Facility, Santa Ana, California, from the summer  
of 1957 to the summer of 1958. He then served as Air  
Control Officer, Third Wing, Marine Air Station, El Toro,  
California, until the summer of 1959.

Colonel TOSDAL stated that he did not know  
subject and never knew him to be assigned to MACS-9. He  
stated that no information had ever come to his attention  
to indicate any personnel at MACS-9 were interviewed by  
anyone concerning OSWALD.

He stated that the names of RICHARD DENNIS CALL  
and MACK OSBORNE are unfamiliar to him. He recalled the  
name of NELSON DELGADO but cannot remember who DELGADO is,  
whether he was ever assigned to MACS-9, or anything concerning  
him.

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Colonel TOSDAL stated that he was never commanding officer of either the Marine Air Facility at Santa Ana, California, or the Marine Air Station at El Toro, California.

Norfolk will surep setting forth results of interviews with Colonel TOSDAL, Captain ALBERT B. AYRES and Lieutenant Colonel REX C. DENNY. The Bureau and Dallas were previously furnished the results of interviews with AYRES and DENNY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-8342) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS-R-CUBA

ReBuairtel, 4/13/64, advising Miami to proceed with necessary arrangements to contact JOSE FRA ALONSO in Cuba to pin down and obtain basis for allegation that Mexican named "DUGLAS" involved in assassination.

On 4/15/64, [redacted] CIA [redacted] advised that his office has no interest in FRA ALONSO nor objection to FBI handling.

On 4/17/64, [redacted] contacted at Miami. He translates the letter from [redacted] in different meaning than that set out in Miami report dated 3/27/64. Bureau attention is directed to last paragraph on Page 4 of Miami report. According to [redacted] this should be translated as follows;

"President Kennedy was killed by a Mexican of the surname Duglas and by him who was killed on the day they were taking him to the jail (Oswald). According to the way Fidel talked to the Canadians he (Ruby) who killed one (Oswald) of the assassins of Kennedy knows nothing about the assassination.

[redacted] said it cannot be concluded from the letter that the Canadians and Panamanian mentioned as planning the deaths of [redacted] and [redacted] were con-

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ected with the assassination of President KENNEDY. He said in his opinion it is evident from the letter that the writer means that OSWALD and "DUGLAS" committed the assassination, and RUBY was not a figure in the assassination. *Jack*

*different*  
The previous translation set out in Miami report is a result of FRA's grammar and lack of punctuation. [redacted] as a Cuban well-versed in Cuban vernacular, is considered correct in his translation.

[redacted] stated he will attempt to contact FRA ALONSO [redacted]

[redacted] he will obtain attention of FRA by latter's code name "X DEL FRA" the code name FRA wrote in a previous letter. [redacted]

[redacted] was requested to handle in completely confidential manner and he agreed. He was given Xerox copy of the FRA letter. He was also advised that material in letter relating to [redacted] and [redacted] is confidential and handled by U. S. Government.

Miami will submit report promptly.

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Date: 4/20/64

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Via **AIRTEL** **CONFIDENTIAL**  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)  
FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (105-5070) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS-R-CUBA

Re Bureau airtel to Albany and all field offices,  
4/15/64.

The following Pittsburgh security and potential security informants were contacted on the dates indicated and advised they did not possess any information regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD or the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY:

[REDACTED]

All other Pittsburgh security informants were contacted with negative results on 11/22 or 11/24/63, and results of such contacts set out in report of SA DONALD G. HARRIS, Pittsburgh, 12/2/63.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)  
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (105-4467) (RUC)  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS-R-CUBA

ReBuairtel to all offices, 4/15/64.

Buffalo Security Informants and Potential Security Informants were contacted during period 4/18-20/64, to determine if they possessed information regarding OSWALD and/or his activities, with negative results.

No information obtained concerning OSWALD and activities from Buffalo Security Informants and Potential Security Informants when contacted pursuant to instructions set forth in Bureau teletype to all offices, "Assassination Of President John F. Kennedy," dated 11/22/63, or during other contacts.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-528)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS-R-CUBA

Re Bureau airtel to Albany 4/15/64.

The Knoxville Office has no security informants or potential security informants to be contacted per instructions in referenced Bureau airtel.

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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-37111)

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

Re Bureau teletype 4/13/64; Bureau airtel 4/14/64 with enclosures.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies, and for Dallas and San Antonio 2 copies each, of an LHM dated and captioned as above, setting out investigation conducted by SA CARL E. GRAHAM, as instructed in referenced communications. Information obtained on 4/8/64 by SA DENNIS E. ADDINGTON.

The Bureau is requested to furnish copies of enclosure to Legat, Mexico, for the purpose of determining whether the Mexican residents mentioned therein were passengers on the pertinent bus and have knowledge of the subject.

No lead is set out for Atlanta Office since HILDA MIRTHALA QUEZADA-LEFAR is indicated to be only six years old.

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  - 1 - San Antonio (105-2909) (Encs 2) (RM)
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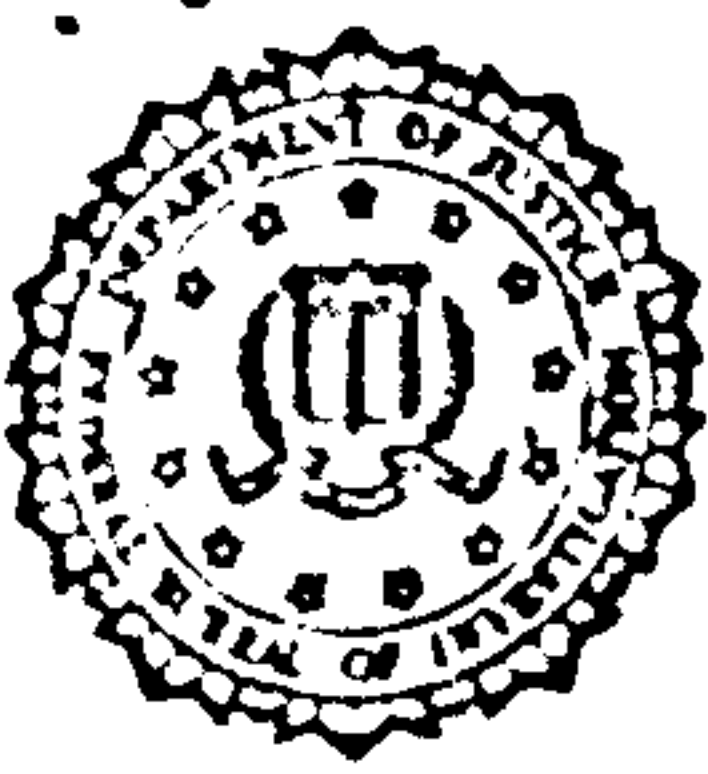
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 17, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

It will be recalled that Lee Harvey Oswald is believed to have travelled under the name of H. O. Lee on Transportes del Norte Bus No. 332 departing Mexico City 8:30 a.m., October 2, 1963. At Monterrey he transferred to del Norte Bus No. 373, which arrived at Laredo, Texas, approximately 2:00 a.m., October 3, 1963. Names of certain individuals believed to have been passengers appear on manifest contained among the records of this bus company.

On April 15, 1964, the following names were checked at Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), against master indices, as well as indices of nonimmigrant visitors (I-94's) and I-94 "overstays." These names are:

Augusto Aguilar (possibly Augusto Aquilos)  
Eulalio Rodriguez  
Paula Rusioni (or Rusconi)  
Hilda Quezada  
(Mr.) A. Martinez

On April 15, 1964, Mr. Abe Elichefsky, Contact Representative, Central Office, INS, advised that with regard to the name Mr. A. Martinez, it would not be possible to search this name through INS indices for an identification without additional data including a given name and date of birth. In this regard it was pointed out that in the master index, there are approximately 35,000 card records filed in the area of the name A. Martinez, under the Souder system.

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On the name Augusto Aguilar (possibly Aquilos), a search of records at Central Office, INS, was negative as to I-94 forms, I-94 "overstays" and master index.

On the name Eulalio Rodriguez, INS records were negative on I-94 forms and I-94 "overstays," but master index contained records of three border crossing cards as follows:

Border Crossing Card No. 507572 was issued at Laredo, Texas, November 26, 1958, to Eulalio Rodriguez-Perales, born May 12, 1934, at Linares N. L. Mexico, residence shown as 23 de Abril 1814 Nte, Monterrey, N. L.

Border Crossing Card No. 203316 was issued at Laredo, Texas, April 9, 1957, to Eulalio Rodriguez-Carrillo, born February 12, 1934, San Luis Potosi, SLP, Mexico, residence shown as Lago de Pascuaro 101 Pte, Monterrey, N. L. Mexico.

Border Crossing Card No. 1339074 was issued July 9, 1963, at Laredo Mexico, to Eulalio Rodriguez-Galvan, born April 16, 1923, Rio Verde, SLP, Mexico, employed as a body mechanic, residence shown as Ruperto Martinez, Ote 956, Monterrey, N. L., Mexico.

On the name Paula Rusconi (Paula Rusioni), INS records did not contain any references in I-94 forms, I-94 "overstays" or master index.

On the name Hilda Quezada, no record was located among INS I-94 forms or I-94 "overstays." However, master index contained two references to persons of this name:

One Hilda Quezada-Quiroz, born September 4, 1944, at Mexico, D.F. Mexico, was admitted on a Class B-2 visa at Laredo on May 24, 1963, valid to June 15, 1963. She was holding Mexican Passport No. 31057

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and visa was issued at Mexico City May 15, 1963. Her permanent address was given as J. M. Correa #196 Mexico DF Mexico, and address in United States given as "San Antonio and Houston, Texas." Departure record shows she departed the United States at Laredo on May 30, 1963.

Also, one Hilda Mirthala Quezada-Alfaro, born May 18, 1957, Mexico, an immigrant, entered Laredo on March 5, 1962. The INS alien file, A-12455579, for this person was located at District Office, INS, Atlanta, Georgia, as of March 9, 1962.

On April 9, 1964, a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was advised that a search of the files of Central Office, INS, failed to disclose any I-94 forms, based on information furnished, for the following names:

H. O. Lee  
Paula Rusconi  
Miss Cosio  
Eulalio Rodriguez  
Margaret A. Wolff  
Augusto Aguilar



# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/17/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-66106)(RUC)

SUBJECT: RAYMOND BUENROSTRO CORTEZ  
IS-CUBA-MEXICO

(OO: San Antonio)

Re San Antonio letter dated 2/27/64, which enclosed a copy of Bulet to San Antonio dated 12/27/63.

Relet requested New York to furnish San Antonio with results of any investigation relative to the bank account at 14 Wall Street, referred to in Miami teletype to Director, Dallas, and New York, dated 12/8/63, entitled "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, AFO".

For the information of San Antonio, a report made at New York by SA JOHN JAMES O'FLAHERTY dated 12/13/63, captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka; IS-R", no copy of which was furnished to San Antonio reflects the information requested by San Antonio in relet. This report is lengthy and the following information is set out from the report for the investigative use of San Antonio:

"On December 7, 1963, NY T-2 advised the Miami Office of the FBI that on December 6, 1963, NY T-2 had received information from a western diplomat alleging that the assassination of President KENNEDY was the result of a plot prepared and executed jointly by the Chinese Communists and FIDEL CASTRO through intermediaries. It was indicated that the diplomat obtained his information from an unidentified source described by the diplomat as very good. It was that one (FNU) SAAVADRA, an alleged close friend of CELIA SANCHEZ, who is the Secretary of FIDEL CASTRO had uttered indiscretions in Cuba which pointed to the complicity of the Chinese Communists and CASTRO in the assassination. It was also alleged that intermediaries in the plot located in Dallas, Texas, were RAMON B. CORTES, identified as half Mexico and half American, and (FNU) FERNANDEZ FEITO, identified as a Cuban. It was reported

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that these men were financed from an unidentified bank at 14 Wall Street, New York City.

"In connection with the above information, the following investigation was conducted by the NYO of the FBI:

"A confidential source advised that a review of the files of the Bankers Trust Company, 14-16 Wall Street, NYC, failed to reflect any bank accounts maintained by RAMON E. CORTES or (FNU) GERNANDEZ FEITO. The source further advised that a search of the records at the above bank based on identifiable information available, failed to disclose any information concerning the above individual.

"Source advised that under the name of SAAVADRA a special checking account appeared for one, MIGUEL SAAVADRA at the main office of the bank, 14 Wall Street, NYC. This individual's address was listed as in care of Braden Copper Company, Rancagua, Chile. The source further advised that he also had a special checking account for one, ALFRED SAAVADRA, 1332 Bronx, River Avenue, Bronx, NY, which account is located at the Clarmont Parkway Branch of the above bank."

For the information of San Antonio, the indices of the NYO contained no references identifiable with RAMON E. CORTES which would anyway be associated with RAMON V. CORTES mentioned above or with captioned individual.