

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: Assassination of President Kennedy

has requested the FDI to make all the necessary arrangements for this project and has directed a copy to Chief Rowley of the Secret Service in order that they will be aware of the request as well as to furnish any assistance that the Bureau might desire. If the Bureau refuses to carry out this request it places the Bureau in a position where considerable criticism may result.

In handling this request it will be necessary to utilize an automobile similar to the car that the President was traveling in, namely, a seven-passenger open car and Inspector Kelly of Secret Service has indicated that Secret Service will make arrangements to have such a car available in Dallas if desired.

It will also be necessary to have available a qualified surveyor and in previous work done in Dallas, a county surveyor, Robert H. West, was utilized and arrangements for this were made by Secret Service.

RECOMMENDATIONS: (3)

1. That Mr. Rankin be advised the Bureau will make arrangements to handle the request set forth in his letter of May 7, 1964. If approved, the Dallas Office will be issued necessary instructions for arrangements that will have to be made in Dallas, including the arrangements for handling traffic while photographs are being taken and other work is being performed. Because of traffic conditions on this busy thoroughfare, efforts will be made to perform this work in the early morning hours of Sunday, May 17, 1964, providing it can be worked out with Mr. Rankin.

2. That Messrs. Gauthier, Shaneyfelt, and Frazier, along with whatever technical assistants Messrs. Gauthier need, be utilized to proceed to Dallas to handle this project.
and Shaneyfelt

3. Inspector Kelly of Secret Service will be requested to make necessary arrangements to have an appropriate seven-passenger open automobile available in Dallas.

THIS SERIAL HAS BEEN REFERRED TO
ANOTHER AGENCY AND IS IN A PENDING STATUS:

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REFERRAL

Mr. Belmont

May 12, 1964

A. Tolson

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Memorandum: Tolson to Belmont dated 5/11/64 made certain recommendations concerning personnel to be sent to Dallas over the coming weekend to obtain additional technical data needed by the President's Commission. One of the items recommended was that Inspector Tom Healey of Secret Service be requested to make arrangements to hire an appropriate seven-passenger open automobile available in Dallas.

This matter was discussed with Inspector Healey of Secret Service today and he advised that arrangements were being worked on today and he would see to it that one of the Secret Service automobiles, seven-passenger open car, would be available in Dallas no later than Saturday for the work to be performed in Dallas.

Healey also advised that J. Leo Razzia of the President's Commission had requested that Mr. Healey, be available in Dallas for the work to be done there and also desired Secret Service Agent John Hollett, who has participated in a great deal of photography and measurements for Secret Service, be available.

This morning Healey received a call from Mr. Arion Spector of the Commission staff who stated that Mr. Razzia was agreeable to handling a large portion of this project on Sunday morning, May 17. He requested that the Dallas Police Department be advised that it would probably require the greater part of the day on Sunday to complete the project. He was desirous of knowing if this was agreeable with the Dallas Police Department.

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After appropriate contact with the Dallas Police Office advised that the Police Department was in full agreement with handling the project on Sunday and stated it would be perfectly agreeable to attempt the entire day, if necessary to complete the project and they would make appropriate arrangements for handling the traffic problem.

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. Cantler
- 1 - Mr. Egan, felt

1 - Joe Harvey / Oswald file 105-82555

Memo to Mr. Belmont from Rosen
Re: Assassination of President

The Dallas Office also advised that they had been in touch with County Surveyor Robert H. West and he advised he would be available Sunday for whatever services were needed. West indicated he would appreciate being advised in advance of as much detail as possible as to the work he would be required to perform in order that he could be appropriately prepared to carry out his duties.

In addition to the above items, Mr. Specter desired that a canopy of a size similar to that of President Kennedy be available in order that certain photographs and other examinations could be made, making use of this canopy. Such a canopy is available and will be available in Dallas in order to handle this project.

Mr. Specter indicated that numerous questions were being raised by various Commission staff members and that he was working out more details relative to the entire project and would like to have a conference with personnel who would be going to Dallas prior to any departures from Washington. He advised that he would notify Keady as soon as possible what date this conference could be held and the time for such a conference.

ACTION: None - submitted for information.

5/12/64

AIRTEL

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Brannigan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shaneyfelt
- 1 - Mr. Frazier
- 1 - Mr. Gauthier
- 1 - Mr. Rogge
- 1 - Mr. Rose

To: SAC, Dallas (39-43)

From: Director, FBI (02-109060)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISC. - INFO CONCERNING

There is enclosed herewith a letter from the President's Commission signed by J. Lee Rankin dated 5/7/64. You will note that this letter outlines a project to obtain certain technical data that the President's Commission needs for their final report. It is also noted the letter contains the statement that Mr. Rankin will be in Dallas to personally supervise this project on 5/18-19/64.

This project is still the subject of considerable discussion between the Bureau and the President's Commission. At the present time it is contemplated the majority of this project will be handled in Dallas on Sunday, 5/17/64, in accordance with the telephone call made to Dallas today.

To assist in this project Messrs. Leo Gauthier and Roy H. Rose of the Exhibits Section, Firearms expert SA R. A. Frazier and SA Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt will be available in Dallas. In addition, the President's Commission has requested Inspector Tom Kelley assigned to Washington Headquarters of U. S. Secret Service and SA John Howlett of the Dallas Secret Service to be available for assistance.

In accordance with the telephone call received by your office today, you should make necessary arrangements with Mr. Roy S. Truly, Warehouse Superintendent at the Texas School Book Depository Building, to be available early Sunday morning to assist in this project. A specific time will be furnished to you as soon as this

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

information is available. In addition, you should likewise advise Mr. Robert H. West, the County Surveyor, to be available to assist in this project on Sunday morning. It is noted per telephone conversation today that you have already worked out arrangements with the Dallas Police Department to have officers available to handle traffic on Sunday, 5/17/64.

It is contemplated that a conference will be held with members of the President's Commission concerning this matter and any additional instructions that can be issued to your office in advance will be immediately sent.

5/12/64

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-409763)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-117844) (P)

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[REDACTED] is a highly confidential and sensitive source and any of the above information, if utilized, should be paraphrased in order to protect the informant.

A copy is being furnished Dallas in view of their interest in this matter.

- 5-Bureau (RM)
 - (1-105-82555) (LEE HARVEY OSWALD)
 - (1-105-112457) (ALEKSANDR DRUZHININ)
 - 1-Dallas (100-10461) (LEE HARVEY OSWALD) (Info) (RM) (AM)
 - 1-New York (105-38431) (LEE HARVEY OSWALD)
 - 1-New York (105-56855) (ALEKSANDR DRUZHININ)
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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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Washington, D.C. 20002
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Commission would like the Bureau to conduct a limited background investigation of Officer J. P. Tippit of the Dallas Police Department, who was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald on November 22, 1963.

In the course of this investigation we would like the Bureau to do the following:

- (1) Obtain a copy of the personnel file of Officer Tippit maintained by the Dallas Police Department for the use of the Commission.
- (2) Interview Sgt. C. B. Owens, Oak Cliff Station, and other officers with personal knowledge regarding Officer Tippit's assignments, reputation and associates. In this respect we would like to know whether the absence of any promotions since October 28, 1953 (see Report of Manning C. Clements, dated December 14, 1963, at pp. 43-44) reveals that he was an above average, average, or below average patrolman in the Dallas Police Department.
- (3) Interview Mrs. Tippit regarding the interests and associations of her late husband.
- (4) Interview those persons identified as Officers Tippit's closest associates outside the Police Department regarding his interests, attitudes, leisure activities, and general background.

Reference
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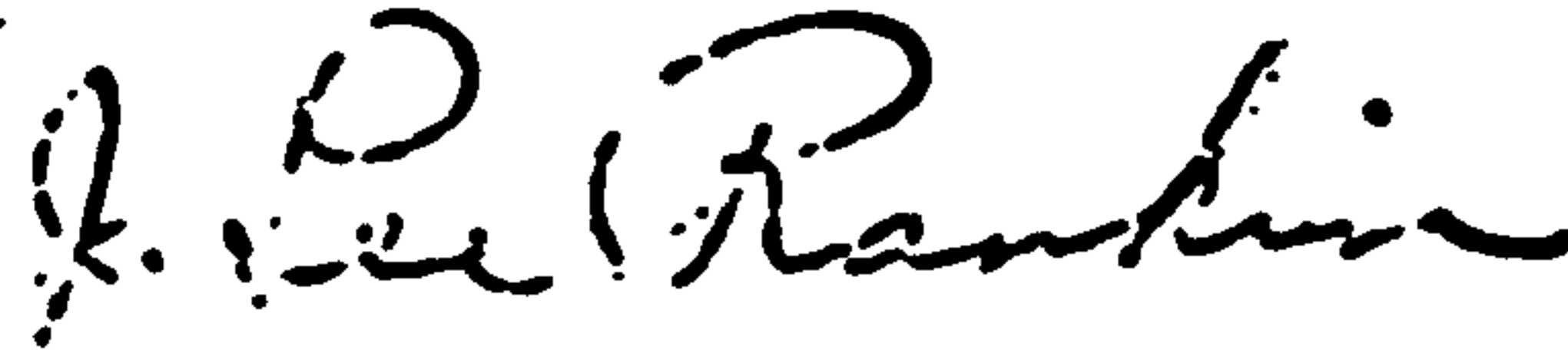
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In the course of each of these interviews, as well as any others which you believe are appropriate, we would like the Bureau to inquire whether Officer Tippit had any associations with Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack L. Ruby. As I am sure you are aware, this request is designed to obtain certain basic information which can be relied upon to refute unfounded allegations which have developed in the course of this investigation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Conrad *JH*

DATE: 5/12/64

FROM : R. H. Jevons *RHJ*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63,
DALLAS, TEXAS

As a matter of record, the President's Commission returned to the Laboratory on 5/8/64, evidence item number C14, which is a 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, with telescopic sight, Serial No. C2766.

The delivery of this item to the Commission has been previously confirmed by appropriate letter.

ACTION:

For information.

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

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Date: 5/8/64

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: -- SAC, HOUSTON

SUBJECT: -ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63, Dallas, Texas
MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO: Dallas)
(Bureau File 62-109060)
(Dallas File 89-43)
(Houston File 62-2115)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.
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(OO: Dallas)
(Bureau File 105-82555)
(Dallas File 100-10461)
(Houston File 105-1291)

RE: Bureau airtel to Houston dated 4/27/64
under the ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY caption;
Dallas teletype to Bureau, 5/1/64,
under the LEE HARVEY OSWALD caption.

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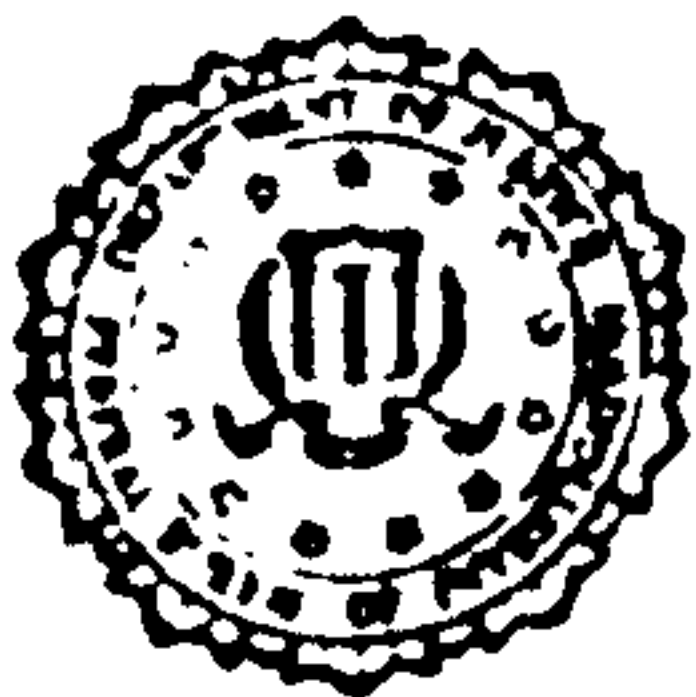
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- Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled "MRS. FLORA FILKO HYATT, also known as Flora Filke Hyatt, Mrs. William Harvey Hyatt, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING" dated 5/7/64 at Houston. This memorandum sets forth the letter received by the Attorney General from Miss PHILLIPS dated 4/17/64, results of interview with Miss PHILLIPS and Mrs. HYATT, and information from the Houston files regarding Mrs. HYATT.

Six copies of this letterhead memorandum are enclosed for the information of Dallas. There are also enclosed for Dallas 25 copies of an insert reflecting the same information for utilization by Dallas in a subsequent report for the President's Commission.

Two copies of this letterhead memorandum have been furnished to Secret Service, Houston, and one copy has been furnished to Immigration and Naturalization Service, Houston, due to Mrs. HYATT's alien status.

Since it appears quite evident from the interview with Mrs. HYATT that she is mentally disturbed, no further action is contemplated by the Houston Office in regard to this matter, under either one of the above captioned investigations.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Houston, Texas

May 7, 1964

MRS. FLORA FILKO HYATT,
also known as
Flora Filke Hyatt,
Mrs. William Harvey Hyatt
MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The following letter was received by the Attorney
General in Washington, D.C.:

"Houston, Texas, April 17, 1964.

"Honorable Attorney General,
Mr. Robert Kennedy,
Hickory Hill, McLean, Va.

"Dear Sir:

"I am enclosing the address of a lady who
says she has important information concerning the
death of your brother, the late President. The
assassination she claims, is still well guarded
secret. It was a Plot, --carried out by the
members of the Highest Echelon of the Syndicate,
called The Members of the 'House of Ax.'

"Details are available by --Mrs. Filko
Hyatt, -402 Valentine, -Apt. 1008, -Houston, Texas.
Telephone Fa 3 1765.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions
of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to
your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed
outside your agency.

RE: MRS. FLORA FILKO HYATT

"She has tried again and again to bring this to your attention; she has called your office five times and left her number three times. Feb. second, 1964, she called the WHITE HOUSE BETWEEN eight-thirty and nine, and asked for you, but was refused.

"She also claims her mail has been sabetaged since June 1959, when she first tried to bring the technique of the Syndicate to the attention of Mr Herbert Hoover. She asked me to refer this knowl̄edge to you for her. She has the information, but will not discuss it with anyone but you. If you can get in touch with her, you may get some valuable information. 'Why don't you go to the F.B.I.?' I asked. 'I was there November 13th, 1963.'

"Mr. Kennedy, please, I do not want any publicity; I know nothing about these Organizations, -am just trying to help, I hope. My impression is it is family affair, -She spoke of book that is being written.

.. "With best wishes, am,
"sincerely,

"/S/ Berta Phillips

"/T/ Miss Berta Phillips,
2517 Taft Street,
Houston, 6, Texas.

"The lady mentioned in letter, lived next door to me in same Apt Building, in 1963; she is German, but came to America about 1935.

"I am well known in city; Captain Willis of Police Dept. knows me well.

"/S/ Berta Phillips"

RE: MRS. FLORA FILKO HYATT

On May 4, 1964, Miss Berta Phillips, 2517 Taft Street, Houston, Texas, advised she had written the above letter to the Attorney General at the request of Mrs. Flora Filko Hyatt. She stated she did not know whether or not Mrs. Hyatt was a "mental case," but Miss Phillips stated she "talked of people dressed in black." She stated Mrs. Hyatt had informed her that she "heard voices" and received much of her information in this manner. Miss Phillips stated she had at first thought Mrs. Hyatt was a spiritualist but has now decided she is not because Miss Phillips stated that she is a spiritualist and for this reason knows Mrs. Hyatt could not be one.

Miss Phillips stated that according to Mrs. Hyatt it had been "told to her ear" that the plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy was made in Houston. She stated Mrs. Hyatt told her that the main individuals involved in this plot were Mr. Sakowitz, head of Sakowitz Department Store, and Fred Mahas, a local news reporter.

Miss Phillips stated that Mrs. Hyatt was divorced from her husband and she feels this divorce was brought about by Mrs. Hyatt's peculiar actions. She stated in her conversations with Mrs. Hyatt she could get no actual sense out of her. Miss Phillips pointed out that she herself had no information whatever bearing on the assassination of President Kennedy and her action in directing a letter to the Attorney General was based solely on her desire to assist Mrs. Hyatt who was apparently reluctant to write this letter herself. Miss Phillips pointed out that she is 88 years old and due to her frail condition is unable to go about the town without assistance.

On May 4, 1964, Mrs. Flora Filko Hyatt, 402 Valentine, Apartment 1008, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

Mrs. Hyatt stated that she had requested Miss Berta Phillips, a friend of her's, to write a letter to the Attorney General to bring to his attention certain information which had come to her attention through demons who spoke into her ear.

RE: MRS. FLORA FILKO HYATT

She stated she has learned that the Attorney General was interested in the syndicate known as Cosa Nostra but she wanted to point out to the Attorney General that the Cosa Nostra was actually the lowest echelon of the syndicate. It dealt only with the physical aspects of the criminal situation in the United States and the world. She stated she was in touch with the highest echelon of the "syndicate" through demons and "werewolves" who were continually with her and spoke to her when she was in private, in her left ear. Mrs. Hyatt repeatedly referred to what she called her frequent contacts with the metaphysical world, pointing out there are sometimes five or six "beings" speaking to her at once and imparting information concerning happenings outside the physical world, to which normal people are restricted.

Mrs. Hyatt stated that she felt she could be of assistance to the Attorney General in his investigations of Cosa Nostra and had in the past endeavored to contact him by telephone and through the FBI.

Mrs. Hyatt advised that the higher echelon of the "syndicate" was made up of members of the House of Ax. She stated that in 1959 she had tried to bring this information to the attention of former President Herbert Hoover by letter. She stated since she has not received answers from letters of this type she feels that her mail has been delayed or misdirected through activities of members of the House of Ax.

She stated she had "explored" the syndicate and has determined that there are only two men who are willing and able to act against the syndicate and these are the President of the United States and the Attorney General. Mrs. Hyatt explained that her efforts to relate this information personally to the Attorney General were based on her belief there were very few people capable of understanding the metaphysical world, and she doubted that FBI Agents had had adequate training in this specialized field to equip them to handle such information.

In regard to the assassination of President Kennedy, Mrs. Hyatt states that as is frequently done by werewolves, she feels that such a demon could have entered the body of Lee Harvey Oswald, assassinated the President,

RE: MRS. FLORA FILKO HYATT

and then returned the body to Oswald. She stated in several murder cases which received considerable newspaper publicity in the Houston area she feels that the accused in these murders was not actually the one involved but his body was being used by werewolves.

She stated it is also possible that President Kennedy was not shot from the Texas Book Depository Building because werewolves could shoot him with a soundless gun from any position.

Mrs. Hyatt advised that the Attorney General could learn a lot from her through the study of the activities of the members of the House of Ax.

When questioned for specific statements concerning the circumstances of President Kennedy's assassination, Mrs. Hyatt related that a voice told her on November 18, 1963, that two businessmen from Houston had gone to Dallas on that date. She identified these men as Lewis Lechinger, owner of a large jewelry store in Houston, and a Mr. Sakowitz, one of the owners of the Sakowitz Department Store. Mrs. Hyatt stated she felt these two men were top leaders of the House of Ax, and the trip to Dallas was undoubtedly related to the plans for the assassination of President Kennedy. Mrs. Hyatt does not believe either of the above men were personally involved in the actual shooting but they had exerted their power through metaphysical forces acting on Lee Harvey Oswald. She stated information of this nature is received by her not only from voices but also from "the stars."

Mrs. Hyatt stated that she had had difficulty in bringing the above information to the attention of any responsible people because it seemed that no one wanted to listen to her story. Mrs. Hyatt stated she had been able to relate this information to Mrs. Oswald, the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, and she understood that Mrs. Oswald had recorded her information on tape. Mrs. Hyatt stated she expected Mrs. Oswald would turn this tape over to the Attorney General.

Mrs. Hyatt advised that she was born and raised in Germany and came to the United States in 1927.

RE: MRS. FLORA FILKO HYATT

The files of the Houston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect that Flora Filko Hyatt was interned on December 29, 1941, by an Alien Enemy Hearing Board sitting in the Southern District of Texas. This board held that Hyatt entered the United States as a quota immigrant at Houston, Texas, on December 22, 1927, under her maiden name, Flora Filko. Prior to her marriage and after her separation from her husband, she did household and domestic work for moderate compensation. She also received help from the Family Service Bureau in Houston after separation from her husband.

The Hearing Board set out that based on information furnished, Mrs. Hyatt is almost fanatical in her loyalty to Hitler and to Germany and has so expressed herself on numerous occasions. They point out that the only excuse for her attitude might be that she is mentally unbalanced on this subject. She has also been in frequent touch with German propaganda agents, if not one herself. The board pointed out there were found in her possession several photographs of Hitler and of German troops in action, and writings containing Nazi propoganda.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Houston, Texas, reflect that Mrs. Hyatt is an alien.

Mrs. Hyatt is described as follows:

Name	Flora Filko Hyatt
Aliases	Flora Filke Hyatt, Mrs. William Harvey Hyatt
Born	February 21, 1895, Forst, Germany
Age	69
Height	5'3"
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Greying
Marital status	Divorced
Residence	402 Valentine, Apartment 1008, Houston, Texas
Occupation	Unemployed

Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

May 19, 1964

Director, FBI

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

LETTER FROM
MISS BERTA PHILLIPS
2517 TAMI STREET
HOUSTON 8, TEXAS

Reference is made to your letter dated April 23, 1964, enclosing a letter received from the captioned individual which was addressed to the Attorney General.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated May 7, 1964, Houston, Texas, revealing the results of interviews with Miss Berta Phillips and Mrs. Flora Wilko Hyatt which is submitted for the completion of your files.

In view of the information contained in this memorandum, no further action is being taken by this Bureau. However, the information appearing in this memorandum will be furnished to the President's Commission in a subsequent report. Secret Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service are also being advised.

Enclosure

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1 - Mr. J. C. Stokes (645 RB) (Enc)

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NOTE:

Letter was received from Mr. Miller of the Department dated 4/23/64, which enclosed a letter from Miss Berta Phillips who claimed Mrs. Hyatt had important information concerning the death of President Kennedy. She claimed the assassination was carried out by members of the "Highest Echelon of the Syndicate, called The Members of the House of Ax."

Mrs. Hyatt was interviewed and she stated she had learned that the Attorney General was interested in the "Cosa Nostra" which she claimed was the lowest echelon of the syndicate. She claimed she was in touch with the highest echelon of the syndicate through "demons and werewolves" who continually spoke to her in private." Mrs. Hyatt stated that as frequently done by werewolves she feels that such a demon could have entered the body of Lee Harvey Oswald and assassinated the President. Mrs. Marguerite Oswald has been in contact with Mrs. Hyatt and Division Five is aware of this situation. In view of Mrs. Hyatt's apparent mental condition, no further action is being taken and this information will appear in a subsequent report under the assassination caption being prepared by Dallas. Likewise, Secret Service and INS are being advised. Mrs. Hyatt is an alien. Copies to Secret Service and INS by O-141. Inserts furnished to Dallas to be included in a subsequent report.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy
Paris 8, France

Handwritten initials

Date: May 13, 1964

To: Director, FBI (62-109060)

From: Legat, Paris (62-148)(P)

Lee Oswald

Subject: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

105-82555-1249 (Vol 48)

Re Paris airtel 12/3/63 captioned "Assassination
of President John F. Kennedy" and New York letter to Bureau
4/21/64 captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS - ... - CIA."

It appears that the information set forth in New
York LHM April 21, 1964 transmitted with New York letter of
reference pertains to the same general facts which were
previously set forth in Paris airtel of reference. In view
of the characterization of SERGE FLIEGERS contained in the
last paragraph of New York LHM April 21, 1964 as well as the
vague nature of the information set forth in re Paris airtel
based on interview with FLIEGERS we do not plan any additional
interview of FLIEGERS UACB.

This case is pending in the Paris Office in order
to obtain and forward to the Bureau a copy of "OSWALD,
L'IMPOSSIBLE ASSASSIN" by JOACHIM JOESTEN, which is reportedly
scheduled to be published at Paris sometime in May 1964.

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1 - Paris
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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Lenihan
1 - Mr. Rogge

1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Frazier
1 - Mr. Kittel

May 13, 1964

By Courier Service

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

Lee Oswald

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to a telephonic request on May 5, 1964, by Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, of your staff, asking that certain Commission Exhibits be obtained and photographed in any instance where photographs were not previously prepared and provided to the Commission.

Enclosed herewith are three photocopies each of Commission Exhibits numbered 325 through 333, 518 and 573 through 607, which exhibits were obtained from the Commission by a representative of this Bureau. No photographs are enclosed for Commission Exhibits numbered 143 and 145, also obtained, inasmuch as photographs of these exhibits were previously furnished to the Commission. Commission Exhibits numbered 325 through 333 and 579 through 586 are also enclosed. The other Commission Exhibits received will be

Retained
BY COURIER SVC
24 MAY 1964
COMM. FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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ADDENDUM FOR DALLAS:

Photocopies of the above-mentioned Commission Exhibits, except as noted, will be furnished Dallas separately. A listing of these exhibits is enclosed.

NOTE: The telephonic request was received by SA Roy H. Jevons of the Laboratory on May 5, 1964, and the exhibits were received by SA Robert E. Neill on that same date. Exhibits not originally in Bureau custody are being returned to the Commission.

It should be noted exhibits being returned are those which did not originate with the Bureau and are totally Commission exhibits. These items are designated with an asterisk on the attached listing.

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Oswald's revolver

Two .38 Special cartridges

Four .38 Special cartridges

*List of magazine, newspaper,
movie rights and valuations

*Newspaper article entitled

"Marina Oswald Attended Mass -
Had Quiet Yule"

*Newspaper article entitled
"Marina Oswald - All the Pity
in the World Won't Help"

*Newspaper article entitled
"Mrs. Oswald Will Bare Life
of Mate"

*Newspaper article entitled

"Money Gift to Tippit's

is Near \$200,000 Mark"

*Newspaper article entitled

"Oswald's Widow Reported

Hoping to be U. S. Citizen"

*Letter dated 1/6/64, from

Greg Olds, Richardson,

Texas; Dallas Civil Liberties

Union

*Invoice number 04252 of Bauer

Audio Video, Incorporated

*Two-page letter in Russian

signed "Marina Oswald" and

four sheets in English

Bullet from General Walker's

home

Photograph of C14 rifle clip,

unloaded

Photograph of C14 rifle clip,

empty

Shim from under front end of

telescope mount (C14 rifle)

Shim from over telescope sight

at rear (C14 rifle)

Shim from under telescope sight

at front clamp (C14 rifle)

*polaroid photograph of tower at

truck

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COMMISSIONER'S
EXHIBIT NO.

DESCRIPTION

ITEM NO.	COMMISSIONER'S EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
	570	* Polaroid photograph of range iron tower
	571	* Polaroid photograph of man shooting rifle with telescope sight
	582	* Photograph of target - 175 feet
	583	* Photograph of target - 240 feet
	584	* Photograph of target - 270 feet
	585	* Survey for U. S. Secret Service by Robert H. West, downtown Dallas, Texas
	586	* Table of ballistic data
	587	.38 S & W Western cartridge
	588	Components of a .38 S & W Western cartridge
	589	.38 S & W Remington-Peters cartridge and components of similar cartridge
	590	.38 Special Western cartridge and components of similar cartridge
	591	.38 Special Remington-Peters cartridge and components of similar cartridge
C55 - C59	592	* Five cartridges from Oswald's pocket
	593	* Copy of breakdown for .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver
C47 - C50	594	* Four .38 Special cartridge cases from Tippit murder scene
C15A	595	* Test cartridge cases from C15 revolver
	596	* Photomicrograph of C15 and C50 cartridge cases (breech face marks)
	597	* Photomicrograph of C15 and C49 cartridge cases (breech face marks)
	598	* Photomicrograph of C15 and C47 cartridge cases (breech face marks)
	599	* Photomicrograph of C15 and C49 cartridge cases (breech face marks)
	600	* Photomicrograph of C15 and C49 cartridge cases (firing pin impressions)

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<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>COMMISSION'S EXHIBIT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	601	Photograph of breech face and firing pin of C15 revolver
C13	602	Bullet from Tippit's body along with button from his uniform
C253	603	Bullet from Officer Tippit's body
C252	604	Bullet from Officer Tippit's body
C251	605	Bullet from Officer Tippit's body
C15A	606	Test bullets from C15 revolver
	607	Photograph of C252 and C253 bullets with similar make test bullets from C15 revolver

1 - Mr. J. [unclear]

May 13, 1964

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Dallas (44-13)
From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

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

Enclosed for your assistance are two copies of a self-explanatory letter from the President's Commission dated 5-12-64, requesting a limited background investigation of Officer J. D. Tippitt of the Dallas Police Department who was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald. In conducting this investigation, you should insure that the following basic investigative steps are included; such as, date of birth, education, marital status, military service and prior employment. You should limit the scope of this investigation to that period Tippitt was actually a member of the Dallas Police Department. It is suggested that the Dallas Police Department personnel file on Tippitt may include much of the information desired by the Commission, and you should be guided by the availability of this information in conducting your investigation.

Every effort should be made to expedite this investigation, insuring that the Commission's specific requests are appropriately complied with in each instance.

Results of investigation should be incorporated in a suitable LHM for immediate dissemination to the Commission without need for revision and/or correction.

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(5)
(Lee H. Oswald)
(Jack L. Ruby)
(President's Commission)

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. R. E. Lenth

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NOTE: Commission in report indicates this investigation of Tippit requested to "refute unfounded allegations" (presumably linking Tippit with Oswald and Ruby) which have developed since assassination. Some of the more pertinent aspects of the Commission's requests are as follows: 1. A copy of Tippit's police file should be obtained. 2. Tippit's associates inside and outside the police department, as well as his wife, should be interviewed concerning his reputation, interests, assignments and associates. 3. Each person interviewed should be queried as to whether Tippit had any association with Oswald or Ruby.

While Commission has requested limited background investigation, it is felt any such investigation should include the above indicated investigation and encompass the period while Tippit was on the Dallas Police Department.

This matter will be closely followed at the Bureau, and when the results are obtained, the Commission will be notified.

1 - Belmont
1 - Mohr
1 - DeLoach
May 13, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

1 - Rosen
1 - Sullivan
1 - Malley
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1 - Mail Room
1 - J. M. Sizoo

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

de Oswald

Reference is made to your request for coverage of the public appearances of Mark Lane.

Enclosed are four reels of tape recording of Lane's speech at the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, on April 23, 1964, as well as two copies of a communication dated April 30, 1964, at our Cleveland, Ohio, Office regarding the above appearance by Lane.

Sincerely yours,

~~10 MAY 14 1964~~

U. Edgar Hoover

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To cover Lane's appearances at request of the President's Commission. Letterhead memorandum and four reels of tape being furnished Commission received in Cleveland, Ohio, 5/27/64 captioned "Mark Lane, SM - C." In Lane's appearance at University of Toledo he continued to assert his belief in the innocence of Lee Harvey Oswald as the assassin of President Kennedy, and as murderer of Dallas

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

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Police Officer Tippit. Lane claims there is no credible case against Oswald today, which is counter to our inquiry in the assassination matter. Lane claims the hearings by the President's Commission are secret and deny the accused (Oswald) the right to counsel or to an attorney to cross-examine witnesses, to examine evidence and to present witnesses of his own. Lane also states that the doctors at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, first indicated the wound in President Kennedy's throat was an entrance wound, but at a later date, after contact by Secret Service agents, changed their statement and indicated the throat wound was an exit wound. Lane also claims that several witnesses state that the shots were fired in the opposite direction from the Texas School Depository Building, although our inquiry shows preponderance of evidence that the shots did come from the above building.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5-13-64

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: MARK LANE
SM-C

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Lee Oswald

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- 1 - Sizoo

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The "National Guardian" issue 5-9-64 contains an article captioned "Oswald Case: A New Angle" which reports a statement made by Mark Lane to that paper on May 4. Lane is a New York attorney who has injected himself into the assassination matter and has been making irresponsible statements in this country and abroad. He is on the Reserve Index.

Lane's statement to the "National Guardian" alleges that the Secret Service deliberately planted a false story in the press to cast further guilt on Lee Harvey Oswald and that a second rifle, not the one attributed to Oswald, was found on the roof of the Texas School Book Depository building the day the President was assassinated.

Lane alleges that Thayer Waldo, reporter for the Fort Worth "Star-Telegram," was asked by him (Lane) to accompany Mrs. Marguerite Oswald from Fort Worth to Dallas airport on her trip to Washington, D.C., to testify before the President's Commission in February, 1964. Lane states that Mrs. Oswald and Waldo were accompanied on the trip to the airport by Secret Service agent Mike Howard. We have learned that Secret Service agent Michael Howard, formerly assigned to the Fort Worth area earlier this year, has been transferred to the White House detail of Secret Service in Washington, D. C., subsequent to the alleged incident.

Lane alleges that Pat Howard, Deputy Sheriff of Tarrant County, Texas, who is the brother of Secret Service agent Mike Howard, advised Waldo that same day at the Dallas airport lunch room that when the Ruby trial was completed he would give Waldo a piece of news to "blow the top off everyone's head, if it hasn't come out from the Warren commission yet." Pat Howard allegedly told Waldo that he could only say that the news had to do with a witness who had actually seen the assassination of President Kennedy and could identify Oswald as the assassin. Lane also alleges that on the return trip to Fort Worth with Pat Howard and Waldo, Mike Howard indicated to Waldo that the witness in question was a Negro who had been looking out a window on the same floor of the Texas School Book Depository building as Oswald and that after the first

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Memo Branigan to Sullivan
re: MARK LANE
SM - C

shot the Negro looked and saw Oswald and then ran and hid behind boxes to avoid being shot by Oswald. Lane alleges that Mike Howard claimed the Negro janitor had been arrested in the past for gambling and that Mike Howard had seen him in a cell under control of the Dallas Police Special Services Division (Gambling).

A check of Bufiles shows that Waldo wrote a story which appeared in the 2-10-64 issue of the Fort Worth "Star-Telegram." This article alleged that an informed source advised that a witness, described as a Negro janitor employed by the Texas School Book Depository building, could identify Oswald as the assassin of President Kennedy and was being held in "protective custody." A thorough check of this story at the time failed to indicate the identity of the witness and when we interviewed Waldo, he refused to reveal the source of his story. The President's Commission was advised of the results of our investigation.

Lane alleges that both Pat and Mike Howard called Waldo after the story appeared and urged that Mike Howard's name never be divulged as the source of information for the story. Lane claims that the story was quickly denied by every agency with an interest in the Oswald case except the Secret Service. Lane claims that this story was the "invention of the Secret Service" and had been released to prevent press coverage of any witness who would raise doubts about Oswald's guilt.

Lane also alleges that Mike Howard during his contact with Waldo had advised Waldo that "We found a rifle on the roof, but it was dropped by a Dallas police officer earlier in the day and he forgot to pick it up."

In the "National Guardian" article, Lane is said to have refused to reveal the source of the above stories, but stated that he had written to the President's Commission informing it of his "evidence" and offering to testify again.

OBSERVATIONS:

The Bureau could on its own initiate an immediate inquiry to pin down the allegations of Mark Lane. Based on previous encounters with Lane, his story is probably a combination of lies, distortions and half truths. The investigation would necessarily delve deeply into the Secret Service and its personnel since the crux of Lane's allegations reflect on the integrity of the Secret Service.

Memo Branigan to Sullivan
re: MARK LANE
SM - C

At the same time, Lane had indicated a willingness to testify and it may be that the President's Commission would want to put him under oath. In view of this and since Lane's allegations do not affect the basic issues of the investigation to determine the assassin of President Kennedy, it is not believed we should institute an independent inquiry concerning these allegations.

ACTION:

If you agree, there is attached a letter to the President's Commission calling their attention to the article, noting the fact that Lane had indicated a willingness to testify and pointing out that the Bureau is not initiating any inquiry in the absence of a request from them.

W. C. Sullivan

11/24/63

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FBI

Date: 5/14/64

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (105-891) (RUC)

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

Boyer

Re Louisville airtel to Bureau, Dallas, New Orleans and Memphis 5/6/64; and New Orleans airtel to Bureau, Miami, Louisville, Oklahoma City, Tampa, and Dallas 4/29/64.

On 5/13/64 Commander JOSEPH FINNEGAN, U. S. Coast Guard, Memphis, Tennessee, advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE that Tennessee Towing Company is owned by ENO DUPOIS and merely consists of one oil screw tow boat, the "Cotton Queen," which is captained by DUPOIS. This vessel works under contract with the Ashland Oil and Refining Company, Ashland, Kentucky, towing oil barges from various points on the Ohio River to the Ashland Refinery. FINNEGAN said he has never known of this vessel to be in New Orleans. He said Tennessee Towing Company was incorporated in Tennessee and that some accounting firm in the Home Federal Building, Memphis, handles its books.

On 5/13/64 [redacted] U. S. Postal Inspector, Memphis (protect identity), advised SA LAWRENCE that Memphis P. O. Box 1149 is rented in the name of Grover Bass Accounting Company, Home Federal Building.

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- 1-New Orleans (100-16601) (RM) (INFO)
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

5 MAY 1964 Agent in Charge

ME 105-891

On 5/13/64

[redacted] advised SA LAWRENCE that his firm [redacted] for the Tennessee Towing Company, which is incorporated in Tennessee and owned by ENO DUPOIS of St. Louis, Missouri. He added that the Tennessee Towing Company operates the "Cotton Queen," an oil burning, screw propeller driven tow boat which works on the Ohio River, under contract with the Ashland Oil and Refining Company, Ashland, Kentucky. This vessel makes trip reports and position reports to WARD DISBROW, Chief, River Transportation Division, Ashland Oil and Refining Company, Ashland, Kentucky.

[redacted] said he has not known the "Cotton Queen" to have been to New Orleans, Louisiana, in recent months.

Commander FINNEGAN said the "Delta Queen," large paddle driven river passenger vessel owned and operated by the Greene Lines of Cincinnati, Ohio, is, to his knowledge, the only river passenger vessel making trips in and out of New Orleans. He did not know if it was in New Orleans during the Mardi Gras. (It is noted that referenced New Orleans airtel indicated that the "Delta Queen" was not in New Orleans during the Mardi Gras festivities.)

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LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

Will through WARD DISBROW, River Transportation Division, Ashland Oil and Refining Company, determine the whereabouts of the "Cotton Queen" on or about 2/11/64 and the preceding week and determine if it was in New Orleans during the late winter of 1964.

5/13/64

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5-13-64

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

The President's Commission has forwarded an article appearing in the "National Enquirer" issue of 5-17-64. In essence, the sensational article alleges that a high official of the Justice Department sent a letter to Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry requesting the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald and Ruby in connection with the General Walker shooting.

By memorandum of 5-8-64 you were advised that Chief Curry in an interview on 5-7-64 emphatically denied that he had ever been requested by the Justice Department or any official of the FBI not to arrest Oswald or Ruby. A letter incorporating the results of the interview of Chief Curry was forwarded to the President's Commission on 5-8-64.

At the same time, since the Commission had specifically requested that they be advised as to any knowledge possessed by the Justice Department, a letter was sent to the Deputy Attorney General advising of the request from the President's Commission. The Director noted, "Follow up and get prompt action."

Assistant Director Evans was in contact with Mr. Katzenbach's office on May 12 and May 13. We have now received a letter dated May 13, attached, which was hand delivered from the Deputy Attorney General. In this letter he advises that a check of the files discloses no reference to an alleged letter from a high official of the Justice Department to Chief Curry or any reference that an FBI official was asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

The story that appeared in the "National Enquirer" is, therefore, a complete fabrication.

ACTION:

There is attached a letter to the President's Commission advising of the information furnished by the Deputy Attorney General and pointing out that our inquiry in this matter is now complete.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 13, 1964

FROM : *ndsk* The Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

With reference to your memorandum of May 8, 1964, on the above-entitled subject, a check of the files of the Department of Justice discloses no reference to an alleged letter from a high official of the Justice Department to Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry or any reference that an FBI official was asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN *JS*

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

DATE: 5/8/64

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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The President's Commission has forwarded an article appearing in the "National Enquirer," issue of 5/17/64. In essence, the sensational article alleges that a high official of the Justice Department sent a letter to Dallas Police Chief Jesse E. Curry requesting the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald and Ruby in connection with the General Walker shooting.

The Commission requested that the Bureau interview Chief Curry concerning his knowledge of the alleged letter and also requested that the Commission be advised as to any knowledge possessed by the Justice Department or the Bureau concerning the allegations in the article.

ACTION:

1. SAC, Shanklin, Dallas, interviewed Chief Curry on 5/7/64. Curry emphatically stated he had never received or heard of a letter to his department from the Justice Department and that he had never been requested by any official of the FBI not to arrest Oswald or Ruby. He described the allegations as absolutely false and added that prior to the assassination neither he nor his department had ever heard of Oswald. Attached for approval is letter to Rankin advising of the interview with Curry. This letter points out that the Bureau has no information in its files concerning the alleged letter from a high official of the Justice Department, nor any reference that an FBI official was asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby. Rankin is also advised that we are making inquiry of the Justice Department and upon receipt of the results of that inquiry the Commission will be advised.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SULLIVAN
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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2. In view of the Commission's specific request, there is attached a letter to the Deputy Attorney General forwarding to him a copy of the article appearing in the "National Enquirer" and advising of the request from the President's Commission to be advised as to any knowledge possessed by the Justice Department. Mr. Katzenbach is also being advised the files of this Bureau contain no reference to such an alleged letter from a high official of the Justice Department and further, that we have no knowledge that an FBI official was asked to request the Dallas Police not to arrest Oswald or Ruby.

3. Upon receipt of response from Justice Department, the Commission will be advised of those results. Also upon receipt of report from the Dallas Office containing results of our interview of Chief Curry a copy of that report will be furnished to the Commission.

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*Follow up report
prompt action.*
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 5/6/64

FROM :

LEGAT, MEXICO (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA
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ENCLOSURES

- A. Fourteen (14) copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.
- B. Forty-six (46) copies of documents listed hereinunder (forms FM-11), from which the names of the persons listed in the enclosed memorandum were obtained, consisting of two identical sets of forms with 23 copies in each.

Although the FM-11 forms do not record, in all instances, the type of travel document from which the data for a given person was obtained, this information was secured by SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA from MACLOVIO HERRERA on the basis of the latter's knowledge of the forms used in the various categories involved.

Inasmuch as a portion of the original FM-11 forms was typed in red, acceptable Xerox copies could not be made thereof and it was necessary to prepare photographic copies of those forms.

The enclosed forms described hereinunder are listed in the order in which the names thereon appear in the letterhead memorandum:

1. Two photographs of form FM-11 with the name of FRANK WOODROW BLADES, traveling with FM-6 form, who departed from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 10/3/63. The first name appearing on the list is LLOYD WALTER SEIGART.

2. Two photographs of form FM-11 with the name of JESUS DE MARK, traveling with FM-7 form, who departed from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 10/3/63. His is the first name appearing on this form.

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 - (2 - Dallas, 100-10481)
 - (2 - San Antonio, 105-2909)
- 1 - Mexico City

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3. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 containing a recapitulation of persons traveling with form FM-7 who departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo during the first two-week period of October, 1963. The last two names on this form are those of KEVIN KIMM and TERRY KIM, who were traveling with forms FM-17.

4. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 listing a recapitulation of persons classified as "Extranjeros" (aliens or non-Mexican citizens) traveling with form FM-17 classified as "Inmigrantes Art. 48 Temp." (Immigrants under Article 48 Temporary) who departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo during the first two-week period of October, 1963. The first name appearing on this form is FERNANDO GUARDIA DE LA TINOCO.

5. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 with a recapitulation of persons, "Extranjeros," classified as "Inmigrados Temporales" (Temporary Immigrants), traveling with form FM-17, who departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo during the first two-week period of October, 1963. The first name appearing on this list is CLAYTON ANNE DEAVOROUS.

6. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 containing a recapitulation of persons (Mexican nationals) traveling with form FM-17, who departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo during the first two-week period of October, 1963. The first name appearing on this list is CARLOS CANTU TREVIDO.

7. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 recording a recapitulation of persons (Mexican nationals) traveling with form FM-17, who departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo during the first two-week period of October, 1963. The first name appearing on this list is FLORENCIO GENARO GARCIA FLORES.

8. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 with a recapitulation of persons (Mexican nationals) traveling with form FM-17, who departed Mexico during the first two-week period of October, 1963. The first name appearing on this list is RAUL DAVILA CHAVARRIA.

9. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 containing the name of NUNO TEBOTONIO PEREIRA, who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 9/26/63, traveling with form FM-6.

10. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 listing persons (non-Mexican citizens) traveling with form FM-7, who entered

Mexico at Nuevo Laredo during the second two-week period of September, 1963. The first name appearing on this list is DALE LEE MCKINNEY.

11. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 with names of persons (non-Mexican citizens) traveling with form FM-14 who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo during the second two-week period of September, 1963. The first name appearing on this list is WILLIAM M. RESSEL.

12. Two photographs of FM-11 recording the names of MANUEL FLORES and FRANCISCO MAJEWSKI MADRAK, both traveling with forms FM-17, who entered Mexico on 9/26/63. The first name on the list is ANA LENOBEL.

13. Two photographs of FM-11 listing name of HOWARD WILLIAM REYNOLDS, traveling with FM-17 document, who entered Mexico 9/26/63. The first name appearing on the list is WENDELL JACKSON COX.

14. Two photographs of FM-11 listing names of LILY BEJA DE CHICUREL and ISAAC LEVY LEON, both traveling with FM-17 documents, who entered Mexico 9/26/63. Theirs are the first names on the form.

15. Two photographs of FM-11 listing names of MARIO O. MENDIVIL and IRENE ESTELA MENDIVIL, traveling with FM-17 documents, who entered Mexico 9/26/63. The first name appearing on the list is CARLOS EDUARDO ESCALANTE.

16. Two photographs of FM-11 with the names of LOUISE KNOWLES, ROGER A. KONCZAL, PHYLLIS JEAN JENSK, and DONALD CHARLES SOLOMNE, all documented with FM-9 forms, who entered Mexico 9/26/63.

17. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 recording persons (Mexican nationals) traveling with form FM-17, who entered Mexico during the second two-week period of September, 1963. The first name appearing on this list is RUPERTO TREVINO ELIZONDO.

18. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 with a list of persons (Mexican nationals) traveling with form FM-17, who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo during the second two-week period of September, 1963. The first name appearing on this list is RODOLFO HERNANDEZ MENDIOLA.

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19. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 recording persons (Mexican nationals) traveling with form FM-17, who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo during the second two-week period of September, 1963. The first name appearing on this list is MARIA CONCEPCION GRAHAM ALCALA.

20. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 listing persons (Mexican nationals) traveling with form FM-17, who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo during the second two-week period of September, 1963. The first name appearing on this list is RICHARD HANS SPECK STHAMER.

21. Two photographs of FM-11 listing the name of MARIA OTERO PABLOS, documented with FM-17, who entered Mexico on 9/26/63. The first name appearing on this form is ANTONIO HERNANDEZ ALONZO.

22. Two photographs of FM-11 listing the name of NELSON ULISES ESCOBAR BENITEZ, documented with Special Document "Circular 1091," who entered Mexico on 9/26/63. The first name appearing on this form is LEE BELDEN ZEROTH.

23. Two Xerox copies of form FM-11 recording names of three persons, among them CATALINA ADA DEL CARMEN CANIZARES, traveling with document classified as "Oficio Bueno Para Salir y Regresar al Pais" (Memorandum of Authorization Valid for Exit and Entry into the Country), who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 9/26/63.

REFERENCES

San Antonio airtel to Bureau 12/3/63.
Bureau airtel to Mexico City 3/27/64.
Mexico City airtel and letterhead memorandum 2/27/64.
Mexico City airtel and letterhead memorandum 3/16/64.
Bureau cable #65 to Mexico City 4/27/64.

ADMINISTRATIVE

On 4/29/64 MACLOVIO HERRERA, Chief of the Travel Control Files of the Mexican Immigration Department, Mexico, D. F., furnished to SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA the original forms FM-11 from which information contained in enclosed letterhead memorandum was obtained. Copies were prepared of these forms and the

originals returned to him on 4/29/64 in accordance with his request.

On 4/20/64 HERRERA advised that the original travel documents, other than forms FM-5 and FM-8, which were utilized by persons entering Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, on 9/26/63 and departing Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 10/3/63, were not readily available, but efforts would be made to locate them. On 4/24/64 and 4/29/64 HERRERA stated he had been unable to locate these documents, but was continuing his search; however, he could not assure he would be able to locate all of these documents. He stated they had been stored in bundles in an unorganized fashion in the storage warehouse and the possibility existed that many of the forms FM-17 may have been destroyed in accordance with the usual practice for those forms.

As pointed out on page 2 of referenced Mexico City airtel dated 3/16/64, a comparison of the list of persons who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 9/26/63, furnished by HARVEY CASH, American Consul, Nuevo Laredo, as contained in referenced San Antonio airtel, with the list (FM-11 forms) furnished by Attorney RAFAEL HERNANDEZ OCHOA disclosed that 22 individuals who appeared on the list supplied by CASH did not appear on the FM-11 forms supplied by HERNANDEZ OCHOA.

Further review and comparison of the list supplied by CASH with the data furnished by HERNANDEZ OCHOA reflects that, in fact, only 21 persons who appeared on the list supplied by CASH did not appear on the lists furnished by HERNANDEZ OCHOA. The name THOMAS J. ROGER does appear on HERNANDEZ OCHOA's list; in addition, it was pointed out on page 2 of referenced Mexico City airtel dated 3/16/64 that the name SOLOMON BANDACK did not appear on HERNANDEZ OCHOA's list. Further review of the FM-11 forms discloses that the name of SOLOMON M. BANDACK does appear as having entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 9/27/63, traveling by automobile; accordingly, his name was not included in referenced Mexico City letterhead memorandum dated 3/16/64 as being among those who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 9/26/63.

San Antonio airtel dated 12/3/63 includes the name of SOLOMON BANDACK as being among the names furnished by HARVEY CASH of individuals who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 9/26/63. As pointed out above, a review of FM-11 forms supplied by HERNANDEZ OCHOA discloses that SOLOMON M. BANDACK, traveling with FM-5 No. 4329383, entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, 9/27/63, by automobile. He was described as being 43 years of age, married

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nationality North American, occupation engineer, and listed as proceeding from Detroit, Michigan, with final destination of Mexico, D. F.

Of the remaining 20 persons, a record for entry and type of travel document utilized upon entry into Mexico on 9/26/63 has been located for 9 additional persons, which data is set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum. These 9 are as follows:

AUGUSTIN CERDA REYES
JUAN SAUCEDO
LEONARDO CASTILLO
RODOLFO ACEVEDO GUEVARA
RODOLFO MENDIOLA
MARIA OTERO PABLOS
ELVA VALLE RENDON
CARLOS ALMAGUER ECHARTEA
MARIO C. MENDIVIL

In addition, a review of the original FM-11 forms furnished by MACLOVIO HERRERA disclosed that the following 5 persons, who were included on the list supplied by CASH as having entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 9/26/63, in fact entered Mexico on 9/25/63. All were listed as traveling with forms FM-17.

JOSE VEGA VERANO
CARLOS VASQUEZ GALINDO
JESUS ANGEL SANTOS CANTU
GUILLERMO HEVIA VILLAR
JOSE GERARDO BENAVIDES SALINAS

No record was located on the FM-11 forms, reviewed by SA's JOSEPH B. GARCIA and HENRY J. PRATT, for the remaining 6 persons who appeared on the list furnished by CASH and named below:

VERNON KLEIN
LUIS Mt. VASQUEZ
JOSEPH HARRISON BIRD
EDWARD G. NEWMAN
IGNACIO G. MONTEMAYOR
JOSE MONTEMAYOR TREVINO

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The foregoing six persons were named in referenced San Antonio airtel dated 12/3/63 as having entered Mexico by automobile on 9/26/63 and the type of travel document used was listed as unknown.

Regarding JOSE MONTEMAYOR TREVINO, it is believed this person is identical to JOSE MONTEMAYOR TREVINO, a prominent and well-known Customs broker at Laredo, Texas, who has been a resident of that border city for many years, and believed to be a Mexican national. It is also believed that IGNACIO G. MONTEMAYOR is MONTEMAYOR TREVINO's son.

It is noted that the FM-11 form recording CATALINA ADA DEL CARMEN CANIZARES' entry into Mexico contains ditto marks in the entry date column with the figure "26" inserted alongside the ditto marks. The date above the ditto marks is 9/18/63; the date of entry into Mexico shown for FEDERICO VICTOR VALDEZ VALDEZ, the person immediately preceding CANIZARES on the FM-11 form, which would indicate that CANIZARES entered the country on 9/18/63; however, in view of the "26" notation, MACLOVIO HERRERA advised it was his opinion that CANIZARES entered the country on 9/26/63. Therefore the enclosed letterhead memorandum lists CANIZARES among those who entered Mexico on 9/26/63.

In efforts to further verify whether CANIZARES' entry date into Mexico was 9/26/63, the following inquiry was made at the Visa Section, U. S. Embassy, Mexico, D. F., to determine if a record is maintained there reflecting a residence address for CANIZARES in order that she could be located and interviewed regarding this matter:

On 5/4/64 MARGARITA MUNGUIA, Visa Section, advised SA HENRY J. PRATT that records reflect a visa was issued to CATALINA ADA DEL CARMEN CANIZARES GARCIA on 10/26/60 valid until 1/26/61. These records reflect CANIZARES was born 9/14/32 at Havana, Cuba, and her residence address was shown as Calle Lope de Vega #341, Apartment 1, Colonia Chapultepec Morales, Mexico, D. F. CANIZARES was listed as a housewife and has had immigrant status in Mexico since 1948. CANIZARES' visa was revalidated on 9/13/63 for unlimited entries into the United States until 3/13/64. These records disclosed that as of 9/13/63 CANIZARES had been a resident of Mexico for sixteen years.

On 5/4/64 the following inquiry was conducted at Calle Lope de Vega #341 by [redacted] and [redacted]

It was ascertained that Apartment 1 is now housing a draftsman's office. A young man, approximately 32 years of age, advised he had resided in Apartment 1 for about three months. He did not know CATALINA ADA DEL CARMEN CANIZARES. He believed that a family by the name of ALATRISTE had lived there for several years prior to his moving into Apartment 1. He said the family in Apartment 2 may possibly have more information regarding CANIZARES.

Inquiry was made at Apartment 2, and a woman who stated she lived there advised that a girl by the name of CARMEN (LNU) did live in Apartment 1 with a family by the name of (FNU) ALATRISTE, but they had moved some time ago and she did not know their present location. She believed CARMEN was related to the ALATRISTE family. She stated she knew of no one in the apartment building at the present time who would know the ALATRISTE family.

Bureau airtel to Dallas dated 4/9/64 stated the Bureau was not furnishing copies of referenced Mexico City letterhead memorandum dated 3/16/64 to the offices indicated in referenced Mexico City airtel dated 3/16/64 nor were leads being set forth to interview individuals listed in this letterhead memorandum who reside outside the United States. The Bureau pointed out that OSWALD's means of travel into Mexico is known, as it has been verified by four witnesses on the bus, and his travel to Mexico City on 9/26-27/63 was further confirmed by the Red Arrow bus baggage list and Mexican Immigration records.

Since all efforts have been unsuccessful at Mexico City in determining whether a record exists for entry into Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 9/26/63 of the above-listed six persons, and in view of the information contained in Bureau airtel dated 4/9/64, no leads are being set forth for other offices to conduct investigation in this regard.

If not already done, it is suggested that, if it is desired to further identify the above-listed six persons and ascertain the type travel document utilized by them upon their reported entry into Mexico on 9/26/63, the Bureau may wish to have American Consul HARVEY CASH recontacted at Nuevo Laredo to determine the original source furnishing the list of persons who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 9/26/63, which source may be the Mexican Customs records at Nuevo Laredo. If this lead is pursued further, an effort should be made to ascertain whether

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those records contain any notations recording the type travel document utilized by those persons upon their reported entry into Mexico on 9/26/63.

SOURCES

The confidential source abroad referred to in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is the Legal Attache, Mexico City, file 105-3702.

The second confidential source abroad is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The third confidential source abroad [REDACTED]

The fourth confidential source abroad is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

CLASSIFICATION

The enclosure has been classified "Confidential" in order to protect the Bureau's operations in a foreign country.

COPIES

Two copies of the enclosure are being furnished for the San Antonio Office, which has conducted extensive investigation in the past related to material contained in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

LEADS

MEXICO CITY

At Mexico, D. F., Mexico:

1. Will maintain contact with MACLOVIO HERRERA, Chief of the Travel Control Files, Mexican Immigration Department, to determine whether he has been able to locate the original copies of travel documents for persons set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum who departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 10/3/63 and who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo 9/26/63, including the six persons for whom no record was found in Mexico City.

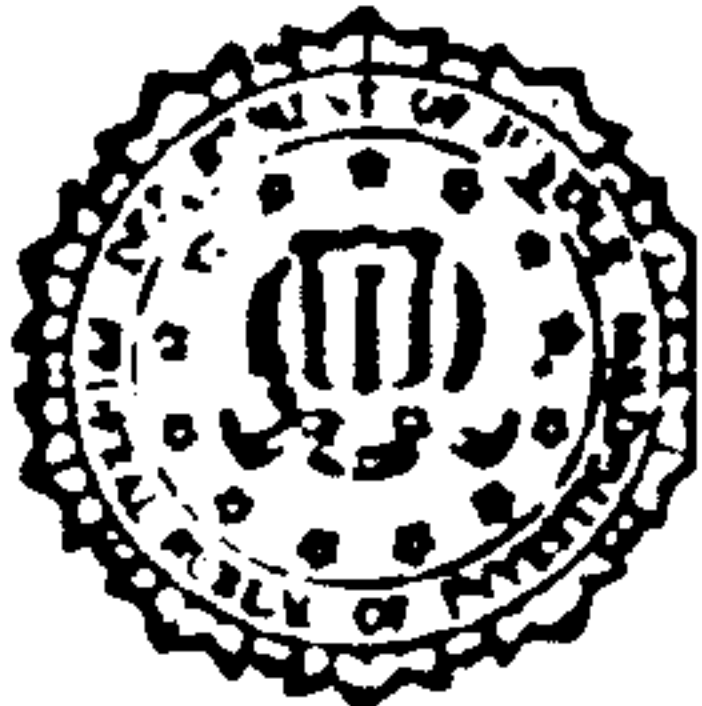
2. Will check records of Gobernacion (Ministry of the interior) to determine whether those records contain a current residence address for CATALINA ADA DEL CARMEN CANIZARES GARCIA in order that she may be located and interviewed to further verify whether she entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 9/26/63.

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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BASIS FOR INQUIRY

A confidential source abroad has advised that LEE HARVEY OSWALD entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, State of Tamaulipas, on September 26, 1963, and departed from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963.

A memorandum dated February 27, 1964, recorded information concerning persons who departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963, who were traveling in Mexico documented with Mexican Government tourist cards FM-5 or FM-8. This information was obtained from a review of the tourist cards (FM-5 and FM-8) of these persons and copies of the form FM-11 relating to the departure of these persons; similarly, a memorandum dated March 16, 1964, reported information obtained from a review of FM-5 and FM-8 tourist cards and the related form FM-11 for persons who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26, 1963.

A second confidential source abroad advised as follows:

On March 23, 1964, MACLOVIO HERRERA, Chief of the Travel Control Files of the Mexican Immigration Department, Mexico, D. F., (D. F. refers to "Distrito Federal" - Federal District or the Mexican Federal Capital) advised that in a circular instruction dated March 20, 1962, the Chief of the Immigration Department described the Immigration form FM-11 as a "statistical record to be prepared every two weeks on nationals and aliens entering and leaving the country." HERRERA explained that separate FM-11 forms are submitted semi-monthly by all Mexican Immigration stations for entries and departures from Mexico, and separate lists are prepared

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