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SECTION 183

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1 - Mr. Rogge

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To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.

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ATTENTION: CRIMINAL SECTION

ReButel 12-4-63, concerning information furnished by Robert Stone, 9 Fernwood, Simsbury, Connecticut.

As you will recall Stone telephonically contacted the Bureau and advised he is a writer who had spent considerable time during October, 1963, in Washington, D. C., and had met a cab driver who related to him a story regarding a naval petty officer who was very critical of the President. Stone indicated this information was extremely valuable and he desired to be contacted by an Agent. Albany was instructed to locate and interview Stone who could be contacted through Robert O'Rourke, attorney, at Rutland, Vermont.

Albany advise identity and date of communication which furnished the results of your investigation in this matter to the Bureau and Dallas.

- 1 - New Haven
- 1 - Dallas (100-10461)

NOTE:

This communication is being sent in connection with our continuing practice of reviewing leads to insure pertinent investigation in this matter is handled.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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

[Handwritten signature]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Lee Oswald

On June 10, 1964 this Commission received a telegram from Mrs. Shirley Martin of Hominy, Oklahoma in which she stated that Mr. William Keester, an Oklahoma City detective told one Jim Standard, an Oklahoma City reporter, that there were many things that he, Keester, had to say about the attempted assassination of Major General Edwin A. Walker. Mr. Keester was reported to have said that, however, he was afraid to tell Mr. Standard what those things were.

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We would appreciate it very much if you would interview Mr. Standard and Mr. Keester to determine whether or not there is any truth in the allegations made by Mrs. Martin.

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In this connection we note the report of Special Agent Grimes dated January 23, 1964 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma which reflects an interview with Mr. Cliff Roberts, who allegedly acted in partnership with Mr. Keester in an investigation which they conducted in the attempted assassination of General Walker.

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Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

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Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature: J. Lee Rankin]
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

[Handwritten initials and date: 10-30-1964]

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1 - Mr. Raupach

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TO: SAC, Oklahoma City (89-41)
FROM: Director, FBI (62-109060)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

Enclosed for Oklahoma City is one copy of a self-explanatory letter from the President's Commission dated June 30, 1964, requesting interviews with Mr. Jim Standard and Mr. William Keester.

This matter should be handled immediately and appropriate letterhead memorandum furnished to the Bureau suitable for dissemination to the President's Commission. Insure accuracy to preclude revisions or corrections by the Bureau. It will not be necessary to furnish Dallas inserts for report due to Bureau dissemination.

1 - Dallas (89-43) (Enclosure)

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NOTE:

The Commission requested by letter dated June 30, 1964, that Mr. William Keester, an Oklahoma City detective, and Mr. Jim Standard, an Oklahoma City reporter, be interviewed. Commission received a telegram from Mrs. Shirley Martin from Hominy, Oklahoma. Martin has sent numerous communications to the Bureau all of which have been furnished to the Commission previously. In her telegram to the Commission, she indicated that Mr. William Keester told Mr. Jim Standard, that there were many things that he Keester, had to say about the attempted assassination of General Walker. Keester was reported to have said, however, he was afraid to tell Mr. Standard what those things were.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Kettel

June 29, 1964

By Courier Service

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to requests made on June 15, 1964, and June 18, 1964, by Miss Mary A. Rowcotsky, of your staff, asking that certain Commission exhibits be obtained and photographed in any instance where photographs were not previously prepared and provided the Commission.

Enclosed herewith are three photocopies each of Commission exhibits numbered 384, 521 through 532, 534, 537 through 539, 908 through 931, 933 through 954, 956 through 985, 989, 992 and 986.

The above-described Commission exhibits, with the exception of Commission exhibits numbered 946 and 956, are also enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

Dallas (100-10461)

Enclosures (97)

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Photocopies of the requested Commission exhibits, along with the listing thereof, are enclosed herewith.

NOTE: A telephonic request was received by (continued page 2)

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NOTE: (continued)

SA Marion E. Williams of the Laboratory on June 15, 1964, and the exhibits were received by SA Robert A. Frazier on June 15, 1964.

The request of June 18, 1964, was received by SA Cortlandt Cunningham at the time SA Cunningham received the custody of the exhibits.

Exhibits not originally in the custody of the Bureau are being returned to the Commission.

HRK:emh

6/30/64

COMMISSION
EXHIBIT NO.

DESCRIPTION

- 394 *Certification of Oswald's knowledge of Russian
- 521 *Photograph taken at corner of 10th and Patton Streets, Dallas, Texas
- 522 *Photograph of scene of Tippit murder showing left side of police automobile driven by Tippit
- 523 *Diagram of immediate area - Tippit killing site
- 524 *Copy of photograph depicting Markham standing at corner from which she saw Tippit killing
- 525 *Copy of photograph showing view of squad car from Markham's location
- 526 *Copy of photograph showing Markham standing at corner from which she saw Tippit killing
- 527 *Photograph taken at scene of Tippit murder - showing front of automobile driven by Officer Tippit and bloodstains indicating the approximate position of Tippit's body
- 528 *Photograph taken at corner of 10th and Patton Streets, Dallas, Texas. Scene of murder of Officer Tippit. Tippit's automobile visible in far right center of photograph
- 529 *Photograph taken at scene of murder of Officer Tippit. Shows front of car driven by Officer Tippit and bloodstains indicating the place where Tippit fell after being shot by Oswald
- 530 *Copy of photograph showing view of shrub arrangement at 400 East 10th Street, showing Scoggins' cab
- 531 *Copy of photograph showing view of Scoggins' cab from Markham's position
- 532 *Copy of photograph showing Scoggins' view of Tippit's squad car
- 534 *Copy of photograph showing view from Tippit's squad car to Scoggins' cab.
- 537 *Diagram of area surrounding Tippit killing site
- 538 *Copy of photograph showing Callaway's location at time he heard shots
- 539 *Copy of photograph showing Ted Callaway in spot from which he observed Oswald
- 908 *Copy of Foreign Service Despatch, Embassy Moscow to the Department of State, Washington, dated November 2, 1959, concerning Oswald's application for Russian citizenship

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- 909 *Copies of two Department of State incoming telegrams from Tokyo to Secretary of State dated November 27, 1959, concerning two interviews with Oswald
- 910 *Copy of Department of State incoming telegram from Moscow to Secretary of State dated October 31, 1959, concerning appearance at embassy of Oswald to renounce his American citizenship
- 911 *Copy of memo dated Nov. 17, 1959, concerning Miss Priscilla Johnson
- 912 *Copy of letter dated Nov. 3, 1959, from Oswald to U. S. Embassy concerning Oswald's request to revoke his U. S. citizenship
- 913 *Copy of letter on stationery with Russian letterhead written by Oswald concerning his request to revoke his U. S. citizenship
- 914 *Copy of letter from American Embassy, Moscow, dated October 28, 1959, to Mr. Foster, written by Richard E. Snyder, American Consul
- 915 *Copy of letter from Department of State, Washington, dated December 10, 1959, concerning Oswald's request to revoke his U. S. citizenship
- 916 *Copy of communication from Department of State to Embassy Moscow dated November 2, 1959, concerning Oswald's right to renounce his U. S. Citizenship
- 917 *Copy of communication from Navy Department dated November 3, 1959, concerning Oswald's intention to furnish Soviets with information on U. S. radar
- 918 *Copy of communication from Navy Department dated November 4, 1959, concerning Oswald's job description while serving in the Marine Corps
- 919 *Copy of letter dated November 6, 1959, to Oswald from Richard E. Snyder, American Consul, American Embassy, Moscow
- 920 *Copy of airgram from U. S. Embassy, Moscow, to Secretary of State dated November 7, 1959, advising Oswald desired to renounce U. S. citizenship
- 921 *Copy of airgram from U. S. Embassy, Moscow, to Department of State concerning Oswald's movements in Russia

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922

*Copy of memorandum from U. S. Embassy, Moscow to Department of State which enclosed copies of correspondence between the Department and Representative Jim Wright concerning Oswald

923

*Copy of letter from Assistant Secretary of State to Mr. Wright dated 3/21/60, concerning Oswald

924

*Copy of letter from George H. Easton (State Department) to Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, Ft. Worth, Texas, dated 3/23/60

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*Copy of memorandum from U. S. Embassy, Moscow to Department of State, dated 3/22/60, concerning Oswald's whereabouts

926

*Copy of Memorandum from U. S. Embassy, Moscow to Department of State dated 7/8/60, concerning welfare and whereabouts of Oswald

927

*Copy of memorandum from U. S. Embassy, Moscow concerning welfare and whereabouts of Oswald dated 3/20/60

928

*Copy of memorandum to U. S. Embassy, Moscow concerning Oswald's citizenship and passport, dated 3/10/60

929

*Copy of memorandum to U. S. Embassy, Moscow concerning citizenship and passport of Oswald; dated 3/23/60

930

*Department of State instruction to U. S. Embassy, Moscow advising of Mrs. Marguerite Oswald's anxiety concerning Oswald since she had not heard from him since December, 1959 (copy)

931

*Copy of letter from Oswald to U. S. Embassy, Moscow, received 2/13/61, in which Oswald again asks for return of his passport

933

*Copy of letter to Oswald from U. S. Embassy, Moscow, requesting he appear for interview (dated 2/23/61)

934

*Copy of Department of State instruction to U. S. Embassy, Moscow, dated 4/13/61, concerning Oswald's passport

935

*Copy of letter from U. S. Embassy, Moscow, to Department of State advising Oswald appeared in connection with his desire to return to the U. S. with his wife (dated 7/11/61)

936

*Copy of letter from U. S. Embassy, Moscow to Department of State dated 5/23/61, advising of receipt of undated letter from Oswald in which he asks guarantees he not

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be persecuted should he return to U.S.
and enclosing copy of Oswald's letter
to the Embassy advising he had married

937

*Copy of letter from the Department of State
to the U. S. Embassy, Moscow, dated 7/11/61
concerning status of Oswald's citizenship

938

*Copy of Application of Renewal of Passport
by Oswald

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*Copy of letter from the Department of State
to U. S. Embassy, Moscow, dated 8/13/61,
instructing Oswald's passport be delivered
on personal basis

940

*Copy of letter from U. S. Embassy, Moscow,
to Department of State dated 3/24/61,
which states Oswald was advised a personal
interview would be required concerning his
passport

941

*Copy of State Department memorandum to
Mr. Thomas Ehrlich from Foreign Service
Officer John A. McVickar regarding Oswald's
visit to embassy in October, 1959, at
which time he indicated he wanted to
divest himself of his U. S. citizenship

942

*Copy of note dated 11/9/59, and signed
"McV" advising he was unable to contact
Oswald at Metropole Hotel

943

*Copy of memorandum by U. S. Embassy, Moscow
dated 11/9/59, giving contents of telegram
to Oswald from Sgt. John E. Pic, Tachikawa
Airbase, Japan

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*Copy of memorandum from U. S. Embassy,
Moscow to Department of State, dated
3/28/61, concerning background of Marina
Oswald

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*Copy of handwritten note concerning Marina
Oswald's background

946

Passport of Lee H. Oswald, number 1735242

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*Copy of airmail from U. S. Embassy, Moscow
to Department of State, transmitting two
copies of Oswald's application for renewal
of passport

948

*Original of letter from Abram Chayes, Legal
Advisor, Department of State to J. Lee
Rankin, President's Commission, furnishing
answers to questions asked by the
Commission concerning Oswald's State
Department file

Item 449

1/30/64

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- 949 *Original letter from Abram Chayes, Department of State to J. Lee Rankin, President's Commission, transmitting list of all cases in which action was taken to deny passports between January, 1962, and March, 1964, and the reasons for such actions
- 950 *Copy of report of the Department of State regarding Lee Harvey Oswald
- 951 *Copy of State Department Passport Office Standard Operating Notice 2300
- 952 *Copy of teletype to Department of State from New Orleans State Department Office dated 6/25/63
- 953 *Original letter from Abram Chayes, Department of State to J. Lee Rankin, President's Commission, concerning Oswald's activities in Russia
- 954 *Original letter from Abram Chayes to J. Lee Rankin covering transmittal to Commission of State Department information concerning Oswald
- 956 *Copy of letter from Abram Chayes to J. Lee Rankin covering transmittal of copies of State Department records concerning Oswald to the Commission
- 957 *Copy of State Department Reference Slip dated 11/25/63, routing a copy of U. S. Embassy, Moscow letter dated 11/2/59 (Commission Exhibit No. 961)
- 958 *Original memorandum from J. A. McVickar, American Consulate, Cochabamba, Bolivia, to Department of State dated 4/7/64, furnishing McVickar's personal recollections concerning his contacts with Oswald in Russia
- 959 *Copy of Petition to Classify Status of Alien for Issuance of Immigrant Visa dated 7/11/61, and signed by Oswald
- 960 *Copy of letter from Abram Chayes, Department of State, to J. Lee Rankin, President's Commission, covering transmittal to the Commission of answers to Commission's questions concerning State Department policies involved in handling of Oswald's case

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961

*Copy of note to U. S. Embassy, Moscow, dated 11/2/59, instructing that embassy cannot withhold right of U. S. citizen to renounce citizenship (attached to Commission Exhibit No. 957)

962

*Copy of State Department "Refusal" dated 3/25/60, concerning Oswald's passport matters

963

*Copy of memorandum to U. S. Embassy, Moscow from Department of State dated 3/23/60, advising of placement of notice in "lock-out card section" of Passport Office

964

*Copy of note advising copy of Operations Memorandum of 3/23/60, from Embassy at Moscow and copy of Operations Memorandum of 5/10/60, to the Embassy were being furnished as attachments to Mr. George Hasleton. Reference Slip attached but Operations Memoranda not attached

965

*Copy of handwritten notes dated 2/15/61, recording action taken concerning letters and memoranda

966

*Copy of letter to Jim Wright, House of Representatives, from Frances G. Wright Passport Office, dated 7/18/60, concerning correspondence between State Department and Mrs. Marguerite Oswald

967

*Copy of "Foreign Service Despatch" from U. S. Embassy, Moscow, dated 3/24/61, to Department of State, advising Oswald was informed personal interview necessary concerning his passport

968

*Copy of handwritten note dated 3/27/61, signed "B.P."

969

*Copy of State Department instruction drafted 3/27/61, concerning Oswald's return to U. S. This instruction marked "not sent"

970

*Copy of memorandum from John D. White to Edward J. Maloney dated 3/31/61, recommending State Department should facilitate Oswald's entry into the U. S.

971

*Copy of Department of State instruction to U. S. Embassy, Moscow, dated 4/13/61, advising Oswald's passport could be delivered on personal basis only with reference slip attached

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972

*Copy of "Reference Slip" attached to
Commission Exhibit No. 971 dated
10/3/61, and used for routing purposes

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*Copy of "Foreign Service Despatch" from
U. S. Embassy, Moscow, advising of
Coward's desire that he not be prosecuted
for any act pertaining to his case with
copy of Coward's letter dated May, 1961

974

*Copy of "Reference Slip" (routing) dated
6/29/61

975

*Copy of instruction to U. S. Embassy,
Moscow, concerning method of handling
Coward's "protection" as citizen of U. S.

976

*Copy of "File Request Form" dated 11/17/61,
concerning Coward with extra copy attached

977

*Copy of "Foreign Service Despatch" from
U. S. Embassy, Moscow, dated 7/11/61,
recommending Coward's passport be renewed

978

*Copy of "Reference Slip" concerning
administrative matters in Coward's case

979

*Copy of "Operations Memorandum" to U. S.
Embassy, Moscow, dated 8/18/61, advising
Coward's passport renewal authorized

980

*Copy of memorandum and routing slip
concerned with the attached report of
John W. Vain, FBI, Dallas, dated 7/3/61,
dealing with Coward's background

981

*Copy of note from Frances G. Wright to Mr.
Robert T. Hale, State Department, dated
12/28/61, advising Department had
determined Coward had not expatriated
himself under the pertinent laws of the
U. S.

982

*Copy of "Operations Memorandum" to
U. S. Embassy, Moscow, dated 12/13/61,
approving manner of handling of Coward's
passport matter

983

*Copy of "File Request Form" for Coward's
file dated 4/11/63

984

*Copy of letter from Chief Justice Earl
Warren to Sen. Frank dated 3/11/64,
requesting complete background data on
Coward

985

*Original letter from Brian Clough to
J. Lee Smith enclosing a copy, with
translations, of the 5/5/64, diplomatic
note from Ambassador Dopyrin (USSR)
to the Secretary of State with comments

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concerning sojourn and employment of Oswald
in the Soviet Union, documents pertaining
to departure of Oswald and wife from the
USSR and medical documents concerning
Lee Harvey Oswald and Marina Oswald
*Copy of memorandum from Frances G. Wright
to William C. Boswell dated 12/20/61,
advising Oswald remains a citizen of the
U.S. and did not expatriate himself,
with encs, unmarked copy of this
memorandum

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932

Copy of State Department's Foreign
Service Dispatch from American
Embassy London to Washington regarding
Carnegie's request for return of his
passport

933

Copy of State's Embassy file re
Carnegie, furnished to the State
Department, 11/20/32, with translation

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1 - Mr. Rogge

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To: - SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.
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ATTENTION: CRIMINAL SECTION

ReALairtel 12-6-63, relating to Olive Stevens.

As you will recall, our Phoenix Office was advised on 11-24-63, by Dr. A. James Filmore, a local physician, that he had been in telephonic communication with Miss Olive Stevens who indicated she was calling from Vermont. Miss Stevens allegedly told Dr. Filmore that she had information connecting the John Birch Society with the assassination of President Kennedy.

ReALairtel furnished New York pertinent serials in this matter and set out a lead to have Miss Stevens located and interviewed.

New York advise date when results of your investigation furnished to the Bureau and Dallas and identity of communication containing same.

1 - Dallas (100-10461)

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TO DIRECTOR /105-82555 AND DALLAS

FROM NEW YORK /105-38431 - 1-

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RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. BRANNIGAN OF BUREAU TO NYO
FOUR FORTY PM JUNE NINETEEN. RE CALL ADVISED MR. RANKIN OF

PRESIDENT-S COMMISSION RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT FORMER VICE

PRESIDENT NIXON-S SECRETARY ROSEMARY WOODS HAD A NEWSPAPER

ARTICLE INDICATING THAT MR. NIXON WAS EITHER GOING TO DALLAS OR

PLANNING TO GO THERE IN OCTOBER ONE NINE SIX THREE. ABOVE DESIRED

IN CONNECTION WITH MARINA OSWALD-S CLAIM THAT SHE LOCKED HER HUS-

BAND IN ROOM TO PREVENT HIM FROM DOING HARM TO MR. NIXON WHEN HE

WAS SUPPOSEDLY COMING TO DALLAS IN APRIL ONE NINE SIX THREE.

INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO THIS FAILED TO REVEAL THAT NIXON WENT TO

DALLAS OR THAT HE WAS SCHEDULED TO GO TO DALLAS AT THAT TIME.

THE DIRECTOR HAS APPROVED THAT NYO OBTAIN THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

FROM NIXON-S SECRETARY AND UPON RECEIPT DELIVER TO PRESIDENT-S

COMMISSION. CONTACT WITH MR. NIXON-S OFFICE, NYC, REVEALS ROSEMARY

WOODS DOES NOT HAVE ARTICLE IN QUESTION BUT BELIEVES SUCH AN

ARTICLE DID APPEAR IN DALLAS PAPER.

DALLAS THROUGH REVIEW OF DALLAS PAPERS OBTAIN PRESS STATEMENTS

RE NIXON-S TRIP TO DALLAS ONE NINE SIX THREE AND FORWARD TO

COMMISSION.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 20 1964

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1 - Mr. Belmont; 1 - Mr. DeLoach; 1 - Mr. Rosen; 1 - Mr. Sullivan;
1 - Mr. Malley; 1 - Mr. Branigan; 1 - Mr. Lenihan

June 23, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to the request of Mr. Howard P. Willens of your staff on June 19, 1964, that this Bureau contact Miss Rosemary Woods, secretary to Mr. Richard M. Nixon, for the purpose of obtaining a newspaper article that Miss Woods reportedly possessed indicating that Mr. Nixon was either going or was planning to go to Dallas, Texas, in October, 1963.

For your information, contact with Mr. Nixon's office on June 19, 1964, revealed that Miss Rosemary Woods does not have the article in question, but she believes such an article did appear in a Dallas newspaper.

In view of Miss Woods' statements, we are checking the Dallas newspapers from October 1, 1963, to November 22, 1963, to ascertain if there was an article in a Dallas newspaper indicating Mr. Nixon planned a trip to Dallas during such period. Results of our checks will be promptly furnished to the Commission upon receipt.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Marina Oswald has indicated Oswald planned to attack Mr. Nixon approximately two weeks after the General Walker incident which occurred 4-10-63. We have previously reviewed all Dallas newspapers from 1-1-63 to 5-15-63 and found no

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

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indication Nixon planned trip to Dallas during this period. Oswald moved to New Orleans approximately 5/1/63 and returned to Dallas 10/3/63 following his week's visit to Mexico. We are checking the Dallas newspapers to see if there is any indication Nixon planned a trip to Dallas in October or November, 1963, in view of Miss Woods' statements.

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6-19-64

J. Lee Rankin of Warren Commission requested Bureau on 6-19-64 to obtain a copy of a newspaper article which Miss Woods, secretary to former Vice President Nixon, allegedly claimed to have that indicated Vice President Nixon intended to visit Dallas. Miss Woods advised she does not have article but believes such article did appear. Dallas being requested to obtain article.

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way which indicated he wanted to start up a conversation. Evidently he felt the school boys had noticed him and he launched into a breathless and highly elated account of his visit to Cuba, which had just culminated at his arrival at the New Orleans airport.

"I saw Castro" he told them, "He is a fine guy. A Great person. From now on no prisoners are going to be returned to the United States unless I say so."

This of course startled me and I turned to look at him in the belief he was a hop head of some sort, but he simply appeared to be a highly pleased and excited young man. I asked him how he happened to be in Cuba.

"I flew there" he said, "The State Department is using me because of my contacts with Cuba. I spoke to the people and I told them Castro was a great man."

I then asked him how he got back.

"In an army plane" he said. "A U.S. Army plane. They flew me here, and the F.B.I. met me and brought me to the corner of Canal Street (he gave the name of the other street but I don't remember it) and....."

I asked why they didn't take him all the way home.

"They don't want to know where I live. They don't want anybody to know where I live" he said.

The school boys were giggling and this seemed to anger him.

"At the airport they shoved a mike in my hand" he said, doubling his fist like a mike and holding it in front of his face. "I said hello to everybody. I told them Castro was a great guy and that we should all be friends."

~~At the time I thought he was referring to our own airport but now I believe he meant the airport in Cuba.~~

I questioned him further about Castro and he said "I never got to talk to him at all. He just shook hands with me and they rushed me right on out to the airport. From now on, I am going to Cuba and arrange every time the prisoners who are going to be sent back."

He then got off the bus, at a cross street, possibly Napoleon, for he had a transfer in his hand. We all had a laugh, but I was not disturbed and so when I got to town I went to a friend's apartment and called the City Desk of the New Orleans States, whose editor, Walter Cowan, told me no celebrity had arrived at our airport, and I then called the F.B.I. and told them of the incident, saying that the man was probably a nut out that perhaps there might be something in their files on him and they would like to know he was back in town. I recognized this man as Oswald as soon as I saw a clear picture of

For the benefit of the A.P. writer in New York who wrote that Oswald could not be a Marxist without being a Communist, I would like to point out that at the time I was keeping a couple of people under surveillance for the F.B.I here I was told that one of them, a lad named Daneroff, who now has a United Nations job, was one of the high ranking Communists and did not carry a card, as they removed from their files all information on their top flight operatives so they could not be identified as party members.

My own unalterable belief is that Oswald was a Communist, that he bungled his job and went haywire and that "Guoy" was assigned to remove him. The indignation over the murder of our president would be the logical out he would use in his defense.

Dorothy Thompson, speaking before the New York Women's Press Club, of which I was a member, told us soon after the fall of France that all Communist take-overs followed a pattern. First, the people by a constant barrage of propaganda were caused to distrust their leaders. Then, when some controversial issue came up, both sides were infiltrated and a revolution started, during which time those of our people who were Communists and were in high places would engineer a take over of the government. That pattern is pretty plain here. The only thing is that this country didn't react according to those in Europe--and Africa.

From my own personal experience with the F.B.I it is easy for me to believe what Oswald told about them meeting him at the plane, and we could well have been using him through the State Department which has a pro-Castro record, without anyone being the wiser.

I am sorry that I cannot remember the date, or the streets where the man boarded and left the bus, but after I called the paper and the F.B.I I put this out of my mind until I saw Oswald's face on TV.

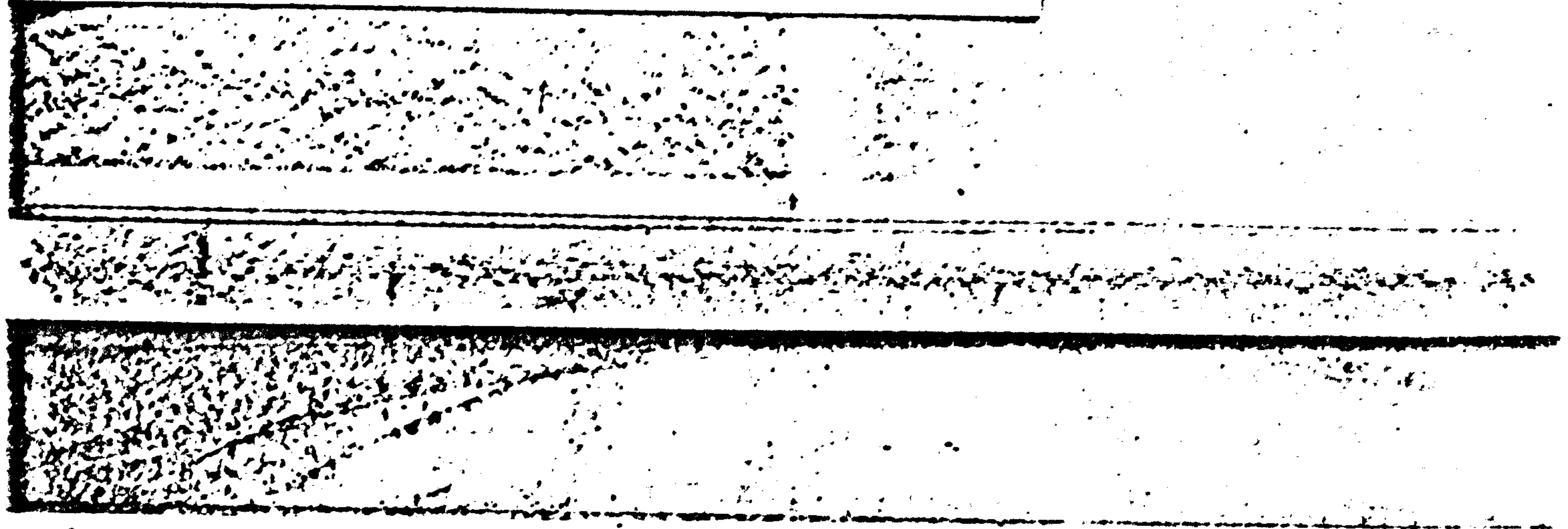
sincerely,

Lou Lylic
Mrs. Lou Lylic (Hayes)

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD; IS DASH R.

RE LEGAT, OTTAWA, AIRTEL TO BUREAU FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE
LAST.

ON FEBRUARY TWENTY SEVEN LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PROTECT IDENTITY

ADVISED THAT ON FEBRUARY THIRTEEN LAST AT BAR WINNIPEG
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, HE OVERHEARD TWO MEN

APPARENTLY DISCUSSING OSWALD. BECAME INTERESTED IN

WHEN HE HEARD ONE SAY TO THE EFFECT "DID OSWALD KNOW? HOW
MUCH DOES SHE KNOW?" UNQUOTE, APPARENTLY SPECULATING IF OTHER

PERSOS THAN OSWALD KNEW.

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 ADVISED HE WAS ABLE TO CATCH ONLY PORTIONS OF CONVERSATION, NAMELY, REFERENCE TO A FILM ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS SAW SHOWING QUOTE "ISAACS" UNQUOTE PHONETIC NEAR KENNEDY AFTER THE LANDING AND A QUERY WHY ISAACS, A MAN WITH A GOOD RECORD SHOULD GET MIXED UP WITH A PSYCHO APPARENTLY REFERRING TO OSWALD; THAT A HOFFMAN OR HAUGHTMAN WAS LOOKING FOR ISAACS, AND MENTION OF A FIFTY EIGHT DODGE, WHICH SHOULD BE LOOKED AFTER SHOULD ISAACS BE FOUND AND A STATEMENT THAT ISAACS IF FOUND, **COULD APPARENTLY CLEAR THIS MATTER UP; THAT MERCHANDISE OR PAPERS WERE COMING IN FROM NEVADA WITH AN ACCOMPANING STATEMENT THAT MERCURY SHOULD BE CLOSED SINCE IT HAS BEEN RISKY IN THE PAST. PAREN** (IT IS NOT KNOWN
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WHETHER THIS REFERRED TO AN AUTOMOBILE, A BUSINESS, OR
MERCURY, NEVADA. PAREN; THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO REGULAR
SALES MEETING SINCE NOVEMBER AND THAT IF EVERYTHING WENT
WELL, THERE WOULD BE A SALES MEETING AT THE TOWNHOUSE AT
KELLOGG PAREN [PHONETIC] PAREN AND BROADWAY IN KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI, ON MARCH EIGHTEEN NEXT, THE MEETING TO BE REGISTERED
IN THE NAME OF A TEXTILE FIRM AND THAT THERE IS MORE MONEY
AT MY OR OUR DISPOSAL THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WAS REFERRED
TO BY THE NAME OF MR. ROMANIUK, PHONETIC; THE OTHER INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT
REFERRED TO BY NAME. ROMANIUK WILL
HEREINAFTER BE REFERRED TO AS NUMBER ONE AND THE OTHER
INDIVIDUAL AS NUMBER TWO.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT WHILE MAKING NOTES OF THE
CONVERSATION, HE NOTICED ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL
AT A SEPARATE TABLE ACROSS FROM HIM LOOKING STEADILY IN
HIS DIRECTION.

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[REDACTED] FELT [REDACTED] THIS INDIVIDUAL, HEREIN REFERRED TO AS "ER NAMED NUMBER THREE, NOTICING THAT HE WAS TAKING NOTES OF THE CONVERSATION OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS, SIGNALLED THESE INDIVIDUALS OF THIS FACT SINCE THE CONVERSATION WAS SWITCHED ABRUPTLY TO THE TYPES OF AIRPLANES VISIBLE AT THE WINNIPEG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE BECAME APPREHENSIVE AT THE CLOSE SCRUTINY BY NUMBER THREE AND LEFT THE BAR AND SOUGHT A POLICEMAN.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT WHEN HE TURNED TO LEAVE, HE NOTICED NUMBER THREE HAD FOLLOWED HIM INTO THE LOBBY AND WAS STILL SCRUTINIZING HIS ACTIONS.

[REDACTED] STATED HE THEN ATTEMPTED TO CALL RCMP HEADQUARTERS BY PHONE AND WAS PUT IN TOUCH WITH A MR. POLLOCK BUT BEFORE APPRAISING POLLOCK OF
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SITUATION, HE NOTICED NUMBER THREE OBSERVING HIM HE
TERMINATED THE TELEPHONE CALL ABRUPTLY. HE DESTROYED THE NOTES HE MADE
ON HIS WAY HOME.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES,

[REDACTED] IS KNOWN TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN WINNIPEG, CANADA PAREN [PROTECT IDENTITY] PAREN.

[REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN [REDACTED] FOR TWO

AND ONE HALF YEARS AS A CLIENT AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE

RELIABLE.

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[REDACTED]

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

NUMBER ONE. NAME ROMANIUK; WHITE RACE; MALE; FAIR COMPLEXION; REDDISH, WAVY HAIR, SHINY AS THOUGH USED MUCH HAIR OIL; CHICKEN POX SCARS VERY NOTICEABLE, ON NECK; WORE HEARING AID, CORD EXTENDED FROM EAR TO UNDERNEATH COAT; WORE LIGHT TWEED COAT; ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS; NOT TALL, DID NOT SEE STANDING; TALKED FAST, PRONUNCIATION CLEAR, QUOTE SHOPPING QUOTE HIS WORDS, FLUENT; APPEARED WELL EDUCATED, SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH BUT WITH SLIGHT ACCENT AS THOUGH COULD HAVE BEEN EDUCATED IN EUROPE.

NUMBER TWO. WHITE; MALE; FORTY FIVE DASH FIFTY YEARS, MEDIUM HEIGHT; ABOUT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY

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FIVE POUNDS, SLIGHTLY STOUT; DARK HAIR;

MEDIUM COMPLEXION; WORE HEAVY RIMMED

GLASSES, BUSHY EYEBROWS; NATIONALITY IS CANADIAN OR

EASTERN U.S. FROM HIS APPEARANCE AND ACCENT.

NUMBER THREE. WHITE MALE, THIRTY FIVE DASH FORTY

SIX FEET TO SIX FEET ONE INCH;

TWO HUNDRED POUNDS; MEDIUM BUILD, STANDS STRAIGHT; NOSE

SIDE VIEW, FLAT BRIDGE; COMPLEXION FAIR

REDDISH CHEEKS; TATTOOS, ONE HAND HAD HAD NUMBERS OR INITIALS

ACROSS THE UPPER AND OUTER PART OF THE FINGERS; WORE FUZZY

WOOL OVERCOAT, GRAY COLOR; SMOKES CIGARETTES; NOT HEARD

TALKING.

DALLAS WILL CHECK INDICES TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NAME
OF ISAACS HAS EVER APPEARED IN THE OSWALD OR KENNEDY INVESTIGATION.

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KANSAS CITY WILL DETERMINE AT THE TOWNHOUSE A SALES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH EIGHTEEN NEXT OR IF INQUIRY HAS BEEN MADE CONCERNING A MEETING BY TEXTILE FIRM FOR RESERVATION NEAR THAT DATE AND IF SO, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

LAS VEGAS WILL MAKE INQUIRY CONCERNING A BUSINESS OR SHOP CLOSING AT MERCURY, NEVADA, IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY BUSINESS REFERRED TO BY NUMBERS ^{ER} ONE AND TWO.

REPORT FOLLOWS. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION CONTEMPLATED BY MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE.

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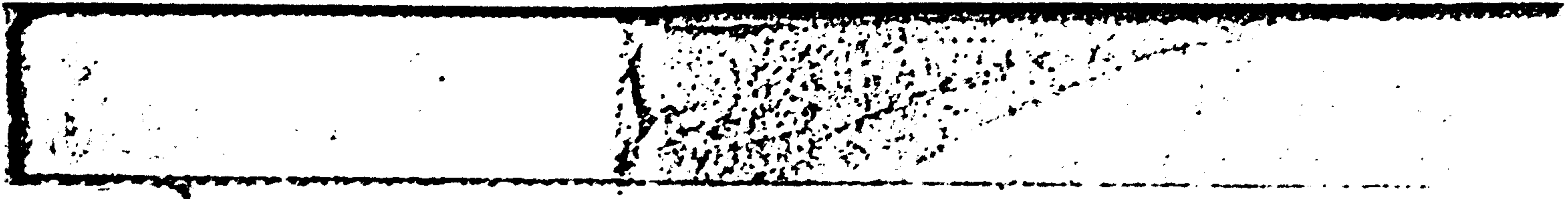
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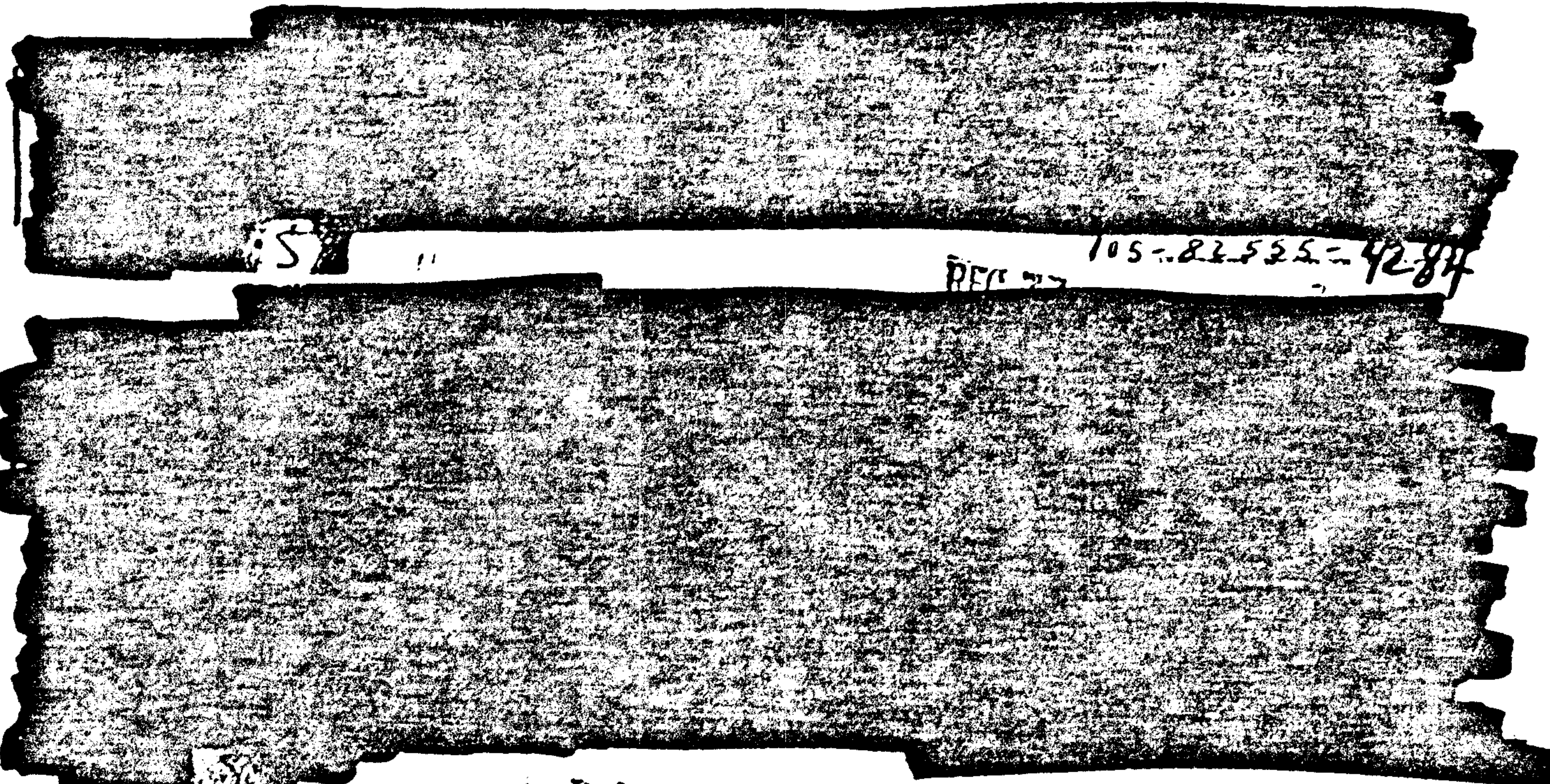
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This is to advise of recent development of information of possible significance to the effect that Oswald, when living at a Mexico City hotel during his trip to Mexico, met on one or two occasions with a group of four Cubans, one of whom reportedly came from Florida. Facts follow. U

Oswald, during his trip to Mexico between 9/26 and 10/3/63, resided for five days, through the morning of 10/2/63, at a small third-rate hotel in Mexico City, the Del Comercio. During Oswald's stay there, we have determined that 70 other guests were at the hotel. While the records are sparse and no home addresses were given for these individuals, all of whom were of Spanish origin, we have succeeded in locating and interviewing a representative number of them. Through 6/15/64 none of the hotel guests could furnish any information concerning Oswald. U



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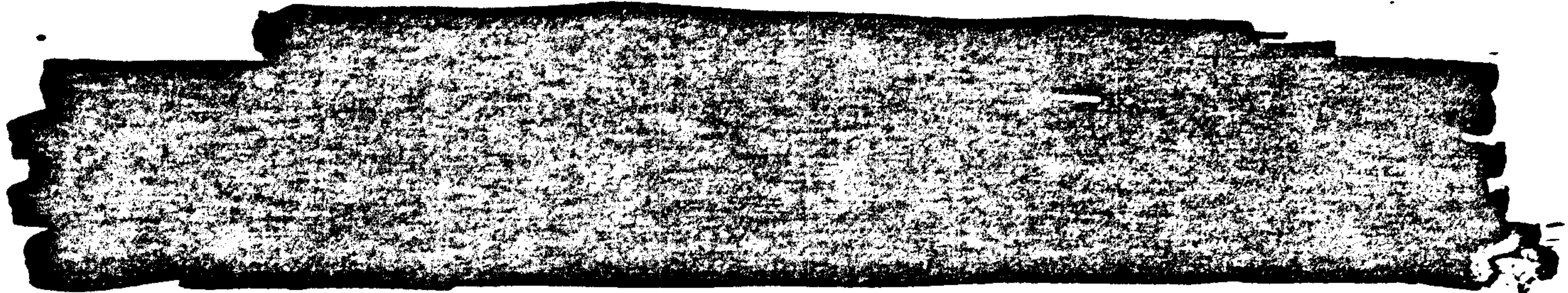
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While we cannot at this time reason to the true significance of the foregoing, Oswald's possible association with Cubans in Mexico is of interest, for up to this point no information has been developed that Oswald was in touch with any Cubans in Mexico other than the officials at the Cuban Consulate. It would be likely, however, that Oswald would seek out persons of Cuban origin in Mexico for his purpose in traveling there was to obtain a visa to go to Cuba, en route to the Soviet Union. 4

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ADDENDUM (AIB:csh), 6/30/64:

A letter is being prepared for the President's Commission, advising them of the preliminary information received and the fact that we are attempting to run this out. 4

A. J. Belmont

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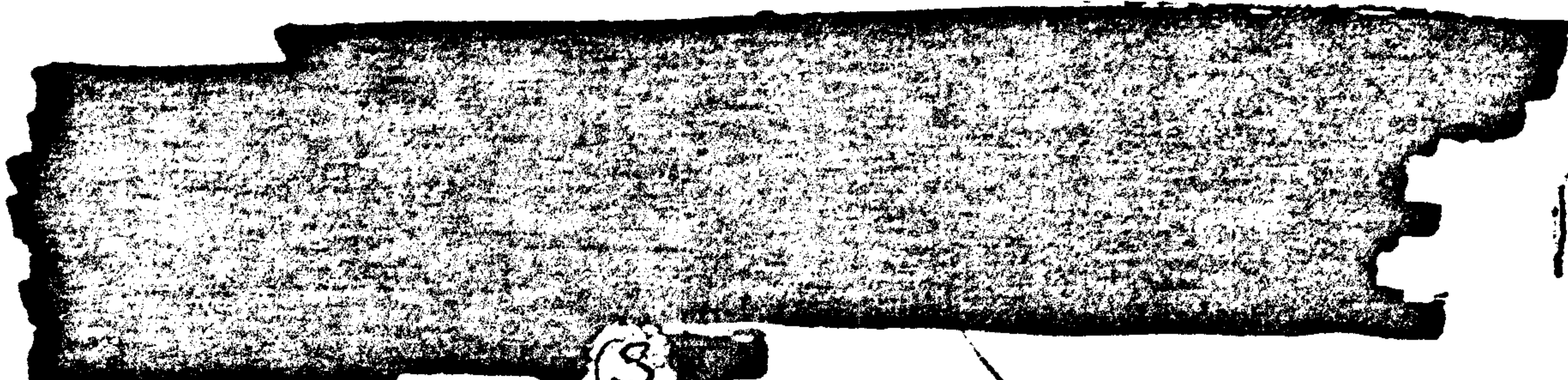
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Enclosed for the Bureau are four (4) copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD," and setting forth a summary of activities for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee - Chicago Chapter during 1963. U



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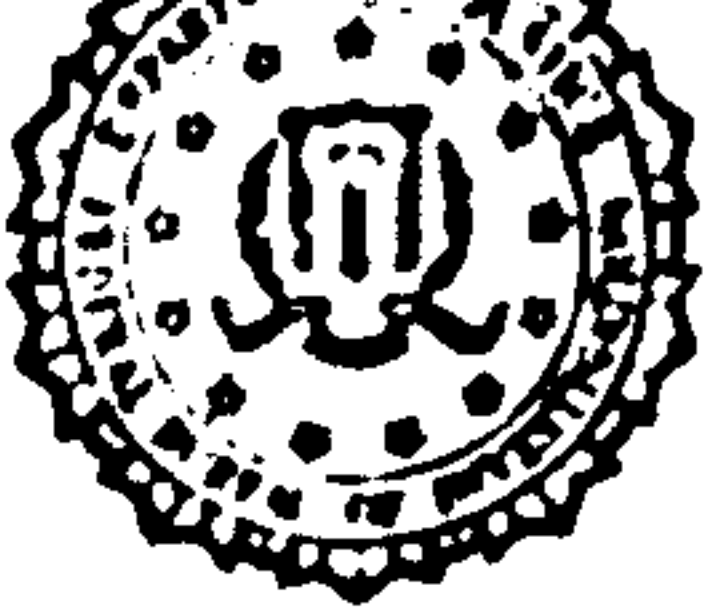
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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
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The Fair Play for Cuba Committee - Chicago Chapter (FPCC-CC), which was formed in the summer of 1960, under the direct guidance of Richard Criley, a member of the state committee, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, continued to operate in 1963 until about the time of the death of President Kennedy. Since his death the Chicago Chapter has been inactive although there has been no formal dissolution of the chapter.

During July, 1963, the FPCC distributed a leaflet entitled "What is the Fair Play for Cuba Committee?". This leaflet reflects the FPCC is part of the Institute for Improvement of Inter-American Relations, a non-profit educational organization incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. In the interest of improved relations between the people of the United States and Cuba, the committee devotes itself to the presentation of facts and information to help Americans understand the history and the aspirations of the Cuban people so that they can better judge for themselves the developing events. The FPCC is presently urging support of the following measures:

1. Re-establishment of the right of American citizens to travel to Cuba so that they may see and judge events there for themselves.

2. The reopening of normal trade with Cuba.

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3. Renegotiations with Cuban authorities of the irritating and humiliating terms of the lease on Guantanamo Naval Base.

4. Restoration of full diplomatic relations with the present government of Cuba and observance of our international commitment not to interfere in the internal affairs of any Latin American countries.

5. Immediate withdrawal of all aid by our government or any government agencies to counter-revolutionary groups.

6. Include Cuba in the international cultural exchange program.

In 1963 the FPCC-CC had no offices in Chicago. It received mail through Post Office Box 4474, Chicago 80, Illinois.

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The "Chicago Daily News", a newspaper published daily at Chicago, Illinois, on January 16, 1962, reported that John Rossen, during a debate on November 29, 1961, admitted he was a former Communist and said, "I quit when the Russians went into Hungary."

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In 1963 the bank account of this organization reflected balances seldom exceeding \$100.00, and deposits were in similar small amounts. Some of the moneys expended were traced to the national office of the FPCC. It also appeared during the early fall of 1963 that the organization expended minor sums to the "National Guardian" and "The Worker."

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

Meetings of the FPCC-CC during 1963 were infrequent and spasmodic. During this period there was friction in leadership noted between the so-called Communist and Trotzkyite groups represented in leadership. There was concern regarding curtailment of meetings and one interested member in February, 1963, indicated that if meetings were not regularly held "it would be the end of FPCC."

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During May, 1963, the FPCC-CC sponsored a public meeting at which V. T. Lee, Executive Secretary of the national FPCC; and Dick Fidler, a student from the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, appeared as speakers. Lee stated that as Cuba progresses socially, economically, and militarily, it sets a fine pattern and example for workers in other Latin American countries.

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Fidler spoke of the tremendous progress in Cuba under Castro despite the unfair attitude of the United States, based on his observation and mingling with the common citizens of Cuba; and he attributed the rationing and shortage of food and clothing to the unreasonable blockade by the United States. This meeting was peacefully picketed by a group of anti-Castro groups in Chicago who passed out handbills warning of Russian "peaceful co-existence."

In October, 1963, the FPCC-CC sponsored a public meeting at which Cedric Cox, New Democratic Party member of the British Columbia Legislature; and John Coatsworth, a student at the University of Wisconsin, appeared as speakers. Both related their experiences in Cuba, commented favorably on Cuba and the Castro government, and castigated the United States Government for its attitude toward Cuba. A collection was taken at this meeting for funds to aid students indicted for traveling to Cuba.

During October and early November, 1963, the FPCC-CC mailed an appeal for contributions for disaster relief in Cuba, indicating that the funds could be sent to the Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba, the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Chicago, or to the FPCC-CC, which organization would turn the money over to the AFSC. This mailing included an appeal to the same cause on the letterhead of the FPCC at New York.

The North Side Branch of the FPCC-CC held meetings in April, May, June, July, and September, 1963. These meetings were concerned with election of officers, preparation of a leaflet to present the facts on Cuba,

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and a report by two members of a recent visit to Mexico in which they characterized the university students in Mexico as "pro-Castro" and the government as "anti-Castro." At a meeting in July, 1963, the group discussed present aims of the FPCC, which included recruiting of new members; and nationally, a campaign to effect trade resumption with Cuba and restore travel to Cuba for United States citizens.

The South Side Branch of the FPCC-CC held meetings in April and June, 1963, and a fund-raising garden party in July, 1963. In April, John Rossen led a discussion on "New Developments in Latin America," in which he spoke of the courage of the Cuban people in backing the Castro regime and supporting the socialistic program of agrarian reform fashioned after the Soviet Union's land reform; and he stated that the Soviet Union foresaw the needs of the Cuban people and came to their rescue, whereas the United States closed its eyes as to the urgent need of economic reform of the Cuban people. In June, 1963, the group made plans to initiate new interest in supporting the Castro regime in Cuba among the younger generation. They also discussed the United States Government's ban on travel to Cuba and listened to a recording of an interview of Castro on his return from the Soviet Union.

It is noted that during 1963 the Socialist Workers Party - Chicago Branch (SWP-CB) took an active interest and part in the activities of the FPCC-CC, and discussion of FPCC activities were a regular part of each meeting of the SWP-CB, during which a resume of current FPCC activities was given and plans formulated

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for further activities of the FPCC-CC. However, in early November, 1963, it was announced that all SWP-CB members would withdraw from the organization since it had nothing to offer and was not attracting anyone. Members were instructed to give no publicity to this withdrawal.

There have been no meetings or other organizational activities on the part of the FPCC-CC since early November, 1963, prior to the death of President Kennedy, and the organization is, to all intents and purposes, defunct. However, on December 31, 1963, an article in the "Chicago American", a newspaper published daily at Chicago, quoted John Rossen, Chairman of the FPCC-CC as stating that he did not believe published reports of the dissolution of the national FPCC, and that the FPCC-CC will not be disbanded.

Characterizations of the FPCC-CC, the FPCC, the "National Guardian", and the SWP-CB are attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the afore-mentioned advertisement.

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. However, during the past year this source observed there has been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that today their influence is negligible.

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that the National Headquarters of the FPCC is located in Room 329 at 799 Broadway, New York City. According to this source, the position of National Office Director was created in the Fall of 1962 and was filled by VINCENT "Ted" LEE, who now formulates FPCC policy. This source observed LEE has followed a course of entertaining and accepting the cooperation of many other organizations including the CP and the SWP when he has felt it would be to his personal benefit as well as the FPCC's. However, LEE has indicated to this source he has no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. LEE feels the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations, but not support the Cuban revolution per se.

The CP and the SWP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE,
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A source advised in October, 1960, that the Chicago Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) was formed during the summer of 1960 at Chicago, Illinois, under the direct guidance and leadership of RICHARD CRILEY, a member of the State Committee, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois.

A second source in August, 1960, furnished a leaflet entitled, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba?" distributed by the FPCC in Chicago. The aims and purposes of the FPCC as set forth in this leaflet include the following: "To disseminate the truth, to combat untruth; to publish and distribute factual information which the United States mass media suppresses. In general, to contribute to foundations for peace, friendship, and understanding between ourselves and the Cuban people." The leaflet reflects the FPCC plans to accomplish these aims: "By mailing of informational bulletins; organizing public meetings and forums; providing speakers, movies, and slides for meetings of interested organizations, placing ads in newspapers; to visit Cuba and see for themselves what conditions really are."

A third source advised that as of May 9, 1963, this Committee continued to exist, with the same aims and purposes, but under the direction and leadership of former communists, communist sympathizers, members of the Socialist Workers Party and others who are pro-CASTRO supporters.

The mailing address for the FPCC, Chicago Chapter, is Post Office Box 4474, Chicago 80, Illinois.

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

1. "established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as 'progressive' weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, August 25, 1958, p. 12.)

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
CHICAGO BRANCH

A source advised on May 6, 1963, that it was his understanding that the currently active Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was one of the founding branches of the SWP at a 1938 Chicago Trotskyist Convention, and it follows the aims and principles of the SWP which maintains national headquarters in New York City.

Members of the Chicago Branch serve on the SWP National Committee and per capita membership dues and a sustaining fund quota are sent by this branch on a monthly basis to SWP National Headquarters.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FBI

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Via AIRTEL _____
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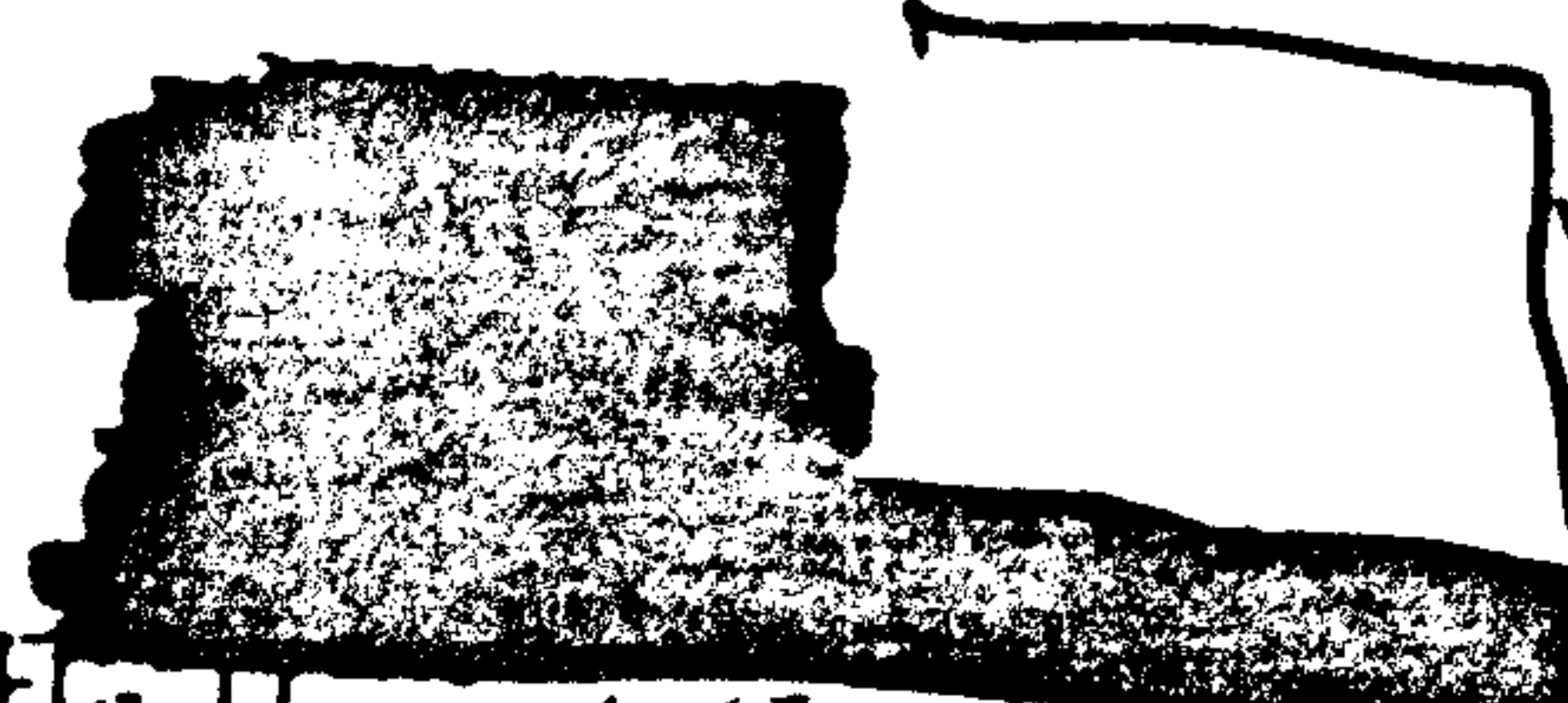
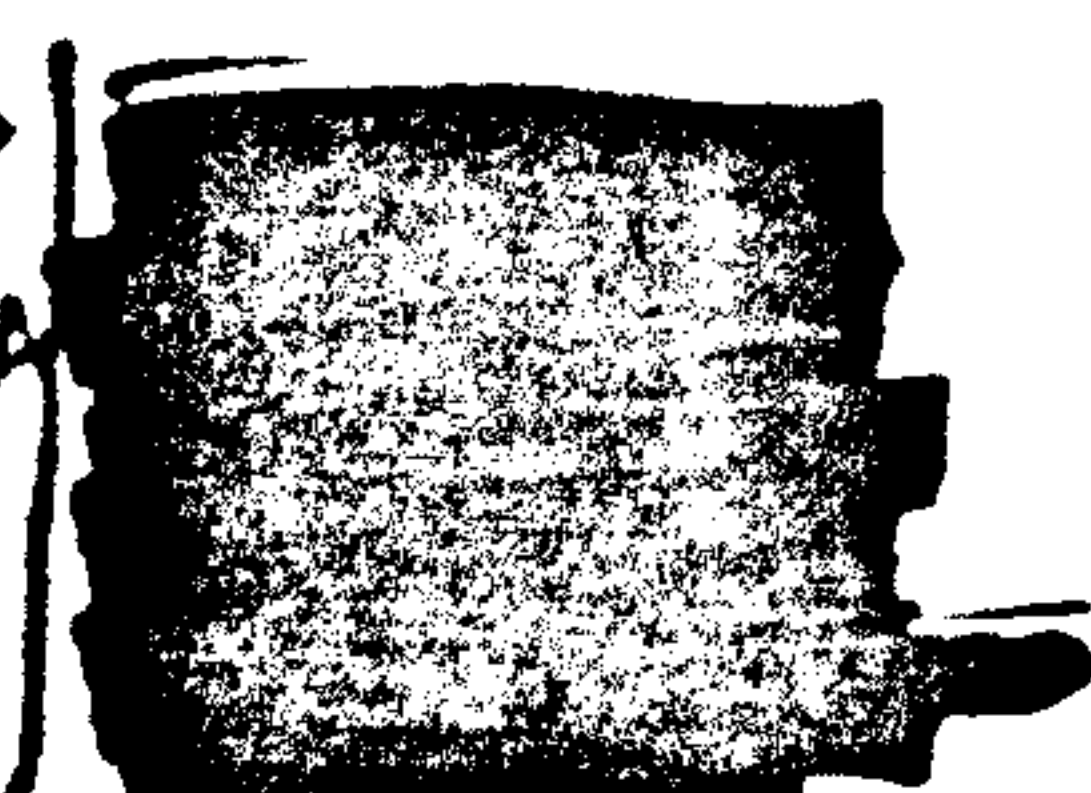
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Enclosed herewith are nine copies each of letterhead memorandums which are individually captioned for dissemination to the Presidents Commission on the Assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY as follows:

1. The Fair Play for Cuba Committee of the Institute for the Improvement of Inter-American Relations, Inc., aka Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC); RA - CUBA; IS - CUBA; IS - C; IS - SWP
2. 30th of November Revolutionary Movement (Movimiento Revolucionario 30 de Noviembre)

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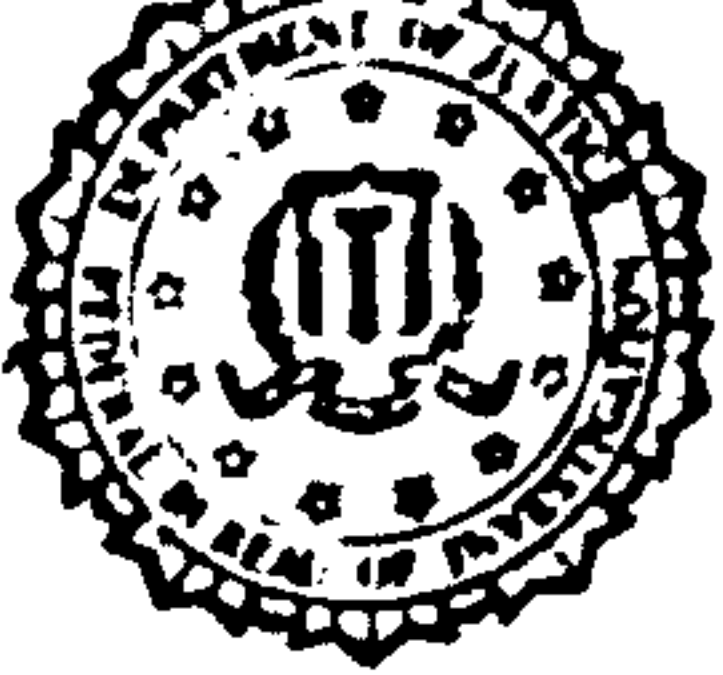
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Post Office Box 4312
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June 4, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Re: ~~THE~~ FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE OF THE
INSTITUTE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF INTER-
AMERICAN RELATIONS, INC., also known as
Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC)
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA; INTERNAL SECURITY -
COMMUNIST; INTERNAL SECURITY - SOCIALIST
WORKERS PARTY

The following pertains to the captioned organization
in Puerto Rico during 1963:

Contact with confidential sources during 1963, who
have furnished reliable information in the past, has revealed
there is no known activity on the part of the FPCC in Puerto
Rico during that period.

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