

Lee Harvey Oswald

Mr. Crane

You put all your eggs in one basket, the insanity basket. I wonder if you've got any second thoughts about the way you

Mr. Belli

No. No, we didn't. No, we didn't. Because when we argued the case, we argued the case for three individuals, the normal man in Dallas at that time who would have been so upset he would have done a thing like this, then the normal man who cracks under the strain, and then, thirdly, the man who had the mental aberration that Jack Ruby did have and does and we proposed at the time before the trial that Jack Ruby did have organic brain damage and that he would attempt suicide afterwards and fortunately or tragically or unfortunately, we were proved right. Jack Ruby does have brain damage and Jack Ruby is insane and I think that will be proved more later on. Now when we argued the case we did wrap up within that argument the scientific argument and the only honest argument that we could make.

Mr. Crane

Mrs. Oswald, how was your relationship with Marina, your daughter-in-law, before, not before the event, but in the few days immediately after the assassination?

Mrs. Oswald

Yes. Well, I think the American people saw me in my nurse's uniform coming to the rescue of my daughter-in-law, who I love very dearly, and we were held in protective custody. Well, first I was alone with Marina for two days and Marina had also made statements and they have been printed in magazines, that "Lee no do this. Lee good man." And then we were put in protective custody at the end of the sixth day and the babies were ill and I was very busy with the Russian girl and two young babies that had diarrhea and the Secret Servicemen and my son. All the men were in

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the living room and we were in the bedroom, when I had the doctor sometimes three times a day, so I wasn't even watching television, and knowing what was going on just getting snatches. So Marina and I were very, very close and I had had an insurance policy on my son that was extended insurance because when I was ill I was destitute, as I told you, and for a \$21.00 annual premium that I couldn't pay it elapsed, so I had it for eight hundred and some odd dollars. I wasn't sure if it was still effective so I insisted upon going home because I thought now we can start out with this. You must remember we had no donations of any kind at this particular time. This is the three day period after my son was murdered.

Mr. Crane

You and Marina were friendly at this

Mrs. Oswald

Very friendly and everything was "Mama" this and "Mama" this. So I remembered about the policy and we were going to live together. "I no want big house Mama, I want small house." And this was all settled and thus on the 27th of November I walked into the bedroom and I said something to my daughter-in-law and she brushed me aside and walked away. Well, that morning I had acted as interpreter for Marina for an FBI agent and I naturally was using the name Lee quite a bit and I thought maybe she thought I was hurting her husband. So I waited a while and about a half hour later I went again. She shrugged me away again. So I walked into the main room where my son and all of the Secret Servicemen were and the others and I said, "Robert, what's wrong with Marina? She doesn't want to talk to me. She has pushed me aside." He said, "Mother, I'll tell you what's wrong. She has had an offer to go to live in a very wealthy woman's home who will educate her children and she doesn't know how to tell you." I said, "Well, Robert, why didn't you tell me?" "Well, just the way you're acting now."

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I said, "How am I acting now? My son has been murdered. Now you're asking me to give up my daughter and grandchildren to strangers. How do you expect me to act?" "Well, you see this is why we didn't tell you." And this is the very last time that I have seen my daughter-in-law or grandchildren.

Mr. Crane

Now let me get back to you for just a second. Immediately after the trial you had an interview outside on the Dallas Courthouse steps and you said some pretty explosive things about the trial and the kind of

Mr. Belli

Factual things still the less and still agree with them.

Mr. Crane

You made some wild statements about the city of Dallas.

Mr. Belli

They weren't wild. As a matter of fact, Judge Sarah Hughes, who's the United States District Judge in Dallas, said the same thing rather recently to a congress of South American newspaper editors. She said that Dallas was a city of shame and the only city that this assassination could take place and she made some comment about a sick man doing a thing like this.

Mr. Crane

Well, you were censured at the time, were you not, by the American Bar Association?

Mr. Belli

They attempted to and that's the result of my suit against the President of the American Bar for saying I was unethical in crying out that this was a kangaroo court (unintelligible) and just the other day I came across a United States Supreme Court decision, Sappelle vs. New York, in which the United States Supreme Court used the expression regarding a censorship case in New York. This procedure is a

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kangaroo court and the American Bar isn't going to censure the United States Supreme Court on that, I'm sure, but they did me because it did and I think that when the transcript is made available we'll see that it did, both from the way the jury was picked and the trial was run.

Mr. Crane

We'll be back with the final few moments of this particular discussion in just two minutes and fifteen seconds from right now.

Mr. Crane

My guests tonight are Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the alleged assassin of President Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald, and Mr. Melvin Belli, the very colorful and charming gentleman from San Francisco who defended the slayer of Mrs. Oswald's son, Jack Ruby. Mel, how's your career been since this particular case? Have you found any dramatic alterations in your personal practice?

Mr. Belli

No, except that I had to hide some of the letters that came in from Dallas so the younger members of my family couldn't see them.

Mr. Crane

Really?

Mr. Belli

Yeah.

Mr. Crane

You got a lot of that hate?

Mr. Belli

From the sophisticated South and the warm, hospitable city of Dallas there were some pretty rough letters that came in and some that came in from Mississippi and some from Alabama.

Mr. Crane

Have you been the target of much of this kind of hate?

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Mrs. Oswald . No, surprisingly I haven't. In the beginning I held a press conference at the Parkway (phonetic) Press Club and there was a threat on my life if I went through with the press conference which, of course, I did. I am not going to let anyone intimidate me in any way whatsoever. As I said before, I don't care who I find that's involved with this. If my son is guilty, I believe there are other people involved.

Mr. Crane Well, wouldn't you say, Mrs. Oswald, there's a tone of voice and an attitude and a whole funny transformation that takes place when you start talking about "I don't care who is involved in this." Are you prepared to make some kind of an allegation tonight that you know somebody

Mrs. Oswald Well, no, I think

Mr. Crane About somebody else being involved?

Mrs. Oswald Yes. I stick to my very original theory and I have had many, many letters with many, many theories, many books have been written, that I have read, and there's many theories about who killed Kennedy and why and so on and so forth and when I'm not (unintelligible) under protective custody and came into my own home, I have eh, the newsmen were there, I made the statement and I still stick to this statement after nine months investigative work, I say it much stronger now. I think because of the material that I have myself because I researched Lee's defection, that the leak is in our own State Department. Now I believe in America and I believe in our American way of life but we all know that we have corruption in anything and I say we have a few corrupt men in high power that wanted President Kennedy out of the way and that my son was a perfect patsy.

Leo Harvey Oswald

Mr. Belli . May I answer that just briefly?

Mr. Crane Sure.

Mr. Belli Les, that's one of the reasons I came on the program this evening, again starting with the premise that I can't attack a mother for doing what she's doing but I do feel that if we're going to rely on hearsay and we're going to make wild statements under the guise of freedom of speech,

Mrs. Oswald Mr. Belli, (unintelligible)

Mr. Belli Look, you believe in freedom of speech and I do too, so let me answer you, and let me answer you just this and say nothing more. I've seen the headlines that Mark Lane, a lawyer, generated in Europe and generated

Mrs. Oswald That's nothing to do with me.

Mr. Belli Just a moment please now. I've been very gracious, I think. And in Greece and in Norway, Sweden, that there was a conspiracy here and that the people of the United States weren't told about who the real slayer was but it was a conspiracy between Ruby and Oswald and here when the cards are down in a democracy the people aren't told and there's an unseen government and I think that what you're saying on the hearsay and these statements about people in corrupt governmental offices in the State Department is only giving fuel to enemies abroad.

Mrs. Oswald Mr. Belli, it isn't hearsay.

Mr. Belli It's awfully difficult to make the statement

Mrs. Oswald Les, it isn't hearsay.

Mr. Crane Let him go ahead.

(Unintelligible)

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Mr. Crane Mrs. Oswald, let him finish.

Mrs. Oswald But he's saying it's hearsay and I can prove it isn't.

Mr. Crane Well, let him finish.

Mr. Belli I've listened very patiently this evening and since the time of the slaying and I haven't heard one statement, other than hearsay, or one bit of evidence in this case that would hold up, not only in court in my form, but in a court of human relations or between us on the street or with American citizens. I haven't seen one bit of information. Now we've got to rely on somebody to give us information.

Mrs. Oswald Well, I have

Mr. Crane Mrs. Oswald

Mr. Belli We've got then to rely on the people of the utmost integrity in this country and I would rely on the Chief Justice and the Commission.

Mrs. Oswald Well, then why

(Unintelligible)

Mr. Crane I don't think Mr. Belli, once he gets started

Mr. Belli But I think you're doing a tremendous service in this country which, Les points out, wouldn't be allowed in any country in the world, that you'd have this freedom of speech that you have here.

(Unintelligible)

Mrs. Oswald Your statement is hearsay because I testified before the Warren Commission for three days with documents this high and how do you know it's hearsay?

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Mr. Belli . Might I ask you just this question, madam? Would you be willing to listen to what is said in the Warren report reporting the documents that you brought there? Would you think that the Chief Justice would be fair enough and honest enough accurately to report you and your documents? Would you believe that?

Mrs. Oswald Mr. Belli, I

Mr. Belli Would you answer me just that directly?

Mrs. Oswald I can answer you this directly. I have made this statement continuously that I think the Warren Commission will be most fair but I do not think it's the proper type of commission, investigative commission, for this particular case.

Mr. Crane Headed by the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court?

Mrs. Oswald I think we needed both sides cross examined. I think that we needed a Senate investigating committee.

Mr. Belli This is not a trial. A Senate investigating

Mr. Crane I don't believe we have an answer to it.

Mr. Belli Would you just say this, would you answer me on this? Will you believe that the Chief Justice will report you and your records accurately? Do you believe that?

Mrs. Oswald Mr. Belli, I'm going to quote the Chief Justice. May I quote Chief Justice Warren before the Commission?

Mr. Belli Well, I would rather have you answer the question.

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Mrs. Oswald - Well, I want a cross examination. "No ma'am, Mrs. Oswald, your son is not on trial here. There is an accusation against your son in the Dallas court but this Commission is not warranted an accusation against your son." I have this in black and white in the testimony before the Warren Commission. My son is not on trial before the Warren Commission.

Mr. Belli I thought he was. Weren't they determining who

Mrs. Oswald No sir. I have this in black and white.

Mr. Belli Weren't they determining who shot President Kennedy?

Mrs. Oswald No sir. When I appeared

Mr. Belli What are they determining then?

Mrs. Oswald Well, you'll have to ask Chief Justice Warren about

Mr. Belli No, what did you think they were determining?

Mrs. Oswald All right. I thought they were so when I

Mr. Belli No, what did you think they were determining?

Mrs. Oswald Yes. I thought they were determining the killing of President Kennedy and the consequent killing of my son and when I

Mr. Belli What do you think now that they're investigating?

Mrs. Oswald Well, I'll tell you what Chief Justice Warren said and I'll quote it over nationwide. I have it in black and white.

Mr. Belli Don't tell me what he said. Just tell me what you think they were investigating.

Mrs. Oswald I thought that (unintelligible)

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Mrs. Oswald My son was not on trial before the Warren Commission, but there is no accusation against my son in the Warren Commission but in the Dallas Police Court.

Mr. Belli Well, let me ask you again if the Warren Commission comes out and says that they have investigated whether your son did the shooting, that they examined you, took your evidence, took your documentary and oral evidence and if the Chief Justice says in that report that it was your son, then would you believe that?

Mrs. Oswald What you are doing? Mr. Belli.

Mr. Belli Well, would you believe that?

Mrs. Oswald You are questioning me as an attorney and in answering, expecting me to answer yes or no.

Mr. Belli Now, I'm not an attorney now, just asking you a simple question.

Mrs. Oswald I'm not going to answer yes or no like a cross examination.

Mr. Crane So, let's listen Mrs. Oswald.

Mrs. Oswald Please, I'm right.

Mr. Crane He's not on the witness stand. She's not, you know, this is no (unintelligible) court we're holding.

Mrs. Oswald Well, I'm gonna be again in the minority group and be wrong if I say no that I don't think the Warren Commission

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Mr. Belli

Well Mrs. Oswald, I think my record stands with that question that I represented those

Mrs. Oswald

But you're an attorney. I'm just an (unintelligible).

Mr. Belli

But let me put the question without accusing me or my profession of trying to trick you. Won't you believe what the Warren report says?

Mrs. Oswald

I will not sir unless they prove it to me. Now does that answer your question?

Mr. Belli

How could they prove it to you?

Mrs. Oswald

By showing me things. I know nothing. People in the audience, I know as much as you do. When the report is given I will read it like you will read it and yet I am the mother of an accused assassin of the United States. I have some rights, American rights, and judicial rights to say now Mrs. Oswald

Mr. Crane

Well, first of all.

Mrs. Oswald

Can you a, a, a

Mr. Crane

First of all Mrs

Mrs. Oswald

Let me show you your son's rights.

Mr. Crane

Did you give all the jury evidence to the Warren Commission?

Mrs. Oswald

Yes. I gave

Mr. Crane

All of your evidence to the Warren Commission?

Mrs. Oswald

Yes. I gave them

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Mr. Crane All of your evidence to the Warren Commission?

Mrs. Oswald Yes.

Mr. Crane So that we have to determine whether they, looking at all of the evidence that you gave them, give an honest report.

Mrs. Oswald Well here's a little instance. Here is a letter that my daughter-in-law, a little note that my daughter-in-law claims that she found weeks after the statements were made that Lee took a shot at Walker. Does the Warren Commission or the FBI or the Secret Service or any authority group come to me and ask me if its my son's handwriting? No, Sir. And I'll tell you something that you don't know. I have never been questioned by the FBI or the Secret Service when Lee Harvey Oswald went to Russia. Isn't it strange that no authority group came to the mother of this spy who got out of service, as I said before, ahead of time and supposed to defect to Russia and no authoritative group came to me and questioned me about this.

Mr. Crane Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

Mr. Belli Mrs. Oswald, I have heard that there were some psychiatric reports that were given to you about your son when he was in the

Mrs. Oswald Yes. I'm happy that you brought it up and I have been waiting for you to say it.

Mr. Belli Well, I haven't put the whole question yet. If you know the answer then without the question, then if you want to give me the answer.

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Mrs. Oswald Yes. I do. I know the answer. Yes, I do. This is another instance like I received \$5,000.00 for the New York

Mr. Belli No, just a psychiatric report. Not the \$5,000.00.

Mrs. Oswald Well, I. This is an audience here if you'll let me say.

Mr. Belli Well, don't explain to the audience, just answer my question, cause you've been doing that for a long time.

Mrs. Oswald Well, you're an attorney and I'm a lady and I don't talk like you do. Don't talk like you do.

Mr. Belli What about the psychiatric report?

Mrs. Oswald No. Never.

Mr. Belli Well, the answer is no.

Mrs. Oswald And the results

Mr. Belli At no time

Mrs. Oswald And it was also said that I had psychiatric treatment and I've never had psychiatric treatment. I've never been in a hospital. But there's been many many things, untrue things, that, and this is what is deplorable. You must realize that. I must get true press coverage but I don't because I'm in the minority group and this is a fact.

Mr. Crane Well Mrs. Oswald, Mrs. Oswald, you've certainly had

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Mrs. Oswald I'm getting it here.

Mr. Crane You're getting it here.

Mrs. Oswald But you see I cannot bring out the whole story. I appreciate this and its (unintelligible). I came by plane to come on the program for a few minutes, but it doesn't tell the whole story why I think my son is an agent. Not why I think he's an agent but the actual papers that I have to make me think he's an agent. I don't have the time to go into everything.

Mr. Belli Mrs. Oswald, do you tell us then that you never at any time had any psychiatric reports on your son in his teens?

Mrs. Oswald That is absolutely correct.

Mr. Belli And you never knew that Lee had psychiatric treatment.

Mrs. Oswald That is absolutely correct and when they said I fled New York because he did not want to give my son psychiatric treatment

Mr. Belli Who said this?

Mrs. Oswald This has been in all of the magazines and the newspapers. I can prove this. That Lee was picked up for truancy in the spring and we stayed in New York ten months later when he got out of the home for truancy.

Mr. Belli All right. Let me ask you if I may

Mrs. Oswald So how can you say I flee? -

Mr. Belli Just another question for the sake of time because we're going to have to rely on, at

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least I think we will, the Warren report.
Did you have an opportunity to give all of
your evidence before the Warren report?

Mrs. Oswald Yes. I have given all of my evidence.

Mr. Belli They gave you a fair hearing. Did they?

Mrs. Oswald Before the Warren Commission and I have spent
I have no income. This is not of any value
to anybody.

Mr. Belli Did they give you a fair hearing?

Mrs. Oswald But since then I have given the Warren Commission
information and just one month ago I called
the Warren Commission. I had had a witness
for four months that I didn't want to go see
alone. A young lady gave me this information.
She went to speak to this woman, who was a
Negro woman, who lived, worked, in the vicinity
of the Tippit murder, and I had had this infor-
mation but I couldn't investigate it alone.
Just four weeks there were some people at my
home that I didn't know that came to Dallas,
and they asked if I wanted to talk about the
case so I asked them to go with me. So then
I reported it to the Warren Commission. I
have yet

Mr. Belli In other words, you give all of the evidence
you had to the Warren Commission.

Mrs. Oswald Yes, sir, even now, even now for the past
nine months.

Mr. Belli Yea. That didn't foreclose you on anything,
did they?

Mrs. Oswald I want to say that I gave them the

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Mr. Belli Is that correct?

Mrs. Oswald Warren Commission the last four weeks

Mr. Belli Wait a minute.

Mrs. Oswald This is an eye witness to the Tippit murder and there was an accident on tenth and (unintelligible) the morning of the assassination and the Tippit murder, there were two men, one on each side of the street. Now this is an eye witness, that the FBI and the Secret Service and she lives, she works there.

Mr. Belli You told this to the Warren Commission?

Mrs. Oswald Yes sir.

Mr. Belli All of this information?

Mrs. Oswald I have been. Yes sir.

Mr. Belli Then we have to depend upon the honesty

Mr. Crane Wait. Excuse me. Excuse me.

Mr. Belli of the Chief Justice as to whether he probably will report that.

Mr. Crane Excuse me. I wish to say, excuse me, I'm always fascinated to watch your tremendous investigative interest.

Mr. Belli Now. Now. Now. Take it easy there. Easy there.

Mr. Crane But, however, because of the problems of time in television, may I ask you to get where you were going with this (unintelligible). Without the whole

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Mr. Belli

Two things that I think we can sum it up to. Number one, you did give everything. You did get everything, every bit of evidence that you know and had to the Warren Commission. Didn't you?

Mrs. Oswald

Yes. I don't think

Mr. Belli

And if they give a report you'll, you'll abide by what they say.

Mrs. Oswald

No sir. Not unless I see it.

Mr. Belli

All right. Well that's the only point that I can make.

Mrs. Oswald

Now I'll answer the question you've

Mr. Crane

We will have to

Mrs. Oswald

Been asking me and I have gone (unintelligible). Which is the legality you are an attorney. I have said no.

Mr. Crane

Okay.

Mrs. Oswald

As far as I know, I say no.

Mr. Crane

Our time is up. Mrs. Oswald I can't thank you enough for being with us.

Mrs. Oswald

Thank you. I appreciate it very much.

Mr. Crane

I hope that you feel you were treated fairly tonight.

Mrs. Oswald

I must present my case and this is why I spend a few times. I just wished I could talk for hours and hours. Present the case exactly as it is.

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Mr. Crane

Unfortunately, time is a problem in television Mel. I can't thank you enough for flying all the way in from San Francisco to be with us tonight.

Mr. Belli

Unintelligible.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
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200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Your letter of August 20, 1964, forwarded a letter from Marina Oswald, dated August 17, 1964, requesting that it be translated.

The translation and original foreign language material are being forwarded to you herewith.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mrs. Marina Oswald has addressed a letter to me
in the Russian language, dated August 17, 1964. May we
have your assistance in translating this brief note?

Again thanking you for your constant help, I am

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
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Thank you very much for taking the trouble of forwarding me a letter which was addressed to me, care of the Commission. Many thanks for your attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

~~/s/ Marina Oswald~~

Mrs. Marina Oswald
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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: August 24, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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Handwritten notes:
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I talked with Congressman Jerry Ford (R-Mich.) on 8-17-64 relative to the allegation that he had leaked information concerning the Oswald diary to the communications media. Congressman Ford told me he desired to unequivocally state, and would furnish a sworn signed statement if necessary, that he did not leak the information in question.

He confirmed the fact that he had briefly talked with representatives of "Life" Magazine and stated that under no circumstances had he given them any information concerning Oswald's diary.

ACTION:

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- 1- Mr. Belmont
- 1- Mr. Sullivan
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-38431)
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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ATTENTION: CRIMINAL SECTION

ReBuairtel to SACs Philadelphia and New York, 8/7/64,
NY airtel to Bureau 8/18/64, and Dallas airtel to Bureau 8/21/64.

Referenced communications reflected information per-
taining to the photograph of OSWALD which appeared on page 26
of the 12/14/63 issue of the "Saturday Evening Post".

Re Dallas airtel directed the attention of the NYO to
Bureau instructions re submission of LHM concerning inquiries
in this matter as set forth by the Bureau in last paragraph
of reBuairtel.

A review of reBuairtel reflects instructions to
incorporate any necessary descriptive data and/or commentary
in appropriate LHM.

Inasmuch as efforts to obtain negative of photograph
referred to above did not involve any descriptive data and/or
commentary but merely contact with personnel at Curtis Pub-
lishing Co., NYC, in order to obtain negative and forward same
to Bureau, NYO does not contemplate submitting LHM re this
contact at Curtis Publishing Co.

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TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 8-28-64

FROM : C. E. Ganley

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA;
IS - R - CUBA

RE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Sebastian F. Latona, Latent Fingerprint Section Supervisor, received a telephone call at home at approximately 8:00 P. M. last night, 8-27-64, from Night Supervisor S. F. McInerney, General Investigative Division, instructing him to be at the Office of J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, The President's Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C., at 9:00 A. M. this morning, 8-28-64, with Exhibit 636. This exhibit is a charted enlargement of a latent palm print identified as Oswald's. The palm print was developed by Latona on the wrapping paper in which the rifle, reportedly the murder weapon, was carried. As you are aware, Latona had previously testified before the Commission concerning this exhibit and other latent fingerprint exhibits. The reason for Latona's requested appearance this morning is not known; however, McInerney did advise that Inspector J. R. Malley, #1 Man, General Investigative Division, has also been requested to be in Rankin's office at 9:00 A. M. When more details become available you will be further advised.

ACTION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Conrad (Attention: Mr. Robert A. Frazier)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Attention: Mr. James R. Malley)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attention: Mr. R. E. Lenihan)
- 1 - 62-109060 (Assassination)
- 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: August 24, 1964

FROM : C. F. Downing

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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By letter dated August 20, 1964, J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission referred a letter addressed to himself from Mrs. Marina Oswald dated August 17, 1964, and requested that it be translated from the Russian language.

Mrs. Oswald's letter thanks Mr. Rankin for forwarding a letter addressed to her in care of the Commission.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a proposed reply to Rankin's letter furnishing the required translation.

Enclosure *sent 8-24-64*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Downing
- 1 - Mr. Cross

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- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Stokes

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

To: Harvey Oswald

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to our letter dated August 27, 1964, concerning our dealings with Mrs. Marguerite Oswald on August 24, 1964.

In this connection there are enclosed two copies of a memorandum dated August 21, 1964, in which is set forth a transcript of that portion of the August 5, 1964, Les Crane television program on which Marguerite Oswald and Melvin Belli appeared as guest panelists. As set forth in the enclosure to our August 27, 1964, letter, Mrs. Oswald on August 24, 1964, made a passing reference to her appearance on the Les Crane program. The enclosed material is furnished to you for the further completion of your records.

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Sincerely yours, ^{REC-43 107-8200-4715}
 J. Edgar Hoover
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NOTE:

Referenced letter enclosed a letterhead setting forth the latest (8/24/64) rantings of Mrs. Oswald and advised the Commission we do not intend to take any further action.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE CONTINUED:

Mrs. Oswald on 8/24/64 volunteered that she was on the Crane show, that she "outsmarted" Belli on five occasions and that the audience "absolutely loved it." Enclosure hereto is a 33-page letterhead from New York setting forth what is described as a verbatim transcription of indicated portion of the show. This will be of interest to the Commission for during her appearance Mrs. Oswald rambled at length and at times was incoherent. There are many grammatical errors in the speech of the individuals recorded in the transcript. New York attempted to show this by, in part, underscoring these errors. To be consistent we have deleted all underscoring as the document has been described as verbatim.

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Stokes, 645 RB

1 - Mr. Griff.
1 - Mr. Cadigan

August 31, 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:

On August 27, 1964, Commission employee Miss Elaine Johnson requested photographs of FBI Exhibits designated as K74 and Q332. Enclosed are two photographs of these exhibits.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

K74 is a block of forms of the Transportes Frontera Bus Line. Q332 is a Transportes Frontera Bus Company passenger list covering a trip made by bus number 340 from Mexico City to Laredo, Texas, October 2-3, 1964.

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8	39648	Virginia Gutierrez	Queretaro
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *albr*

DATE: August 11, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

- 1 - J. P. Mohr
- 1 - N. P. Callahan
(W. C. Jackson)
- 1 - I. W. Conrad
(W. D. Griffith)
- 1 - C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - W. C. Sullivan (W. A. Branigan;
R. E. Lenihan)

SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

- 1 - L. J. Gauthier
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

PURPOSE

To recommend the attached letter be sent to the President's Commission advising them of the extent of our investigative efforts since the assassination pursuant to its request.

DETAILS

By letter dated 8-7-64, the Commission advised it intends to incorporate in its final report the extent of the "excellent" investigative effort undertaken by the Bureau since the assassination. In this letter it requested the following statistical data:

1. Approximate number of interviews conducted.
2. Pieces of correspondence and reports submitted to the Commission.
3. Total number of pages of such materials.
4. If available, the approximate number of Agent-days spent on this investigation.

The Commission specifically pointed out they did not desire us to distinguish between the various investigations conducted, such as the Jack L. Ruby case and Lee Harvey Oswald. They did state that they desired any thoughts on our part which would enable them to present these statistics in the most effective way.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

BACKGROUND

As of 7-31-64, more than 1756 investigative reports comprising more than 17,200 pages constituting the FBI's investigation have been furnished to the Commission. Further, over 3682 items of physical evidence were received in the FBI Laboratory for technical examination. In addition, our Exhibit Section constructed and delivered to the Commission detailed scale models of the assassination area, including appropriate buildings, landmarks, etc., with accompanying volume of visual aids.

We do not have a record of the number of interviews conducted since the assassination and the only way this could be accomplished would be a time consuming physical count. Likewise, we do not know the number of Agent-days spent on this investigation and tabulating same would be an enormous undertaking. It is pointed out that virtually every field office and legal attache have at one time or another conducted some investigation in this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached letter be sent furnishing the Commission with that statistical data available and summarizing the major accomplishments of this Bureau since the assassination.

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August 11, 1964

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JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ MOLINA, aka
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Molina, an American-born veteran, was employed by the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) for 16 years until December, 1963, when he was discharged. On 11/23/63 he voluntarily appeared at Dallas Police Headquarters where he was questioned. He denied knowledge of the assassination and said he knew nothing about Oswald beyond having seen him on a few occasions at the TSBD. Following the police interrogation of Molina, local television, radio and press in Dallas announced that according to the police Molina was being questioned in connection with the assassination and that he reportedly had a subversive background. Molina is now suing a Dallas-owned radio station for \$100,000. The President's Commission by 7/7/64 letter asked us to look into certain aspects of this incident as follows:

(1) Did Justice Department or its agencies have file on Molina and give Dallas police any information concerning subversive activities on his part? (Answer: No.)

(2) Did Dallas police have file on Molina and any data regarding subversive activities by him? (Answer: Dallas police had a file on Molina's activities in American G. I. Forum which amounted by and large to informant information placing Molina at twelve meetings of the Forum between May, 1955, and July, 1956, at which meetings six individuals identified by police informants as communists, were in attendance at one time or another. Three of these individuals were Bureau informants and Dallas police file contained nothing substantive concerning subversion on Molina's part. Our informants consistently describe Molina as anticommunist.)

(3) What are the factors of police search of Molina's home and his "voluntary" detention at Police Headquarters on 11/23/63? (Answer: Molina was visited at home between 2 and 3 a.m., 11/23/63, by five police officers, accompanied by Assistant District Attorney

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① 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

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Re: JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ MOLINA, aka
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William Alexander. They searched his home with negative results. He was questioned at Police Headquarters 11/23/63 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. where he executed a brief statement for police concerning his association with the G. I. Forum. He denied knowledge of assassination.)

(4) What is nature of American G. I. Forum? Is it considered subversive? (Answer: This is a veterans group formed in 1946 comprised essentially of people of Mexican ancestry. The national body has never been infiltrated or controlled by the Communist Party (CP). There were several efforts of CP to infiltrate the Dallas Chapter in mid-50's, however, there has been no CP control or infiltration of this chapter since December, 1956. Molina has never been identified as party to this infiltration.)

(5) Was there any connection between Molina's loss of his job and the publicity following his interrogation? (Answer: Molina feels this is the case. He says that after the publicity he was told he could no longer sign outgoing letters, that letterheads bearing his name were taken from him and that a TSBD vice president later told him allegations about his loyalty would have to be cleared up, that company received crank calls and several customers threatened to discontinue doing business with the company as it had a subversive on its pay roll. TSBD vice president admits knowledge of the allegations of subversion but says Molina was let out as company was installing automatic data processing equipment.)

(6) Did Molina have difficulty in finding another job? (Answer: Molina claims such was the case, that the Texas Employment Commission questioned him as to whether he was a subversive and then told him it had no work for him.)

(7) Did Dallas police make any effort to correct the allegations against Molina? (Answer: No.)

Dallas report dated 7/24/64 has been submitted in response to Commission's request. While we do not like to delve into a civil suit in which Government is not a party at interest, we have inquired into this matter in response to Commission's request. We are restricting our inquiry to precisely the points in which Commission is interested. There are, however, two areas requiring additional

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ MOLINA, aka
105-126101

Inquiry to properly respond to Commission's questions five and six. We should inquire as to identity of TSED employee who told Molina he could no longer sign outgoing letters and who took the letter-heads from him and we should question the vice president of the company concerning his reported comments to Molina concerning receipt of crank calls and a possible loss of business. In addition, we should inquire at the Texas Employment Commission to review Molina's file. Molina was never subject of Bureau investigation prior to assassination and there is nothing derogatory regarding him in our files.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dallas be instructed to conduct additional investigation identified above. Attached for approval is an airtel to Dallas. The airtel also contains instructions for minor refinements of other areas of Dallas' 7/24/64 report for purposes of clarification.

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Airtel

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To: SAC, Dallas (100-9847)

From: Director, FBI (105-126101)

JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ MOLINA, aka

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Dated: 8/20/64

Rerep of Special Agent W. James Wood dated 7/24/64 at Dallas. Bureau is not disseminating rerep in its present form.

Following observations are set forth as matter of guidance to insure that investigation requested by President's Commission in its 7/7 and 8/64 letters is properly completed and accurately reported:

(1) Re Commission's question number five in its 7/7/64 letter. Note that pages 14 and 15 of rerep record that, according to Molina, about ten days after publicity concerning his interrogation by police he was told he could no longer sign outgoing letters and shortly thereafter all letterheads which bore his name were taken from him; that thereafter he contacted O. V. Campbell, Vice President of Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) who told him that allegations made about his loyalty would have to be cleared up; that the company received a lot of crank calls and several customers said they would not buy books from the company as long as it had a subversive working for them. Campbell on interview (page 36 rerep) admitted hearing reports over television and radio that Molina might have a subversive background, however, he claimed such allegations were not factor in discharge of Molina. Reinterview Molina to identify TSBD employee who told him he could no longer sign outgoing letters and who took from him letterheads which bore his name. Determine if Molina questioned these actions at time of their occurrence. Reinterview O. V. Campbell concerning Molina's version of Campbell's representations to him concerning allegations re his

1 - Dallas (100-10461, L. H. Oswald)

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Re: JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ MOLINA, aka
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loyalty and receipt of crank calls and loss of customers.- Interview other employees of TSED identified by Molina in response to reinterview. If Campbell admits his alleged comments to Molina concerning his loyalty, the receipt by company of crank calls and possible loss of business, develop specifics.

(2) Re Commission question number six in its 7/7/64 letter. Page 15 rerep records that according to Molina woman connected with Texas Employment Commission questioned him as to whether he was a "subversive" and thereafter told him Commission had no work for him because of his lack of college education. Identify this woman and interview her. Review Molina's file at Texas Employment Commission. Endeavor to determine basis of Molina's statement that prospective employers had no further interest in him after learning of his discharge from TSED after 16 years employment there, coupled with fact that TSED was site of the assassination. If any specifics are developed in this regard, run them down.

(3) Page 23 rerep records that Captain Gannaway had no objection to furnishing signed statement, but that he desired to review his records to refresh his memory to insure strict accuracy of such statement. This infers that Gannaway's comments on 7/15/64 were from an unrefreshed recollection and that he may be able to furnish further specifics. Note that Gannaway's comment in fourth paragraph, page 27, to effect he made no release of any kind concerning Molina to radio, television or newspapers, appears inconsistent with his statement recorded in same paragraph that he may have given out Molina's name and may have told press representatives that Molina's name was in the police department files. Obtain signed statement from Captain Gannaway after he has reviewed his files setting forth specifics as to his dealings with representatives of radio, television or press concerning police interrogation of Molina.

(4) Re-interview of Police Chief Curry (page 29 rerep) it appears the word "neither" should be inserted after word "that" in second line, paragraph one. Sentence "Lowery is a known member of the Communist Party," in eighth line, second paragraph, is inaccurate and form in which it appears may lead reader to regard statement as a documentation by Bureau. Note that rerep on page 3 describes Lowery as a former member of the Communist Party (CP) who testified in Washington on 9/23/63. From other areas of rerep it is clear to reader that Lowery was furnishing information concerning

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**Re: JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ MOLINA, aka
105-123101**

CP activity in the mid-50s. Accordingly, appropriately amend or delete questioned sentence on eighth line, paragraph 2, page 29 and, if amended, at least attribute it to Curry. Sentence on 15th line, paragraph 3, page 29, beginning "On September 13, 1955, Curry related..." should be changed to "Curry related that on September 13, 1955..." Incorporate in inserted page following interview of Chief Curry the information in second paragraph, Cover Page B, concerning comments of Curry on 11/23/63. Note in this connection that the term "Mexican race" is inaccurate.

(5) Pages 22 and 23 rerep deal with interview of Detective H. H. Hart. Last paragraph, page 23, refers to him as Lieutenant Hart. Is this correct? If not, amend.

Handle inquiry requested herein immediately and submit inserts and amended pages where necessary to rerep no later than 8/28/64. Note in this connection necessity to read synopsis.

NOTE:

Molina was employed by TSD for 16 years and was well regarded there. In the past he has been associated as charter member of the American GI Forum, Dallas Chapter, which organization in mid-50s the Dallas communist group attempted to infiltrate. We had several informants among the CP members associating with the AGIF. These informants have consistently described Molina as anticommunist. There is no derogatory data re him in our files and the AGIF national and state organization is a legitimate Veterans organization interested in improving the welfare of servicemen of Latin-American extraction.

Molina was visited by Dallas Police at his home at 2-3 a.m. on 11/23/63. His home was searched with negative results and he was asked to come to the police department the following day. This he did where he was interrogated and released. During the interrogation it has been alleged that Chief Curry and others of police department made statement that Molina who had a subversive record in Dallas police files was being questioned by the police re the assassination. This was allegedly carried on radio, television and in the papers as results of which Molina is suing Dallas-owned radio station for \$100,000. Commission's 7/7/64 letter asked us to look into this. Question number five referred to herein asks if there was any connection between Molina's loss of his job at TSD and the publicity and question six inquires if Molina experienced difficulty in finding another job because of the publicity. TSD Vice President Campbell says that he

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Re: JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ MOLINA, aka
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was aware of the publicity, but that Molina was let out as company was automating and had to release one of two employees and that the publicity was not a factor in choosing Molina. In view of Molina's statements (he was the credit manager) it is necessary to go further, as suggested herein, to properly respond to question number five. To properly respond to question six it is similarly necessary to go to Texas Employment Commission and review Molina's file there to substantiate or disprove Molina's statement. By 7/8/64 letter Commission asked us to take statements from two Dallas police officers, one of whom was Captain Gannaway. Commission did not specify signed statements, however, Gannaway was interviewed at Fort Sam Houston on 7/15/64 when serving with Army Reserve and, in view of inconsistency in his remarks and his expressed willingness to give signed statement after his memory refreshed, believed advisable to take this step and to endeavor to clarify his earlier remarks.

Chief Curry during 7/16/64 interview said he could not recall talking about Molina to the press or mentioning Molina by name and said that if he did make any comment it was probably concerning the American GI Forum. Curry's interview deals largely with his attempting to show through Dallas police files that a number of communists were members of AGIF in mid-50s and attended functions with Molina. (Three of individuals referred to by Curry at these meetings were Bureau informants.) On 11/23/63 Curry told SA Weir that Molina had caused PD considerable trouble by demanding such things as listing Mexicans as white rather than Mexicans and generally protesting alleged discrimination against members of Mexican race. Latter comment on cover page is pertinent.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : W. C. Sullivan *vies*

DATE: August 12, 1964

FROM : W. A. Branigan

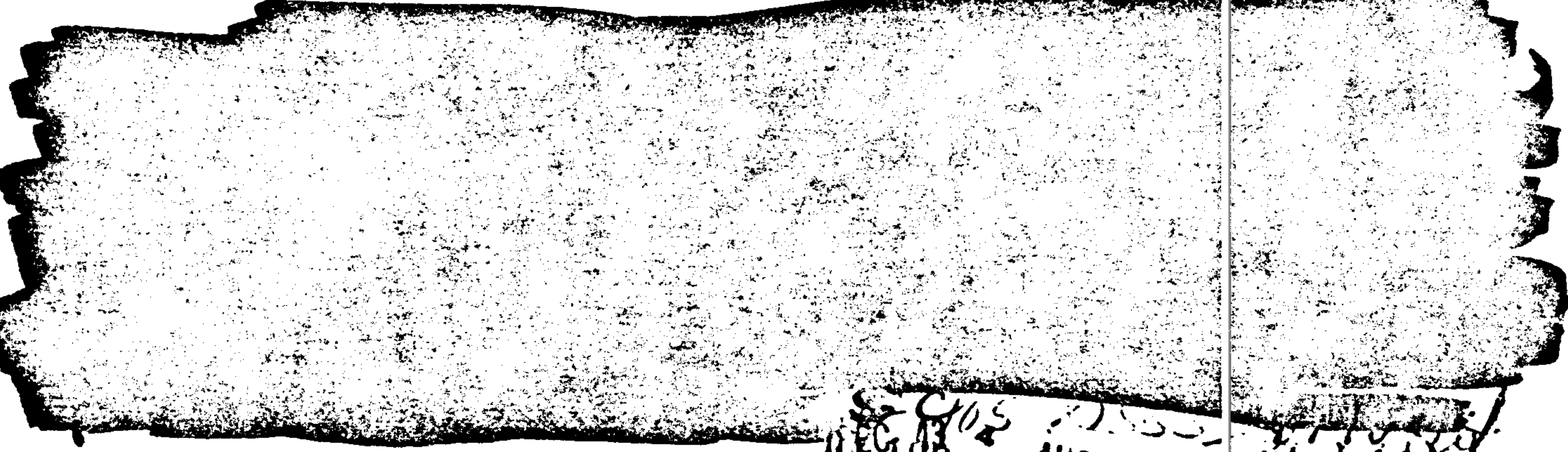
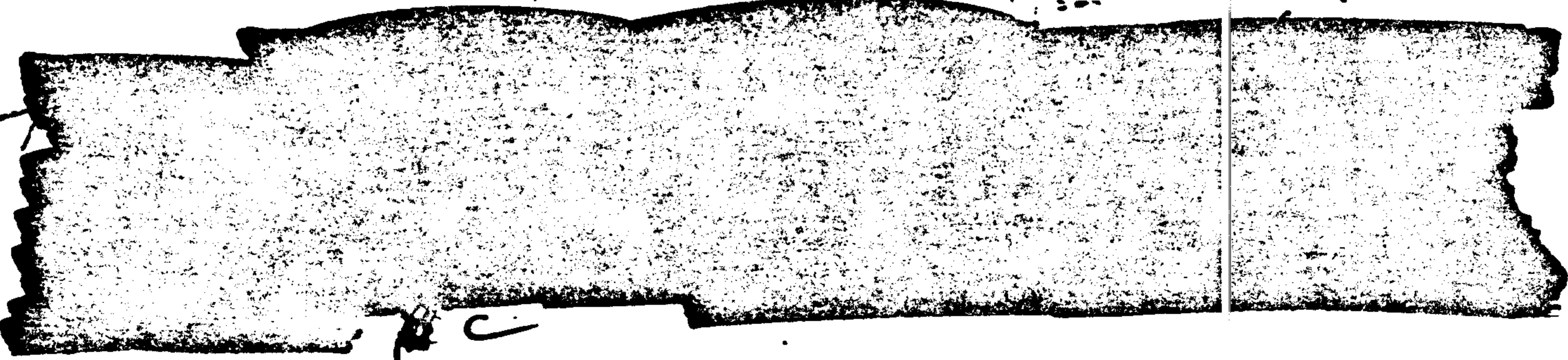
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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That liaison obtain from the State Department its official report on this incident.

(2) That State be asked if they intend to disseminate to Central Intelligence Agency and to the President's Commission. If not, State should be informed that Bureau will find it necessary to make dissemination of the information in our possession.

J.S. Power

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NE Jessop, State, requested to furnish information. *8-13-64*

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Jessop furnished info from US Embassy, Mexico. *8-17-64*
It has been furnished to Warren Commission.
It they will give to CIA. *8-17-64*

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Date: 8/24/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)
 SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.;
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Re telephone call from SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN, Dallas, to Inspector JAMES R. MALLEY, 8/24/64; telephone call to SAC SHANKLIN from Section Chief WILLIAM A. BRANIGAN, 8/24/64; and telephone call of SAC SHANKLIN to Assistant Director W.C. SULLIVAN.

At approximately 10:10 a.m., 8/24/64, Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, telephonically contacted the Dallas FBI Office and advised SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING that she desired to talk to SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN.

Mrs. OSWALD was advised that Mr. SHANKLIN was not at that time available. She stated she perhaps should then contact "HERBERT HOOVER" (apparently referring to Director J. EDGAR HOOVER). Mrs. OSWALD was questioned as to what information she had, at which time she stated she wanted it known that she had nothing to do with President KENNEDY's assassination, but that as far as she was concerned, everyone else was under suspicion and stated she had information which might involve an Agent of the FBI. She was questioned as to the identity of the Agent, which she refused to divulge on the telephone. She stated she would like to give a deposition to FBI Agents as to information she had. She consented to be interviewed by Agents from the Fort Worth Resident Agency.

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The foregoing information was discussed by SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN with Inspector JAMES R. MALLEY at 10:20 a.m., 8/24/64, at which time Inspector MALLEY authorized an interview of Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD by Agents of the Fort Worth Resident Agency.

At approximately 11:40 a.m., Section Chief WILLIAM A. BRANIGAN telephonically contacted SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN at Dallas, and stated that Assistant Director WILLIAM SULLIVAN had just received a telephone call from MARGUERITE OSWALD, who claimed she had information but would not divulge it to anybody but Mr. HOOVER. When Mrs. OSWALD told Mr. SULLIVAN that it would be up to him to pay for her telephone call, he advised that he did not intend to pay for her telephone call, and Mrs. OSWALD then hung up.

On 8/24/64, Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, 2220 Thomas Place, Fort Worth, Texas, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, refused to be interviewed by Special Agents ROBLEY D. MADLAND and RICHARD L. WIEHL, stating that the information she had was given by her to a Mr. (First Name Unknown) SULLIVAN of the FBI in Washington, D. C., via long distance telephone on that date. Mrs. OSWALD said she "decided to go to the top" with the information she had as it concerned a local problem in connection with "the case", and she did not want "to get involved". Mrs. OSWALD said further that the information she gave Mr. SULLIVAN would have to come from him as she had spent her money in order to call Washington and would not give the information to "ordinary Agents" at this time. Mrs. OSWALD further stated she did have some "gossip" that she wanted to relate at this time. Mrs. OSWALD stated that two weeks ago, she was invited to New York to appear on the LES CRANE Television Show. Mrs. OSWALD stated that on

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8/7/64 she was taping the television program for the LES CRANE show in New York City and was on a panel discussion with CRANE and MELVIN BELLI, former attorney for JACK RUBY. She stated that she "outsmarted" BELLI on five different occasions during the program and the audience "absolutely loved it". Mrs. OSWALD said she learned after this program that BELLI came to Fort Worth and Dallas to confer with RUBY in his cell in the Dallas County Jail, which she did not think was proper because he, BELLI, no longer represented RUBY.

Thereafter, on 8/24/64, SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN telephonically contacted Assistant Director W. C. SULLIVAN who advised that he actually had not accepted the call from Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD as she wanted to make it collect, but that he understood that she had later called and talked to someone in the Washington Field Office.

SAC SHANKLIN, thereafter, ascertained through SA ROBERT P. FINZEL at the Washington Field Office that he had received a call from Mrs. OSWALD, at which time she made some wild, rambling statements to the effect that former Special Agent FAIN (former SA JOHN W. FAIN, now retired) had paid LEE HARVEY OSWALD's fine in New Orleans when he was arrested for distributing Fair Play for Cuba Committee literature, and was also making an allegation against an Agent by the name of HOSTY, to the effect that HOSTY and/or his wife might be leaking information to HUGH AYNESWORTH of "The Dallas Morning News". AYNESWORTH is the reporter for "The Dallas Morning News" who wrote the story containing photographs of the OSWALD diary and other documents.

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The foregoing summary of information from Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD is being submitted to the Bureau in detail and no action is being taken by Dallas, UACB, and the information contained herein will not be included in any report submitted by Dallas, UACB.