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TO DIRECTOR (105-82555)
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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - CUBA - R.

US EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER, MEXICO CITY TODAY RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF SPANISH LANGUAGE EDITION OF "LIFE" MAGAZINE WHO ASKED FOR LOCAL ADDRESS OF SYLVIA DURAN, FORMER CUBAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE HERE WHO DEALT WITH OSWALD DURING VISIT TO MEXICO, FOR INFORMATION ON ALBERT OSBORNE, WHO ALLEGEDLY SAT BY SUBJECT ON BUS TRIP TO MEXICO FROM US, AND IN EFFORT SECURE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS SUCH AS HOTEL REGISTRATION SHEET AND OTHER DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT DURING ITS INQUIRIES. PRESS OFFICER BELIEVES INQUIRY BASED ON DATA REVEALED IN COMMISSION'S REPORT RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 27 LAST AND STATED LIFE REPRESENTATIVES PLAN TO PREPARE PICTORIAL PRESENTATION OF SUBJECT'S VISIT TO MEXICO.

EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER CONTACTED THIS OFFICE TODAY CONCERNING ABOVE PRESS INQUIRY AND WAS TOLD LEGAT UNABLE TO ENLARGE ON ANY INFORMATION RELEASED BY COMMISSION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CURA

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
DATE: 9-29-64

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Brennan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Stokes

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This reviews pertinent portions of the on-the-record testimony before the Commission of Robert J. Bouck, Agent in Charge of Secret Service Protective Research Section, and of Chief James J. Rowley and responds to the Director's inquiry as to why we did not previously check Bouck's testimony.

Page 453 of the Commission's report records that Bouck expressed belief that the accumulation of facts known to the FBI should have constituted a sufficient basis to warn the Secret Service of the Oswald risk. This statement does not accurately record Bouck's testimony on this point and is definitely out of context. Bouck testified that Oswald's status as a defector would have been of no consequence to the Secret Service. Under questioning of Commissioner McCloy and Counsel Stern, he enumerated several factors developed re Oswald's background, two of which were not known at the time of the assassination and said that if all that information had been furnished, plus the fact that Oswald worked on the parade route, Secret Service would have "looked at that." He emphasized that he did not know that the FBI was aware of all the information about which he spoke and he expressed the opinion that this information was scattered through many Federal agencies.

Bouck did not make any statement to the effect that the Bureau should have furnished its information to the Secret Service at the time of the assassination. Elsewhere, he admitted that Secret Service had no written criteria defining threats to the President; that none of the known factors concerning Oswald in themselves indicated danger to the President; and that the agency knows of "tremendous numbers of people who are bad people that we don't keep an eye on."

Chief Rowley, when asked what Secret Service would have done had Oswald's name been submitted to him at the time of the assassination, said "If...we had this present criteria, then we would investigate him." Rowley hedged his answer and did not

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SULLIVAN
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

directly reply to Commissioner Dulles' inquiry and the matter was dropped. Rowley previously testified that there were no written criteria defining danger to the President; that written criteria were prepared and extended subsequent to the assassination. It was to the latter criteria he referred when answering Dulles' question as to what they would have done on 11-22-63.

Bouck testified on 4-23-64 and the Director has inquired why we did not check his testimony previously.

From the inception of this investigation, it has been our intention to render full and complete cooperation to the Commission. In the early stages, it was clear from information furnished by Rankin that the Commission did not desire to release to investigating agencies any of the testimony taken by the Commission from outside sources. Rankin confidentially and in general terms advised Malley in April, 1964, of some statements made by Bouck and unnamed Secret Service representatives. When pressed for specifics by Malley, Rankin became somewhat disturbed and said he was not at liberty to furnish the desired information. At the time, we weighed carefully the advisability of making inquiry at the Secret Service for we regarded it likely that such inquiry would get back to Rankin and cause him to distrust us. We decided then to talk to Rowley without indicating that our information came from the Commission or its staff and we so advised Rankin. To have asked to see testimony of Secret Service officials would have indicated to Secret Service that the source of our information was from within the Commission. For this reason, we did not seek out the actual testimony.

Furthermore, we did not want the Commission to gain the impression that we were endeavoring to thwart its wishes by way of attempting to gain access to information it did not want us to have at the time.

ACTION:

Foregoing is for information. Pertinent pages of Bouck's testimony attached.

Mr. Bouck. That is the total file that we looked into.

Mr. Stern. On a national basis?

Mr. Bouck. The total two or three files we looked into would encompass about that many people.

Mr. Dulles. All right. That gives me just what I was asking for.

Mr. Stern. In point of fact, Mr. Bouck, when you looked at the check-up control file and the trip index file before the Dallas trip how many names were, in fact, reported for the areas in Dallas where the President was to visit?

Mr. Bouck. We found no uncontrolled people in the trip file for Dallas. All of the cases in Dallas were controlled to our satisfaction. We found also in the check-up file no uncontrolled individuals that we thought warranted an alert for Dallas.

Mr. Dulles:- Did you ask the FBI or any other local agency for any cases they might have?

Mr. Bouck. Yes, sir.

Mr. Dulles. In connection with the trip?

Mr. Bouck. In fact, they referred several cases to us in connection with the trip, right prior to the trip on the local level.

Mr. Dulles. On the local level?

Mr. Bouck. On the local level.

Mr. McCloy. Being as objective as you can be under the circumstances, what would you have done if the FBI had told you

there was a man named Oswald in Dallas who was a defector, had been a defector?

Mr. Bouck. I think if they had told us only that, we probably would not have taken action. If I might qualify it further, if we had known what all of the government agencies know together, and know that he had that vantage point on the route, then we certainly would have taken very drastic action.

Mr. McCloy. If they had told you that there was a man named Oswald in Dallas who had been a defector who was employed at the Texas School Book Depository?

Mr. Bouck. Yes, sir, we would have looked at that.

Mr. McCloy. You would have looked at that?

Mr. Bouck. Yes, sir.

Mr. McCloy. Knowing that the Texas School Book Depository was on the President's route?

Mr. Bouck. On the President's route.

Mr. Storn. Would it have made a difference to you if he was a legitimate employee of that institution?

Mr. Bouck. Well, not from our standpoint of having us look at it. I can't predict too well what the field office would have done after they looked. It would depend on what they found out, but the field office would have checked that. We would have asked them to check it and they would in fact have checked it not knowing what conclusions they would have arrived at, I don't quite -- I am not quite able to predict just what measures

they would have taken.

Sen. Cooper. May I ask a question on this point? Have you examined your records since the assassination of President Kennedy to determine if the name Lee Oswald appears in your files?

Mr. Bouck. We have never had it prior in any connection, ever in our records.

Sen. Cooper. I gathered from what you said in response to Mr. McCloy's question you do not keep any special file relating to defectors?

Mr. Bouck. No, sir.

Sen. Cooper. In this country?

Mr. Bouck. Not unless there is something much more to it than the fact they defected.

Sen. Cooper. Then in the case of Lee Oswald from your statement that you do not keep any file on defectors, if you had known about his presence there, what would have been the cause then for you to have taken special notice of him?

Mr. Bouck. The key there would have been a defection plus a knowledge that he had a vantage point on the route. These two together would have required action.

Sen. Cooper. The point I make is, and this again is arguing after the fact, if the fact he was a defector, plus a vantage point would make you take notice of him it would seem to me it would be very substantial evidence to have in your file that he

was a defector, wouldn't you think so?

Mr. Bouck. Well, again, this is part of this big study that we are in. We never before do we know, I think of a defector who did anything like this so we are not quite sure that defection in itself is a key to an assassin. However, that combined with certain things, knowing that he had a vantage point would have caused us to look.

Mr. Stern. Were there any other characteristics of Oswald that you believe to have been known to other Federal agencies before November 22 that would have been important to you in deciding whether or not he was a potential threat?

Mr. Bouck. Yes. I think I have supplied you with a list of about 18 things that were known to the Federal agencies, but these, I believe, were spread from Moscow to Mexico City in at least four agencies, so I am not aware of how much any one agency or any one person might have known.

But there was quite a little split of derogatory information known about Oswald in this broad expanse of agencies.

Mr. Stern. Without respect to any such list, what other characteristics, trying as much as possible to avoid hindsight, do you think were germane to determine his potential danger?

Mr. Bouck. I would think his continued association with the Russian Embassy after his return, his association with the Castro groups would have been concern to us, a knowledge that he had, I believe, been contrabanded for illegal possession

of a gun, of a hand gun in the Marines, that he had owned a weapon and did a good deal of hunting or use of it, perhaps in Russia, plus a number of items about his disposition and unreliability of character, I think all of those, if we had had them altogether, would have added up to pointing out a pretty bad individual, and I think that, together, had we known that he had a vantage point would have seemed somewhat serious to us, even though I must admit that none of these in themselves would be, would meet our specific criteria, none of them alone.

But it is when you begin adding them up to some degree that you begin to get criteria that is meaningful.

Sen. Cooper. I am sure you have answered what I am going to ask but I will ask it anyway. Then it is correct prior to the assassination the Secret Service had no information from any agency or any source --

Mr. Bouck. That is correct.

Sen. Cooper. --relating to Leo Oswald?

Mr. Bouck. That is correct.

Mr. Storn. I believe you said earlier, Mr. Bouck, that before Dallas you thought the liaison arrangements were satisfactory and that other Federal agencies, in particular, had full awareness of the kind of information that the Secret Service was looking for under the general criteria that you articulated?

Mr. Bouck. Yes, sir.

Mr. Storn. Now then, do you think Oswald -- you were not

notified of Oswald. Was there perhaps something wrong with the system?

Mr. Bouck. This, of course, is opinion. In my opinion, there was no lack of knowledge of what we should have. Insofar as I know no individual knew enough about Oswald to judge him to meet our criteria of presenting a danger to the President. I know of no individual who know all about Oswald, including the fact that he had a vantage point on the route.

If that is so, I don't know. I didn't know.

Mr. McCloy. Somebody in the FBI knew it, didn't they?

Mr. Bouck. I have no record to know that. They knew certain information. I have no record that would indicate they knew all of the derogatory information.

Mr. McCloy. I don't know I would say they knew all the derogatory information but they certainly knew the vantage point and they certainly knew the defection elements.

Mr. Bouck. I know they knew he was in Dallas. Whether they recognized that as being on the route, I don't know that.

Mr. McCloy. I think the record shows he was employed there, or the deposition shows.

Mr. Bouck. I don't know that.

Mr. Stern. Is it of key importance to what you say now that the information on Oswald before the assassination to identify his vantage point, if you would take that away from the other characteristics does he then not become a threat?

Mr. Bouck. He would not meet the criteria of a threat as we had it at that time, if you take that away.

Mr. Stern. And the criterion was --

Mr. Bouck. That there be some specific indication that a possible danger to the President existed.

Mr. Dulles. Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. McCloy. Back on the record.

Mr. Stern. Well, Mr. Bouck, if the pivotal ingredient is his employment at that depository, is that because that showed some, to your mind, some intention, some desire to be on the route, because access to the route --

Mr. Bouck. No, it relates him to the President. This, I think if all the information that was known about him, indicates that he was a pretty untrustworthy individual, I think there was no indication that that untrustworthiness might be of a danger to the President until you associated that he had a vantage point where he might use it toward the President.

There was nothing previous that indicated that the President might be an object of this, and --

Mr. Stern. As far as any of us know, any citizen had pretty much the same sort of access to the parade route. Is there any difference --

Mr. Bouck. We would feel the same way if we knew this much derogatory type of information about any citizen if we

knew he had a particular vantage point on a route.

Mr. Stern. But a citizen, possessing all the characteristics you believe to have been known about Oswald but not having access through employment or residence or some comparable relationship to the parade route, would not have been of concern to you under the criteria and practices in effect at the time of Dallas, is that what you are saying?

Mr. Bouck. I think a little broader than that. Access of any kind, working in a hotel or any point where he might have unusual access.

If you broaden the question to that, I would say that is what I am saying.

Mr. Stern. Unusual access?

Mr. Bouck. Yes.

Mr. McCloy. If I might intervene here, if I understand it. I don't know whether it is good but it is speculation and conjecture in it, I don't know if you will get far with it, if you probably had known all the derogatory information that you now know was accumulated in all of the agencies of the government irrespective of where this fellow was in Dallas you might have kept your eye on him.

Mr. Bouck. Again, that would be speculation. I don't know. It wouldn't be normal. It wouldn't fit within our normal category unless we knew he was -- he had a vantage point. We know of tremendous numbers of people who are bad people that we-

don't keep an eye on.

Mr. McCloy. Yes, but suppose you knew these men, or suppose you encountered some of these, I am told there are 13 others, wouldn't you have been somewhat negligent if you didn't check up to him when he got to the vantage point in Dallas?

Mr. Bouck. If we had checked up, I don't know whether we would have gone beyond that.

Mr. McCloy. I don't suggest that but you might have kept him under surveillance.

Mr. Bouck. We would have taken note of this.

Mr. Stern. Would that have been true if he had not been known to be living in Dallas, if his last known address was New Orleans?

Mr. Bouck. If he had not been living in Dallas we would not have checked on him in this trip even with the other information.

Mr. Stern. Suppose he had been living in Fort Worth?

Mr. Bouck. Well, if we had known he were living in Fort Worth that would be the same as Dallas, to us. When we speak of a city we speak of the driving distance or the commutable distance to a city.

Mr. Stern. We will move very quickly to questions concerning Oswald and I would like to go back now and cover the details of your file search and other PRS activity for the Texas trip, the total Texas trip, and if you would starting with the first date

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Tolson	_____
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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 29, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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| 1- Mr. Mohr | 1- Mr. Tavel |
| 1- Mr. Callahan | 1- Mr. Trotter |
| (A.M. Newman) | 1- Mr. Belmont |
| 1- Mr. Casper | 1- Mr. Rosen |
| 1- Mr. Conrad | (J.W. Hines) |
| 1- Mr. DeLoach | 1- Mr. Malley |
| 1- Mr. Evans | 1- Mr. Shroder |
| 1- Mr. Gale | 1- Mr. Rogge |
| 1- Mr. Sullivan | |
| (R.E. Lenihan) | |

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 9-4-64 relating to arrangements made to obtain 100 copies of the above report from the Department. Ten copies of the report were received from the Government Printing Office on 9-25-64 and were disseminated as follows:

- 1- Mr. Belmont
- 1- Mr. Rosen
- 2- General Investigative Division
- 2- FBI Laboratory
- 3- Domestic Intelligence Division
- 1- Mr. Malley.

On 9-28-64 ninety additional copies were obtained and will be disseminated as follows:

- 1- Administrative Division
- 2- Domestic Intelligence Division
- 3- General Investigative Division
- 1- Laboratory Division
- 3- Crime Records Division
- 5- Files and Communications Division
- 1- Identification Division
- 1- Training Division
- 1- Special Investigative Division
- 1- Inspection Division.

In addition to the above Seat of Government dissemination 56 copies will be disseminated to our field offices and ten copies will be disseminated to our Legal Attaches.

Enclosure
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- 1- 62-109060 Assassination of President Kennedy
- 1- 105-82555 Lee Harvey Oswald AKA
- 1- 44-24016 Jack Leon Ruby

EXHIBIT YELLOW

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

Similar dissemination will be made of subsequent volumes of the Commission's report when available. These subsequent volumes contain the completed testimony of all witnesses who appeared before the Commission or gave sworn depositions or affidavits, the accompanying documentary exhibits and other investigative materials which are relied upon in the report.

The field and/or Legats are being instructed to answer all inquiries with a "no comment" and to refer the matter to the Bureau for appropriate instructions, if necessary. Indexing will not be done in the field but at the Seat of Government.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the attached All SACs and All Legal Attaches airtel be approved, advising a copy of the report will be sent them under separate cover and instructing how to handle inquiries upon receipt,
2. Upon approval of the above, that the Administrative Division make appropriate arrangements to disseminate the reports as indicated above,
3. That the Administrative Division make similar dissemination of subsequent volumes of the report when available.
4. That the Files and Communications Division thoroughly index the Commission's report and subsequent volumes relating thereto, when received.

9-30-64

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To: All SACs
All Loyals

1- Mr. Mohr
1- Mr. Callahan
(A.M. Newman)
1- Mr. Casper
1- Mr. Conrad
1- Mr. DeLoach
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From: Director, FBI (62-109090)

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON
THE ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Under separate cover you will be receiving one copy of the above Commission's report. Dallas and New Orleans will receive three copies each.

Subsequent volumes of the Commission's report containing backup material, etc., will be furnished to you when available. You should not index the report or subsequent volumes as this will be done at the Bureau.

Inquiries received concerning the report should receive a "no comment" from you and referred to the Bureau. Those inquiries obviously not requiring a reply should be submitted with a recommendation that no further action will be taken UACB.

Those inquiries appearing to require a reply should be similarly sent, however, should include your specific recommendation as to how the particular inquiry should be answered and if readily available, reference should be made to the volume and page of the Commission's report relating to the inquiry in question.

You should be guided by the nature of the inquiry as to the means of referring it to the Bureau.

One copy of all inquiries should be sent to Dallas by continental field offices including Anchorage, Honolulu, and San Juan. Legal attache referrals should be prepared so that one copy can be disseminated to Dallas by the Bureau.

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NOTE: See Rosen to Belmont memo captioned as above, dated 9-30-64.
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- 1- 62-109060 Assassination of President Kennedy
- 1- 105-82555 Lee Harvey Oswald AKA
- 1- 44-24016 Jack Leon Ruby
- 1- Foreign Liaison

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REPLY IN YELLOW

Airtel to All SACs, All Legats
RE: THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Dallas is instructed to open a new file if not already done under the above caption. Any additional action necessary for Dallas will be furnished by the Bureau. Dallas will be considered office of origin in all such inquiries.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: 9-23-64

FROM : MR. SULLIVAN

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Stokes

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

In response to your inquiry, this is to advise that we have not to date seen the testimony before the Commission of Secret Service Chief James J. Rowley or of Robert I. Bouck, Agent in Charge of the Protective Research Section of that agency. The facts, as we know them concerning Secret Service testimony before the Commission, follow:

On 4-13-64 Rankin told Inspector Malley that unnamed Secret Service representatives told the Commission that Secret Service would have had Oswald under surveillance in Dallas 11-22-63 had they been furnished information concerning his activities. On 4-17-64 this was discussed with Chief Rowley who was shocked and indignant. Rowley said that at no time was any question raised by the Commission concerning a possible surveillance of Oswald and that the only persons who could speak for Secret Service in that regard were himself and Bouck. Rowley said flatly that Secret Service would make no statement that Oswald would have been placed under surveillance as there was no information indicating the possibility of physical violence on his part. He said, therefore, Oswald would not have been placed under surveillance and he added that had Secret Service checked the School Book Depository Building they would have taken no action concerning Oswald as he was employed in the building.

On 4-23-64 Bouck of Secret Service testified before the Commission and on 4-24-64 Rankin told Malley that Bouck told the Commission some action probably would have been taken concerning Oswald had Secret Service been advised of his activities prior to the

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BELMONT
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Well they did buy it.

assassination. Rankin said that the 3 Commission members present during Bouck's testimony did not "buy" it and felt that Bouck was being evasive and attempting to look after his own position in the Secret Service.

Bouck's testimony on 4-23-64 followed the assurance of Chief Rowley on 4-22-64 that he would brief Bouck on the official position of Secret Service, namely that they would not have placed Oswald under surveillance even if they had information he was in Dallas in view of no history of physical violence and that had they checked the School Book Depository building they would have taken no action concerning Oswald as he was an employee there.

You (Belmont) testified before the Commission 5-6-64 and the Director presented his testimony 5-14-64. Chief Rowley testified before the Commission 6-18-64. Prior to testifying, Rowley asked to be permitted to review that portion of the Director's testimony and your testimony which related to Secret Service. He was permitted to see that testimony on 6-15-64 and at his request, Rowley on 6-17-64 personally met with the Director the day before he testified.

On 9-25-64 Inspector Thomas Kelly offered to furnish to Malley the transcript of the testimony of Agent in Charge Bouck. *we should have checked it.*

As the full testimony of the Secret Service officials will not be made public for some time, it would be of interest for us to see exactly what they said to the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Liaison request Secret Service to furnish us with the already offered testimony of Agent in Charge Bouck and the testimony of Chief Rowley.

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Mr. Belmont

October 6, 1964

A. Rosen

1 - W. C. Sullivan
(R. E. Lenihan)
1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Belmont
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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE

To recommend the attached All SACs and All Legats airtel be approved and disseminated to the field.

DETAILS

Although the President's Commission Report on the assassination of President Kennedy has been published, it is anticipated complaints and allegations will continue to be received. We intend to investigate each and every such complaint and allegation thoroughly.

The Commission was requested by letter to advise us to whom our investigative results should be disseminated after the Commission terminates. However as of this date no reply has been received.

It is felt the field should be put on notice that this matter will continue to be closely followed by the Bureau and they should be advised as to the administrative handling of investigation conducted.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached communication be approved and disseminated to All SACs and All Legats.

Enclosure

1 - Foreign Liaison
1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)
1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

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1 - C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Rogge

To: All SACs,
All Legats

From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

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

Although the President's Commission's report on the assassination of President Kennedy has been published, it is anticipated complaints and allegations will continue to be received concerning the assassination. These complaints, allegations and the like must continue to be appropriately investigated and the results reported.

Miscellaneous-type complaints and allegations will be reported under the above caption by Dallas, the office of origin (Dallas file 89-43), while information specifically relating to Lee Harvey Oswald will be reported under the caption "Lee Harvey Oswald, aka., IS - R - Cuba," Bureau file 105-82555, Dallas file 100-10461.

Investigative results should be prepared in accordance with existing Bureau reporting procedures with the exception that 25 copies of inserts and FD-302s, where necessary, should be furnished to Dallas for incorporation in subsequent reports under the applicable captions.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that thoroughness of investigation is absolutely essential. It will be the responsibility of the office first receiving the complaints or allegations or to whom the Bureau first refers a matter for investigation, to conduct a thorough inquiry and promptly initiate logical investigation where necessary. Meticulous care must be taken in preparing investigative results to preclude the necessity of Dallas' making corrections and/or revisions.

1 - Foreign Liaison
1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)
① - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

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**Airtel to All SACs,
All Logats
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT**

Those matters received, which would appear to require prompt dissemination, should be submitted to the Bureau and Dallas in a letterhead memorandum without property stamp. In those instances where investigative results are furnished by letterhead memorandum, inserts need not be submitted to Dallas. Any question which should arise with regard to the appropriateness of disseminating information, should be resolved in favor of submitting a letterhead memorandum at which time a decision as to dissemination will be made or further instructions issued.

NOTE:

This is being sent in order to reiterate prior instructions and to remind our offices and personnel that this matter will continue to be closely followed by the Bureau. The Commission has been requested to advise us to which authority our investigative results should be furnished when the Commission finally terminates all its activities. As of this date we have not been advised; however, all results will be incorporated in report form and disseminated to the Commission or its duly designated authority.

See memorandum Rosen to Belmont, "Assassination of President Kennedy," 10/6/64, RDR:las.

10/7/64

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-409763)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-117344) (P)
SUBJECT: MARK LANE
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(OO:NY)

ReNYairtel, 9/24/64, which indicated that subject was scheduled to appear on the "New David Susskind Show" (WPIX-TV) with WILLIAM BUCKLEY, publisher of "National Review" and DOROTHY KILGALLEN, New York newspaper columnist.

On 10/5/64, [REDACTED] advised that at a WWP meeting held 10/2/64, in NYC, it was announced that LANE's appearance on WPIX-TV had been cancelled.

On 10/5/64, by means of a suitable pretext to WPIX-TV it was learned subject had been scheduled to appear on a new program entitled "Hot Line" which will be shown every Tuesday and Thursday over WPIX-TV at 11:15 p.m. This program will start on 10/6/64, and is being produced by Talent Associates, 444 Madison Ave., NYC, which is headed by Producer DAVID SUSSKIND.

The above pretext was conducted by SA RONALD E. YOUNG under the guise of an inquiry by an admirer of LANE.

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1-New York (105-33431) (LEE HARVEY OSWALD) (312)

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On 10/6/64, by means of a pretext with an individual who identified herself as JOYCE DAVIDSON, Talent Associates, 444 Madison Ave., NYC, it was determined the new "Hot Line" program started that date over WPIX-TV. Miss DAVIDSON, who described herself as one of the program officials responsible for guest selections, stated LANE had originally been scheduled to appear on "Hot Line" on 10/15/64, but had been cancelled because it was felt the program had already scheduled too many "political figures". She stated that no date has been set for an appearance of LANE but if he is scheduled in the future it would be sometime after the National Elections in November, 1964.

The above pretext was conducted by SA YOUNG under the guise of being an admirer of LANE.

Investigation continuing at New York.

10/7/64

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (P)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS - R - CUBA
ATTENTION: CRIMINAL SECTION
(Bureau # 105-82555)
(WFO # 105-37111)

JACK L. RUBY
LEE HARVEY OSWALD - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS
(Bureau # 44-24016)
(WFO # 44-520)

ReBureau airtel dated 10/5/64, with enclosures to WFO;
also reWFO airtel 10/6/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and for Dallas are
six and one copies respectively of an LHM setting forth
details of investigation conducted with regard to the
reproduction of the transcript of the RUBY testimony, done
by Ward and Paul, Incorporated; also investigation with
regard to the use of "Confidential" stamps used by the
Commission itself.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 7, 1964

JACK L. RUBY
LEE HARVEY OSWALD

It will be noted the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy previously has been furnished the results of investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with regard to the unauthorized disclosure to the news media of the testimony of Jack L. Ruby before Chief Justice Warren. It is recalled that in connection with that prior investigation, it was determined the transcript of the testimony of Ruby had been reproduced by a commercial reporting agency, Ward and Paul, on or about June 18, 1964, at the direction of the Commission.

Hereinafter are the results of investigation conducted at Ward and Paul with regard to the reproduction by the firm of the transcript of the testimony of Jack L. Ruby. Also set out is the result of inquiry made regarding "Confidential" classification stamps used by or in the possession of the Commission.

ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/64

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Mr. WAYNE BIRDSELL, Manager, Ward and Paul, Incorporated, a commercial reporting agency at 917 G Street, N.W., furnished the following information concerning the handling by his firm of the transcript of testimony of JACK L. RUBY before Chief Justice WARREN and members of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY.

Mr. BIRDSELL related this transcript of testimony was the 106th item which had been forwarded to Ward and Paul by the Commission for purposes of having it reproduced. He referred to his records pertaining to this one item and stated his receipt Number 3359 dated June 18, 1964, reflected the original and five copies of the testimony of JACK L. RUBY had been delivered to the Commission June 18, 1964, at 3:35 p.m., by JESSE LEE WARD, III, son of one of the principals in the firm.

Mr. BIRDSELL stated he has no specific recollection with regard to this particular document, although from his records it was his belief the original stenographic transcript was received by his firm on the morning of June 18, 1964, as such a reproduction job would have taken approximately three and one-half hours to four hours to complete on a Xerox machine. This particular transcript was reproduced on one of two Xerox machines located in the basement of this building, which are operated during daytime hours by either ROBERT E. HAWKINS or JESSE LEE WARD, III, commonly known as "PETE" WARD. BIRDSELL stated to substantiate his belief the material was received from the Commission on June 18, 1964, it would have been delivered to the Commission early in the morning at approximately 9:00 a.m., on June 18, 1964, if the material had been received from the Commission on the previous date. He stated the original with five copies, the latter separately bound and classified "Confidential" on each page as well as outer side of the cover, was returned, along with the copies, to the Commission and no copies of any of this material were retained. BIRDSELL said his firm never made extra copies nor retained copies of any material relating to Commission business.

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by SA CARL E. GRAHAM/jsw Date dictated 10/7/64

Mr. BIRDSELL stated paper used for reproducing the testimony transcript on the Xerox machine is pre-stamped with the classification "Confidential" appearing in red ink on the top and bottom of each page. This pre-stamping is done by Ward and Paul in their premises on an old style hand-feed multigraph machine with the word "Confidential" consisting of separate letters blocked into place on the top and bottom of a multigraph cylinder. He stated this paper is prepared in advance and a goodly supply is kept on hand, stocked in packages containing one ream each. Mr. BIRDSELL advised Ward and Paul handles classified material, including "Confidential," "Secret," and "Top Secret," inasmuch as the firm handles the reporting for numerous Congressional Committees and for this reason, employees in his firm are "cleared" for handling such classified materials by Department of Defense.

Mr. BIRDSELL stated that his records specifically show that the RUBY testimony was reproduced by his firm only on one occasion and there was no instance where this testimony may have been returned to his firm for the purposes of preparing additional copies. BIRDSELL stated he was aware there had been some "leaks" to news media of various matters pertaining to the business of the President's Commission and he was cognizant that the RUBY testimony had been published in the newspaper under the by-line of DOROTHY KILGALLEN. BIRDSELL stated he had no suggestions as to how the leak to KILGALLEN had occurred. He said he did not know KILGALLEN and did not know anyone who was acquainted with her.

With regard to classification of the testimony of JACK L. RUBY, Mr. BIRDSELL stated the standing order as to classification of testimony or depositions ordered to be reproduced by the Commission was that such material should be classified "Confidential." He recalled in the early days of the existence of the President's Commission testimony and depositions were all classified "Top Secret;" however, by memorandum dated May 1, 1964, from Mr. J. LEE HANKIN, General Counsel of the Commission, Ward and Paul were advised that as of that date all depositions and testimony forwarded for reproduction should be classified "Confidential".

Mr. BIRDSELL furnished six blank pages of paper bearing the pre-stamped classification of "Confidential" as specimens of the type paper used to reproduce the transcript of the RUBY testimony.

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Mr. JESSE LEE WARD, JR., one of the principal owners of Ward and Paul, Incorporated, was interviewed at his office, 917 G Street, N.W. He stated he had no independent knowledge of his firm handling specifically the reproduction of the testimony of JACK L. RUBY before Chief Justice WARREN at Dallas. He stated his firm had been retained to handle the reporting for the Commission and as well the reproduction of transcripts required by the Commission. He stated there had been no requests received for copies of the RUBY testimony from any source outside the Commission, but in this connection related the following:

Shortly after the mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD testified, he received a telephone call from JOE TONAHILL, Texas attorney who was then representing the interests of JACK RUBY, inquiring as to the cost of obtaining a copy of the transcript of the testimony of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's mother. Mr. WARD pointed out that previously Mr. J. LEE RANKIN, General Counsel for the President's Commission, had authorized the release of testimony of some witnesses to TONAHILL. During the telephone exchange between Mr. WARD and TONAHILL, Mr. WARD stated, when he advised TONAHILL the price for approximately 1,000 or more pages of testimony transcript would be \$.15 per page, TONAHILL indicated he was no longer interested. WARD stated his firm had never received any requests for a copy of RUBY's testimony from any source outside the Commission.

Mr. WARD went on to explain his firm has two Xerox machines, which are rented from the manufacturer, and each machine has a counting device to show the number of copies of any material produced on a given machine. This is for the purpose of determining the monthly rental fee due to the Xerox company which owns the machines. Mr. WARD stated with each machine there is maintained a monthly log to show the material produced and to reflect the number of copies of same for purposes of auditing the charges due the Xerox company. He stated he keeps a close check on the use of the machines and it would be virtually impossible for anyone to make an extra or unauthorized copy of a 103 page document without such reproduction coming

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to the immediate attention of himself or Mr. BIRDSELL.

With regard to the unauthorized disclosure as represented by the newspaper articles by DOROTHY KILGALLEN, Mr. WARD advised he was certain no leak pertaining to this material had occurred at Ward and Faul. He stated he did not know DOROTHY KILGALLEN and did not know anyone who might be acquainted with her or who might have furnished her a copy of the transcript of the RUBY testimony.

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Mr. ROBERT E. HAWKINS advised he resides at 1303 North Pierce, Arlington, Virginia, and he is a long-time employee of Ward and Paul. He was interviewed at his place of employment, 917 G Street, N.W. HAWKINS advised that all classified reproduction work performed on Xerox machines is done either by himself or by "PETE" (JESSE LEE, III) WARD. HAWKINS states he recalls having done a large volume of reproduction work for the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY and stated in the early stages such work generally was classified "Top Secret," but sometime later the work bore the classification of "Confidential." HAWKINS advised such jobs for the Commission were performed as needed, and he never paid any particular attention to the nature of the material to be reproduced or the text of its contents. He said with regard to the transcript of the testimony of JACK L. RUBY before the President's Commission, June 7, 1964, HAWKINS advised he has no specific recollection as to whether he or "PETE" WARD may have handled this piece of work. He stated that in order to reproduce five copies of a document consisting of 103 pages, such work would take approximately 3 1/2 hours to 4 hours and if the finished material along with the original transcript was received by the Commission on June 18, 1964, at 3:35 p.m., it would indicate to him that the job had been received in the office of Ward and Paul that same day. In explanation of this, he said if the material had been received initially by Ward and Paul on the previous day, June 17, 1964, delivery of the finished copies would have occurred at approximately 9 a.m. on June 18, 1964.

HAWKINS stated he never had made any extra copies of any material received for reproduction and never had caused any material whatsoever to fall into the hands of any person not authorized to receive it. HAWKINS stated he personally was not responsible for any "leak" of information to the news media and specifically had no information as to how DOROTHY KILGALLIN came into possession of a copy of the testimony of JACK RUBY.

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Mr. JESSE LEE WARD, III, son of JESSE LEE WARD, JR., one of the owners of Ward and Paul, was interviewed at his place of employment, 917 O Street, N.W. He stated that he is generally known as "PETE" WARD in order to avoid confusion in names around the business establishment. PETE WARD advised he had no specific recollection of the testimony of JACK L. RUBY, who was afforded a hearing at Dallas, Texas, June 7, 1964. He stated that during oddtimes, all classified reproduction work to be done on Xerox machines is handled personally by either himself or ROBERT HAWKINS. He said he does not recall whether he may have run off the 5 copies of the RUBY testimony; however, he stated the receipt for delivery of the original transcript along with the 5 copies to the President's Commission on June 18, 1964, bore his signature as having released the material to B. A. HECKMAN, an employee of the President's Commission, at 3:35 p.m. that date. PETE WARD stated he had no information as to how any leak or leaks of material relating to the inquiry being conducted by the Commission had occurred. Specifically with regard to the unauthorized disclosure of the JACK L. RUBY testimony, which appeared in the newspaper under the by-line of DOROTHY KILGALLEN, he had no suggestion as to how his "leak" may have occurred. He stated he did not know KILGALLEN and did not know any one who might have been acquainted with her.

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Date 10/7/641

Mrs. BEVERLY ANN HECKMAN, Secretary to J. LEE RANKIN, General Counsel to President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., advised she recalls ANN WELSH, a secretary in the Department of Defense who worked for the Commission, had borrowed a "Confidential" stamp from the Department of Defense during the earlier stages of the Commission's existence. Mrs. HECKMAN stated WELSH had also borrowed a "Secret" and "Top Secret" stamp for the use of the Commission.

Mrs. HECKMAN said it had been necessary to obtain additional classification stamps, and she had requisitioned these items from the General Services Administration. Mrs. HECKMAN reviewed records at the Commission offices and determined she had requisitioned two sets of classification stamps on January 16, 1964. Each set of stamps contained one "Confidential" stamp, as well as a "Secret" and "Top Secret" stamp.

Mrs. HECKMAN made available two "Confidential" stamps. One of these stamps was identified as Number 1, and the second was identified as Number 3. Mrs. HECKMAN informed stamp Number 1 was borrowed from the Department of Defense, whereas stamp Number 2 was one of two obtained from General Services Administration. Stamp Number 1 was located in Mrs. HECKMAN's desk and stamp Number 3 was found in a secretary's desk in a room occupied by several secretaries.

Mrs. HECKMAN located the third "Confidential" stamp, which is one of two obtained from the General Services Administration. This stamp was located in the Commission supply cabinet, and had never been used. This stamp was left at the Commission at Mrs. HECKMAN's request.

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
ATTENTION: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION,
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS - R - CUBA

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 9/14/64 enclosing letterhead memorandum dealing with efforts to identify the remaining one latent palm print on one of the cardboard cartons (Exhibit C-40).

Enclosed herewith are the palm prints of the following named employees of the Dallas Office to be compared with the one remaining unidentified latent palm print:

- SA JOE B. ABERNATHY
- SA JOHN V. ALMON
- SA ROBERT J. ANDERSON
- SA JAMES W. ANDERTON
- SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT
- ASAC KYLE G. CLARK
- SA JACK A. FRENCH
- SA WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN
- SA ROBERT C. LISH
- SA JOSEPH M. MYERS
- SA ALFRED D. NEELEY

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SA CURTIS L. PERRYMAN
SA RICHARD T. RABIDEAU
MARIAN F. ROBERTS
SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN
SA JAMES W. SWINFORD
SA GASTON C. THOMPSON
SA CARL E. UNDERHILL
SA PAUL E. WULFF

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To: SAC, Dallas (100-10461)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555) — 5082

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA;
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Reurairtel 10-9-64, submitting the palm prints of the following listed employees for comparison with the remaining latent palm print from the cardboard cartons recovered in this case:

- SA Joe B. Abernathy
- SA John V. Almon
- SA Robert J. Anderson
- SA James W. Anderton
- SA James W. Bookhout
- ASAC Kyle G. Clark
- SA Jack A. French
- SA Will Hayden Griffin
- SA Robert C. Lish
- SA Joseph M. Myers
- SA Alfred D. Neeley
- SA Bardwell D. Odum
- SA Curtis L. Perryman
- SA Richard T. Rabideau
- Marian F. Roberts
- SAC J. Gordon Shanklin
- SA James W. Swinford
- SA Gaston C. Thompson
- SA Carl E. Underhill
- SA Paul E. Wulff

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The latent palm print is not identical with these submitted palm prints.

The submitted prints are being retained.

- Tolson _____
- Belmont 1 — Mr. Belmont
- Mohr _____
- DeLoach 1 — Mr. Conrad
- Casper _____
- Callahan 1 — Mr. DeLoach
- Conrad _____
- Evans _____
- Gale _____
- Rosen 1 — Mr. Rosen (Attention: Mr. James R. Malley)
- Sullivan 1 — Mr. Sullivan (Attention: Mr. R. E. Lenihan)
- Tavel 1 — 62-109060 (Assassination)
- Trotter _____
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Branigan 1- Lenihan

October 13, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

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 FBI READING ROOM

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of September 30, 1964, wherein you requested our authorization to declassify a number of FBI documents which were furnished to the Commission during the course of our investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald.

The reports listed below may be regarded as unclassified. In this regard, the Commission may disregard the printed statement appearing on each of the reports in question, namely: "It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency."

Reports entitled "Lee Harvey Oswald, Internal Security - Russia Cuba."

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- Report of Special Agent John W. Fain dated July 3, 1961, at Dallas, Texas.
- Report of Special Agent John J. Sweeney dated December 1, 1963, at Mobile, Alabama.
- Report of Special Agent Carl E. Graham dated December 2, 1963, at Washington, D. C.
- Report of Special Agent Edwin Dalrymple dated December 4, 1963, at Houston, Texas.
- Report of Special Agent John James O'Flaherty dated December 6, 1963, at New York, New York.
- Report of Special Agent Stephen M. Callender dated December 16, 1963, at New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Report of Special Agent Richard L. Keslor dated December 18, 1963, at Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Report of Special Agent Chester C. Orton dated December 18, 1963, at Los Angeles, California.

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Report of Special Agent Edward P. Gazur dated December 31, 1963, at Cleveland, Ohio.

Report of Special Agent John M. Kemmy dated January 6, 1964, at San Antonio, Texas.

Report of Special Agent Edwin Dalrymple dated January 14, 1964, at Houston, Texas.

Report of Special Agent James J. O'Connor dated January 23, 1964, at Miami, Florida.

Report of Special Agent Ervin B. Bruninga dated February 11, 1964, at Birmingham, Alabama.

Report of Special Agent Edwin Dalrymple dated February 20, 1964, at Houston, Texas.

Report of Special Agent John M. Kemmy dated February 28, 1964, at San Antonio, Texas.

Report of Special Agent Emory E. Horton dated March 11, 1964, at Dallas, Texas.

Report of Special Agent Milton L. Newson dated March 21, 1964, at Dallas, Texas.

Report of Special Agent Edwin Dalrymple dated March 24, 1964, at Houston, Texas.

Report of Special Agent James J. O'Connor dated March 27, 1964, at Miami, Florida.

Report of Special Agent Joseph T. Boston dated March 30, 1964, at Mobile, Alabama.

Report of Special Agent John P. McHugh dated April 6, 1964, at San Francisco, California.

Report of Special Agent John James O'Flaherty dated April 9, 1964, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent Marion C. Street dated April 10, 1964, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Report of Special Agent John M. Kemmy dated April 30, 1964, at San Antonio, Texas.

Report of Special Agent John James O'Flaherty dated May 8, 1964, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent Harry H. Whidbee dated June 11, 1964, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent James J. O'Connor dated July 16, 1964, at Miami, Florida.

Report of Special Agent Robert E. Shortelle dated July 28, 1964, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Reports entitled "Ruth Hyde Paine; Michael Ralph Paine; Internal Security - Russia."

Report of Special Agent Darrel B. Currie dated December 23, 1963, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent Robert James Nelson dated March 14, 1964, at Denver, Colorado.

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

We are continuing our review of the other documents listed in the attachment to your letter of September 30, 1964, and you will be promptly advised when this review has been completed.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE:

By letter 9/30/64 the Commission furnished a list of approximately 100 documents which it desires to publish as backup data (exhibits and the like) to its report which was recently made available to the public. The documents listed herein have been reviewed and all were unclassified with the exception of Special Agent Fain's report of July 3, 1961, when such reports were originally disseminated to the Commission. However, they contained the property stamp which is printed on the first page of all FBI reports to the effect that such report is the property of the FBI, is loaned to an agency, and its contents are not to be distributed outside that agency. We have reviewed Special Agent Fain's report and it can now be downgraded to unclassified without compromising any of our sources or coverage. We are authorizing the Commission to disregard the property stamp since it was understood throughout the investigation the Commission would probably publish some of our reports and memcranda in its overall report to the nation.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555) Attn: Criminal Section
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)
RE : LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.
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ReBuairtel to Dallas requesting Dallas to advise what action remains to be taken to complete efforts to identify one remaining latent palm print on the cartons found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) building.

The following action remains to be taken:

By Dallas airtel to Bureau, with copies to Atlanta, Denver and Newark, dated 10/9/64, request was made of these three offices to obtain the palm prints of SA BENJAMIN O. KEUTZER; Steno JEANETTE TANKSLEY; and SA WARREN A. LARSON, respectively.

By Dallas airtel to Bureau, Attention: Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, dated 10/9/64 palm prints of 20 employees of the Dallas Office were submitted.

By Dallas airtel to Bureau, Attention: Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, dated 10/12/64, palm prints of 10 employees of the Dallas Office were submitted.

There are remaining to be obtained the palm prints of four employees of the Dallas Office whose palm prints will be obtained as such employees are available.

There are remaining to be obtained the palm prints of nine former employees of the Dallas Office who have retired, resigned or gone on maternity leave since 11/26/63.

The palm print of SEYHOUR WEITMAN, Deputy Constable, and THOMAS P. ALYEA, WFAA-TV, Dallas, who are both known to have been on the sixth floor of the TSBD on 11/22/63, are being

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obtained. Efforts are also being maintained to obtain palm prints of HADDON SPURGEON AIKEN and JACK CHARLES CASON of TSBD.

With respect to obtaining the palm print of Captain WILL FRITZ, Dallas Police Department, he has been contacted several times in an effort to arrange to obtain his palm prints. He was last contacted on 10/12/64 at which time he stated that he had not touched the four cardboard cartons and could see no reason for his palm prints being taken, and that he was refusing to have his palm prints taken. No further efforts are being made to obtaining the palm prints of Captain WILL FRITZ in view of his attitude. *light print*

In the event the one remaining latent palm print is not identified from the above described palm prints, there does not appear to be any logical course of action which can be taken. *light*

Previous investigation has established that these four cartons remained at the TSBD until 11/25/63, and that there is no way to determine the identity of all persons who were on the sixth floor during this period.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - W. A. Branigan 1-Stokes

October 14, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 30, 1964, with which was enclosed a list of communications in this case which the President's Commission seeks authority to declassify. The following communications may be regarded as unclassified:

- (1) Memorandum of four pages dated April 10, 1964, at New York, New York.
- (2) Memorandum of seven pages dated April 17, 1964, at Houston, Texas.
- (3) Memorandum of two pages dated May 14, 1964, at New York, New York.
- (4) Memorandum of thirteen pages dated April 22, 1964, at Washington, D. C.
- (5) Memorandum of seven pages dated March 12, 1964, at Washington, D. C.
- (6) Memorandum of seven pages dated March 16, 1964, at Washington, D. C.
- (7) Memorandum of three pages dated June 10, 1964, at Washington, D. C.
- (8) Memorandum of four pages dated July 10, 1964, at Washington, D. C.
- (9) Memorandum of five pages dated April 8, 1964, at Washington, D. C.
- (10) Letter to Honorable J. Lee Rankin dated July 1, 1964, and the two enclosures thereto, namely memoranda of two pages and four pages dated June 23, 1964, at Washington, D. C.
- (11) Memorandum of two pages dated July 23, 1964, at Washington, D. C.
- (12) Letter to Honorable J. Lee Rankin dated July 16, 1964, and its enclosure, namely a memorandum of three pages dated July 9, 1964, at Washington, D. C.
- (13) Memorandum of four pages dated February 20, 1964, at Washington, D. C.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

Our review of the documents referred to in the enclosure to your letter of reference is continuing and the results thereof will be promptly furnished to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover


NOTE:

Items referred to herein are identified as follows:

- (1) New York unclassified letterhead serial 3443.
- (2) Houston unclassified letterhead serial 3539.
- (3) New York unclassified letterhead serial 3870.

While above documents were unclassified, Dr. Goldberg of the President's Commission on 10/7 advised that Commission requested authority to regard them as unclassified in view of fact that they contained the character Internal Security - Russia - Cuba.

Items four through thirteen are our letterheads all prepared by Legat, Mexico City, and, where indicated, Bureau letters transmitting them to Commission. The Bureau letters all contained statement that, upon detachment from enclosures, the letters should be regarded as unclassified. All the letterheads prepared by Legat were classified "Confidential"

 All the letterheads have been carefully reviewed and, all sources, where necessary, have been properly protected.

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Further sanitizing of the letterheads referred to herein is not necessary. State Department has advised that it has no objection to declassification of results of our inquiries in Mexico, which in part, were summarized in a 178-page summary letterhead prepared by Legat which has been sanitized and declassified. While some of the material in letterheads referred to herein is covered in part in the sanitized summary, all of the information is not therein; hence, in view of State Department's reaction and as our sources have been properly protected, it is advisable to declassify letterheads in question.

These letterheads bear the following serial numbers in the Oswald file:

(4, 3509; 5, 2857; 6, 2830; 7, 4108; 8, 4425; 9, 3222; 10, 4257 and 4258; 11, 4546; 12, 4443; 13, 2103.

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FROM : SAC, BUTTE (62-1965) (RUC)

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

EDWARD W. MAYER, Lewiston, Idaho, retired FBI Agent, advised SA STEINAR E. GORUD that recently SIEBERT SWENSON, Senior Law Student, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, told him that his aunt, Mrs. WALLACE LAMB, Pillon Road, Muskegan, Michigan, mentioned that the name LEE HARVEY OSWALD was entered on a church guest register in Muskegan about two years ago. He mentioned that President KENNEDY or RICHARD NIXON may have been in the Muskegan area about this time. The identity of the church in Muskegan is unknown.

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DETROIT DIVISION

AT MUSKEGAN, MICHIGAN

Contact Mrs. WALLACE LAMB, Pillon Road, to determine name of church involved.

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
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BY COURIER SERVICE

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

1 - I.W. Conrad (J.M. English)
1 - W.C. Sullivan (R.E. Lenihan)
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. McGowan (J.W. Hines)
1 - Mr. Raupach

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter dated October 6, 1964, which enclosed copies of two memoranda revealing results of an interview with Mr. Leon D. Hubert, Jr., former staff member on the President's Commission.

Enclosed are two copies each of three memoranda which also pertain to this matter captioned and dated as follows:

"Jack L. Ruby
Lee Harvey Oswald"
October 7, 1964,
Washington, D. C.

"Jack L. Ruby
Lee Harvey Oswald - Victim
Civil Rights"
October 10, 1964,
Kansas City, Missouri

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"Lee Harvey Oswald
Internal Security -
Russia - Cuba"
October 10, 1964,
Kansas City, Missouri

I would like to point out that attempts were made to obtain from Dorothy Kilgallen a copy of the transcript of Jack L. Ruby's testimony before Chief Justice Warren

1 - 44-24016
① - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)
1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)

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published in the "New York Journal American." However, Dorothy Kilgallen did not choose to cooperate and further contacts with her were discontinued.

With the submission of the enclosures, inquiries conducted by this Bureau based on your letter dated September 10, 1964, are concluded. However, results of the FBI Laboratory examinations conducted on documents obtained from you and others will be submitted separately.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (6)

NOTE: In regard to the leak of Oswald's diary, Ruby's testimony before Chief Justice Warren, and Ruby's polygraph to news media, the Commission by letter dated 9/10/64 requested Commission members, Commission staff, Ruby's current and former attorneys be interviewed regarding this matter. These interviews were conducted expeditiously and over 80 individuals have been interviewed; the results were furnished to the Commission by letters dated, 9/23, 9/25, 10/1, and 10/6/64. Individuals interviewed indicated they were not aware of how the information was leaked to the news media. The Laboratory has conducted an examination of transcripts obtained from the Commission and others and made examinations concerning Page 103 of the transcript which appeared in the "New York Journal American." The Laboratory results are being furnished to the Commission by separate communication dated 10/16/64 and our inquiries are now complete.

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- 1 - W.C. Sullivan
(R. E. Lenihan)
- 1 - C.D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

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To: SAC, Dallas (100-10461)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.
IS-R-CUBA
ATTENTION CRIMINAL SECTION

ReBuairtel 10/14/64 relating to George and Patricia Nash, a Columbia University research team and their criticism of the report published by the President's Commission.

Enclosed for Dallas and New York is one copy each of an article prepared by the Nashes entitled "The Other Witnesses" which appeared in the 10/12/64 issue of "The Newleader."

The enclosed is furnished for your information and to assist in handling the investigation requested in reBuairtel.

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NOTE: In reBuairtel, Dallas and New York were furnished an article which appeared in the 10/12/64 issue of "The New York Times." This article relates that the Nashes had written an article critical of the Commission and summarized some of their criticisms. The enclosed article is the basis for the Times' clipping. The two-page article is based on an allegedly intensive two-week study by the Nashes in Dallas. It is loaded with inaccuracies, misinformation and fails to take into account the back-up material which has not been released by the Commission. This back-up material would tend to negate the better part of the Nashes' criticism. They endeavor to discredit witnesses used by the Commission to reach its conclusion that Oswald killed Tippit and completely discount positive evidence linking Oswald to this killing such as his revolver, identification of cartridge cases

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and testimony of numerous witnesses. The article in part repeats some of the allegations made by Mark Lane, the reported pro-communist New York Attorney who has been trying to discredit the investigation in this matter since its inception. "The Newleader" is reportedly very liberal and anti-communist.