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1 - Mr. beln t 1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. J.P. Mohr 1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - J. C. Stokes
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The Acting Attorney General

Director, FBI

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Reference is made to letter dated October 15, 1964, from Assistant Attorney General Herbert J. Hiller, Jr., which forwarded for our attention and appropriate action a copy of a letter to you dated October 13, 1964, from Joachim Joesten.

We are forwarding a copy of Joesten's letter to the president's Commission and to the United States Secret Service. The Further information concerning Joesten and his writings concerning for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is contained on the assassination case to pages 561 through 595 of the report in the assassination case of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated May 15, 1964, at Dallas, Texas.

We do not intend to take any further action in connection with Joesten's preposterous charges.

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

EARL WARREN.

HALE BOOGS

GERALD R. PORD

JOHN J. McCLOY

ALLEN W. DULLES

RICHARD B. RUSSELL

JOHN SHERMAN COOPER

Chairman

With reference to your request of October 5, 1964 pertaining to the return of a physical exhibit—a motel registration card belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Cecit Sitz, owners of the "Half-Circle J" Motel at Fort Worth, Texas—this office has no further need of this card and it may be returned to the owners.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin General Counsel

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The President's Commission has advised that the motel registration card belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sitz, owners of the "Half-Circle J" Motel at Fort Worth, Texas, may be returned to them. Accordingly, this registration card is enclosed herewith and you should promptly return it to Mr. and Mrs. Sitz. You should not, however, inform Mr. and Mrs. Sitz that the handwriting on the card is not that of Lee Harvey Oswald. Enclosure

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Mr. and Mrs Sitz informed the Dallas Office, immediately after the assassination, that they thought Oswald may have registered in their motel on 11/20/63 under another name. They made available 8 the original registration card involved and it was afforded. handwriting examination by the FBI Laboratory. The Laboratory concluded the handwriting on the card was not Oswald's. The Sitzs: requested on 9/29/64 the card be returned to them. We took this g up with the Commission and Commission advised such card is of no further interest to Commission. Dallas suggested Bureau may desire to inform the Sitzs that the writing on the card was not that of Oswald. This action not desirable since our handwriting comparison was furnished to the commission divulged: results of FBI Laboratory examinations to public.

1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Branigan 1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - J. C. Stokes

October 20, 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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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 30, 1964, requesting us to declassify certain documents previously furnished by this Bureau to the President's Commission. In this connection, you may regard as unclassified our letter to Honorable J. Lee Rankin dated September 10, 1964, and the two enclosures thereto, namely a memorandum of two pages dated August 25, 1964, at Washington, D. C., and a memorandum of three pages dated August 28, 1964, at Washington, D. C.

In connection with our letters (two) to Honorable J. Lee Rankin dated September 4, 1964, dealing with interview of Exhibit D-238, we request that you continue to regard them as bearing a "Confidential" classification. There are enclosed in this regard two copies each of memoranda dated September 4, 1964, which may be regarded as unclassified and in which are set forth portions of our September 4, 1964, letters:

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.

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NOTE:

The 9/10 letter is serial 4809 and served only as letter of transmittal and becomes declassified when detached from its enclosures. The 8/25 memorandum is serial 4785 and the 8/28 memorandum is serial 4796. These are letterheads prepared by Legat, Mexico City, which can now be declassified as all sources therein are properly protected. Our 9/4 letter dealing with interview of Rolando Barrios, an employee of a travel agency in Mexico City through whom's Oswald purchased his bus ticket on his return to U. S. in October, 1963, explained in response to specific Commission inquiry that Barrios was interviewed on only one occasion (4/2/64) by SA Rolf Larson of Legat's staff. This letter goes further by way of explaining how the information obtained from Barrios was elicited. It is the latter portion in which the Commission is undoubtedly interested. We do not want to declassify 9/4/ letter as SA Larson is identified therein. The enclosed letterhead attributes information in 9/4/64 letter to a confidential source abroad and, hence, does not need declassification at this time. Our other 9/4 letter which transmitted a portion of Exhibit D-238 summarized our findings concerning inquiry at various points in Mexico City, the locations of which were marked on a street map of Oswald's which was belatedly turned over to us by Marina Oswald in late August. This letter indicates that we were conducting inquiry at other areas in Mexico City, locations of which were also marked on the map. This shows our investigative activity in Nexico. The portions in this letter summarizing results including Laboratory findings are set forth in second enclosed letterhead which need not be classified.

September 4, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Concerning the markings on the large and small maps depicted in Exhibit D-240, a confidential source abroad has advised that the central markings in the J-7 and the H-3 areas of these maps define Lee Harvey Oswald's place of residence at the Hotel del Comercio at Bernardin de Sahagun Street, Number 19, Mexico, D.F., Mexico.

Examination by the FBI Laboratory of Exhibit D-237, the portion of the Transportes del Norte bus ticket obtained from Mrs. Oswald, established that D-237 was originally connected to the two ticket stubs depicted in Exhibit D-202. The examination further established that the D-202 ticket stubs were originally connected.

According to a confidential source abroad,

Mr. Ricardo Medina, Mexico City manager of the Transportes del

Norte line] explained that tickets issued by his company for

travel from Mexico City, Mexico, to Laredo, Texas, consist

of three sections which are delivered to the purchaser. Each

of these sections bears the same number. According to Mr. Medina)

one section is for travel from Mexico City to Monterrey and

the second is for the travel between Monterrey and Laredo,

Texas. The third section, recording the total travel from

Mexico City to Laredo Texas, is retained by the passenger.

This section (Exhibit D-237) records the price of the ticket

to be ninety-three pesos and seventy-five centavos. The

tickets of the Del Norte line are pink in color and are torn

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September 4, 1964

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The following was received from a confidential source abroad:

Mr. Roland Barrios, former employee of the] Chihuahuenses Travel Agency, Mexico, D.F., Mexico, when shown Photostats of the exchange order (Exhibit D-202) issued in connection with the travel of H. O. Lee from Mexico, D.F., Mexico, to Laredo, Texas, via the Transportes del Norte bus line on October 2-3, 1963, stated that the handprinting and signature on this document were his and that undoubtedly he. handled the transaction represented by the document. A photograph of the tourist card (Exhibit J-3) of Lee Harvey . Oswald was also displayed to [Mr. Barrios] He stated that he would interpret the comma following the name "Lee" on the tourist card to indicate surname of the traveler to be "Lee" and, in order to avoid unnecessary writing on the exchange order, he would have used the initials of the first and middle names appearing on the tourist card which he considered to be "llarvey Oswald."

Oswald or his dealings with him. On viewing the above-described documents, he affirmed that he would have written the name of the traveler as "H. O. Lee" had he copied this name from Oswald's tourist card.

Ur. Barrios stated that he would attempt to reconstruct the events following issuance of the exchange order in question. However, he subsequently advised that he was unable to recall his contact with the traveler for whom he issued the exchange order in the name "H. O. Lee."

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October 20, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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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, requesting us to declassify certain documents previously furnished to the President's Commission.

In this connection, you inquired as to the possibility of declassifying our memorandum of three pages dated May 6, 1984, at Washington, D. C., and our letter to Honorable J. Lee Rankin dated April 6, 1964, summarizing recently developed information pertaining to Loe Harvey Oswald's activities in Mexico. It is requested that you consider the aforementioned memorandum and Jetter to still bear a "Confidential" classification.

In this regard, your attention is invited to the fact In this regard, your attention is invited to the fitthat the information recorded in our May 6, 1964, memorandum is and in our April 6, 1964, letter appears in unclassified in 7. 8 pocuments previously furnished to the Commission, namely our summary memorandum of 173 pages dated May 18, 1964, at Mashington, D. C., and our memorandum of 13 pages dated April 20, 1964, which were furnished to you by our letters dated October 12, 1964, and October 16, 1964, respectively,

Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover OCI 21 1964 JCS:mec (8)

-NOTE:///, The 5/6 memorandum (serial 3731) is a letterhead prepared by Legat, Mexico City, classified "Confidential," which deals with investigation concerning entries in Oswald's address book. All of the information regarding investigation reported in letterhead, with exception of one bit of information unrelated to the assassination

. Honorable J. Lee Rankin

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The method of reporting in unclassified summary was slightly amended to protect the Legat's operations (we do not attribute to confidential acurces abroad observations which were made by members of the Embassy staff i.e. checking of phone book, etc.). The 4/6 letter is serial 3007 which summarized pertinent developments regarding Mexican investigation which were reported to Bureau at the time by cable. The letter stated that the inquiry summarized therein would be furnished to Commission in detail at a later date. This has been done in our 5/18 and 4/20 unclassified memoranda. It is inadvisable to declassify 4/6 letter for in it we spoke openly of our investigative efforts in Mexico. The unclassified documents clearly protect all sources.

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10-20-64

Subject: HERBERT T. LINSEY, aka

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Bufiles contain no information identifiable with captioned individual. There is no indication he has been interviewed in connection with the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy or in connection with the investigation involving Lee Harvey Oswald.

Louisville Office should immediately interview subject and obtain all information in his possession bearing on Oswald or the assassination of the late President Kennedy. Results of such interview should be furnished to the Byroau in a form suitable for dissemination.under the Lee Harvey-Oswald caption.

Handle immediately.

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The mayor of Barbourville, Kentucky, informed Louisville Office 10-17-64 subject has been preaching on the Court House Yard in Barbourville and made statements he has tape recordings of a plot of Oswald to kill President Kennedy and that President Johnson had knowledge of this plot prior to the assassination. Linsey claimed the FBI had interviewed him on three different occasions in this matter. Our files failed to reflect any contact with Linsey and from the data furnished by the mayor of Barbourville it appeared Linsey may be a mental case.

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Memorandum

ro : Mr. Mohr

DATE: October 8, 1964

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FROM: C. D. De Loach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

The United Press at Dallas, Texas, in an article dated October 7, 1964, had the lead, "Dallas Police Chief Says FBI Asked Coverup on Conduct in Oswald Case." It goes on to report that Police Chief Jesse Curry alleges in a letter to the Warren Commission that he was once asked by the FBI to deny that the FBI had failed to warn other agencies about Lee Harvey Oswald. The United Press item further states that Chief Curry had told newsmen the day of the assassination that although the FBI had known about Oswald, the FBI had passed on no information to the Dallas police.

The UPI article goes on to quote Chief Curry "Within a few minutes of my statement to the press Shanklin (SAC, Dallas) was on the phone." Chief Curry is quoted as saying that FBI did not want to admit publicly that it had known about Oswald before the assassination. He claims that Shanklin asked him to retract his statement. He states that he did retract his statement. The article goes on to indicate that the FBI admitted it had Oswald under investigation. The above article appears on Page A 3 of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" this morning.

Chief Curry is ________ in the above claims.

The true facts of the matter are (as reflected in my memorandum dated November 23, 1963) that at approximately 11:25 a.m. on 11-23-63 Chief Curry, when television cameras were thrust in front of him, made the following allegations:

- (1) The FBI customarily advises Dallas police whenever an individual of subversive background arrives in Dallas.
 - (2) The FBI recently interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald. 5:-U-16:3
- (3) The FBI had Oswald under surveillance in Dallas, however, did not notify the Dallas police.

ENCLOSURE I immediately advised the Director of these allegations and thereafter called SAC Shanklin and instructed him to contact Chief Curry and set him straight I told Shanklin that Curry should get back on television, and should also inform the wire services, of the falsity of his statements immediately. I told SAC Shanklin that if Curry did not take this action we would issue a statement here in Washington calling him a liar.

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DeLoach to Mohr memo, 10-8-64 RE: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

SACShanklin called me back within 15 minutes on November 23, 1963, and stated that Curry had agreed to make the retraction. Curry apologized to Shanklin and told him he did not mean to place any blame on the FBI. I told SAC Shanklin that regardless of Curry's statement that if he did not follow through, Curry should be again contacted within 30 minutes.

At approximately 1:15 p.m. NBC television quoted Curry as saying he had not meant to imply that the FBI had failed to keep the Dallas police informed. —Curry was further quoted as stating that the cooperation between the FBI and the Dallas police was excellent. He stated that the FBI was under no responsibility to report to the Dallas police any individuals of subversive background who might be in Dallas. He was also quoted as stating that he had not meant to imply that the FBI had Oswald under surveillance or that the FBI had recently interviewed Oswald. He stated to his knowledge the FBI did not have Oswald under surveillance. Chief Curry gave the same report to the radio networks and this was heard both here in Washington and by SAC Shanklin in Dallas.

At the time of the above-mentioned allegations by Curry we not only had Curry make these retractions but we called our sources at both UPI and AP and talked with them on a confidential basis. They immediately called their representatives in Dallas and instructed them to contact Curry and get him on the record in repudiating the above false allegations. We also called Jerry O'Leary of "The Washington Star" who was in Dallas at that time and had him get in touch with Curry and make Curry go on record regarding the falsity of his allegations.

In teletype of October 7, 1964, SAC, Dallas, refers to Texas Attorney General's report on the assassination and notes this report does not mention this criticism by Chief Curry; however, the report does indicate that there are numerous exhibits and documents in the possession of the Attorney General of Texas. Apparently these exhibits in Attorney General Waggoner Carr's possession are the source for the UPI article.

According to Dallas teletype the controversial memorandum of Lieutenant Jack Revill, Dallas Police Department, indicates that Chief of Police Curry in a letter dated May 28, 1964, to J. Lee Rankin said that the FBI had asked him to retract statements he had made to the effect that he had received information that the FBI knew of Oswald's presence in Dallas.

Dallas teletype reports that Dallas files show a memorandum by Shanklin dated November 22, 1963, to the effect that on the night of November 22, 1963, Shanklin contacted Chief Curry, pointed out to him that the FBI had not interviewed Oswald in Dallas, that the FBI was under no obligation to furnish him security

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DeLoach to Mohr memo, 10-8-64 RE: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

information and that the FBI had no indication Oswald was likely to kill the President. According to Dallas memorandum, Chief Curry told Shanklin he was repeating information someone else had told him and he could not remember the source. Chief Curry said then he would rectify the error and this was done. This telecast was observed in my office on November 23, 1963, and that is the date on which I talked to Shanklin and told him to straighten Chief Curry out.

_COURSE OF ACTION:

We have a choice of making "no comment" and letting this matter stand for the record or else we can issue a statement here in Washington under the Director's name or by the SAC in Dallas under his name. I frankly think that the former course of action would be better, i.e. having the Director issue the attached statement to UPI sources here in Washington clearly refuting Curry's allegations and setting the record straight once more. After issuance of the Statement, there will be no further comment.

Of course, there are pros and cons as to the issuance of any statement at this time. The issuance of a statement will no doubt "fan the flames" and call further attention to our criticism by the Warren Commission. Nevertheless, I feel we should not let Chief Curry, get away with making false allegations.

RECOMMENDATION:

It may be that the letter that Chief Curry allegedly sent to the Warren Commission on May 28, 1964, has been misquoted or misconstrued and if so Chief Curry should be given the opportunity to once again set the record straight.

SAC Shanklin and ASAC, Dallas, should contact the Chief, determine whether he did send a letter dated 5-28-64 to the Commission and determine precisely what it said.

If the Chief did prepare this letter and did make these allegations and still refuses to clear the record, I think we have no alternative but to go ahead and issue the altached statement in our own behalf.

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According to a news statement on October 7, 1964, Chief of Police

Jesse Curry, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, has officially indicated in a
letter to the Warren Commission that he was asked by the FBI on November 22, 1963,
to deny that the FBI had failed to warn other agencies about Lee Harvey Oswald.

Chief Curry allegedly claims that within a few minutes of his statement to the press
in this connection, he was requested by the FBI to retract his statement that the FBI
had failed in this regard.

The FBI did not ask Chief Curry or anyone else to deny that it had information regarding Oswald or Oswald's presence in Dallas.

The true facts of the matter are that on November 23, 1963, Chief Curry, upon appearing before television cameras, alleged (1) The FBI customarily advises the Dalias Police whenever an individual of subversive background arrives in Dalias; (2) The FBI recently interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald; and (3) The FBI had Oswald under surveillance in Dalias, however, did not notify the Dalias Police. Although there exists no responsibility to do so, the FBI has on past occasions furnished the Dalias Police information regarding individuals with subversive backgrounds. The remaining statements of Chief Curry were absolutely false. The FBI had never interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald in Dalias, Texas. The FBI did not have Lee Harvey Oswald under surveillance in Dalias, Texas.

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In reply, Chief Curry told Mr. Shanklin that he had been told by someone, whose identity he did not recall, of this information. Chief Curry admitted that he did not know of his own knowledge that the FBI had either interviewed or had Oswald under surveillance. He told Mr. Shanklin he would be glad to get back on the air and correct his erroneous statements. A short time later Chief Curry was quoted on television correcting his earlier statement.

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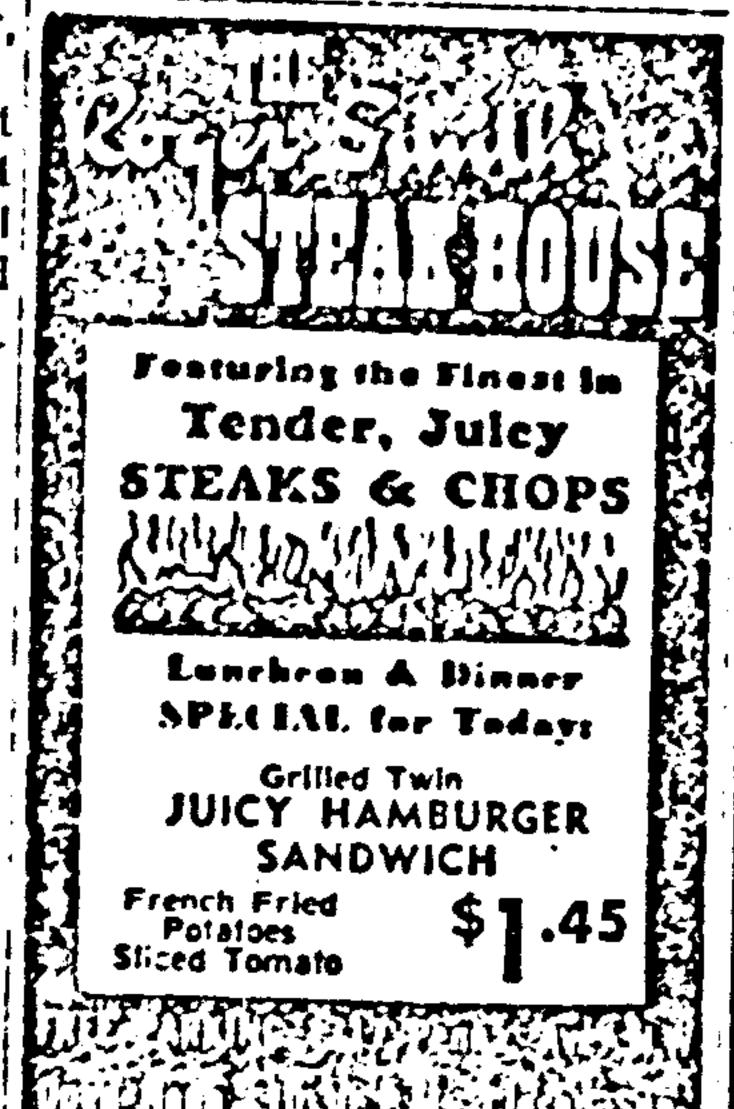
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FBI Never Requested 'Cover-Up,' Curry Says

the head of the Dallas I-BI of-writing the President's commislice made public Wednesday a sion in May, 1964, certain memlice made public Wednesday a si

Agent-in-charge J. Gordon Shanklin said the denial was made in reply to a letter Shanklin wrote to Eurry Tuesday, asking that the matter be clarified.

Curry's reply, as released by Shanklin, said:

"Neither you nor anyone connected with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ever asked me to 'cover up' the fact that the FBI knew Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas. Texas, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

"This is in reply to your letter of Oct. 13, 1964."

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October 20, 1964 DY LIAISON To: Chief, U. S. Secret Service John Edgar Moover, Director LEE HAKVEY OSHALD Subjecti IIITEWAJ. SECURITY - RUSSTA - CUBA For the further completion of your files. there is enclosed a copy of a letter to the Acting Attorney General dated October 13, 1964, from a Josephin Joesten. The enclosure was forwarded to us by the Department of Justice for our attention and appropriate action. Further information concerning Joachim Joesten and his writings concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, is set forth en pages 561 through 595 of the report in the assassination case of Special Agent Robert P. Geaberling dated May 15, 1964, at Vallas, Texas. We are furnishing two copies of the enclosure to the President s Comission. We do not intend to take any further action in connection with Joesten s preposterous charges. Enclosure - See meho Branigan - Sullivan 10-19-64, JCS:mec: LEE IMRVEY OSWALD, INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CURA. Trotter

- Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Malley - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Branigan - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mail Room - R. E. Lenihan

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

There are enclosed two copies of a report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated October 8, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, which contains fyrther results of our investigation concerning Lee Harvey_Oswald._ Each copy of such report contains three enclosures.

We will continue to furnish you with communications in duplicate containing further results of our investigation.

> Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover

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This report consists of 265 pages. It has been approved by the Supervisors, Mr. Belmont and Mr. Malley. The report and its enclosores are unclassified.

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UNITED STATES GO Memorandum 1 - Mr. Belmont Callishon ----1 - Mr. Rosen Mr. W. C. Sullivan. DATE: 10/20/64 Sullivan - Mr. Sullivan Trotter . ____ Mr. W. A. Branigan Tele. Room ----1 - Mr. Malley Holmes Gondy ---- Mr. Branigan 1 - R. E. Lenihan LEE HARVEY OSWALD INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA By letter dated September 30, 1964, the President's Commission requested that the Bureau authorize the Commission to declassify approximately 100 documents which had been furnished to the Commission in connection with our investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In furnishing the identity of the documents it desired declassified, the Commission was not specific enough to identify the majority of the documents. Accordingly, a conference was held on October 7, 1964, with Dr. Alfred Goldberg and Miss Helen Tarko, of the Commission, and Inspector James R. Malley and Supervisor Robert E. Lenihan, to clarify the identity of the documents the Commission desired we declassify. Each of the documents involved was personally examined by Supervisor Lenihan in the Commission's offices and brief identifying data was set out on work papers: by Supervisor Lenihan in order that each document could be positively identified in Bufiles. These work papers are attached. ACTION: This memorandum and its attachment should be filed in the Lee Harvey Oswald Case for record purposes. Enclosure 105-82555 REL: mcc PFC 45

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UNITED STATES GO Memoranam

TO

Mr. Mohr

DATE: October 9, 1964

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C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT:

ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

BACKGROUND:

My memorandum 10-8-64 recommended that we instruct SAC Shanklin, Dallas, to contact Chief of Police Jesse Curry, Dallas, and forcibly tell him he had once again deliberately or intentionally lied about the FBI's actions in connection with captioned case. Briefly, as expressed in referenced memorandum of 10-8-64, Curry is quoted as saying the FBI, immediately following the assassination of the President (in the form of a telephone call from SAC Shanklin to Chief Curry) asked him to cover up by going back of television and stating that the FBI had not known that Oswald was in Dallas, Texas. The true facts of the matter are that after Curry appeared on television 11-23-63 I called SAC Shanklin and asked him to contact Curry and tell him he must get back on television and correct his allegations insofar as the FBI's interviewing or surveilling Oswald in Dallas was concerned. Curry had alleged that we had both interviewed and surveilled Oswald in Dallas. Shanklin followed through and Chief Curry did get back on television at approximately 1:15 p.m., 11-23-63, and admit that his earlier allegations were wrong. The purpose of SAC Shanklin's contact today, 10-9-64, with Curry was to tell him once again that he had intentionally or erroneously misinterpreted: the subject of SAC Shanklin's call to him as of 11-23-63 in that at no time had the FBI asked Chief Curry to cover up for us.

SAC Shanklin did see Curry this morning at the Adolphus Hotel. A Special Agent from the Dallas Office accompanied Shanklin so that a witness would be present. SAC Shanklin laid the facts on the line to Curry and Curry admitted that he was wrong in the assumption that the FBI had asked him to cover up. SAC Shanklin told him that in all fairness he should go back to news sources and admit his error in this regard. Chief Curry told Shanklin that he personally was willing to do this, however, City Manager Elgin C. Crull had specifically instructed him not to make any further statements in connection with this case. Chief Curry promised Shanklin that he would see the City 'Manager and ask his permission to correct this "misunderstanding." I told Shanklin when he called to report the above facts that if Chief Curry did not call him back by 4:00 p.m. today he should call Curry. 1172 15

1 - Mr. Belmont

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DeLoach to Mohr 10-9-6

Re: Assassination of the President

Chief Curry called SAC Shanklin at approximately 2:00 p.m. today and stated he had talked with the City Manager and the City Manager had told him that he had already opened his mouth too many times in this case and that he should make no I further statements. Chief Curry stated that his hands were tied and that he could not say anything to the news services. I told Shanklin to stand by, that we would be back in touch with him.

COURSE OF ACTION:

It seems that we have two alternatives:

- (1) We can issue a statement under the Director's name from Washington which was approved by the Director yesterday, 10-8-64, and which will be found attached to this memorandum. There are now disadvantages to doing this. The press has not picked up Chief Curry's erroneous statement in any way whatsoever. As a matter of fact, we have not even had a single inquiry. For the Director to issue a statement to the wire services in Washington would only serve to raise this entire matter on a nationwide basis. It is not believed this is a wise course of action. We should, of course, definitely go on record with the Warren Commission indicating that Chief Curry has once again stuck his foot in his mouth and has lied concerning the FBI's actions.
- (2) We can have SAC Shanklin see City Manager Crull and advise him of the so-called "misunderstanding" as voiced by Chief Curry and of the fact that Chief Curry has admitted his fault in this regard. SAC Shanklin can tell Crull that in all honesty it would seem that Crull would allow Chief Curry to answer a single question from a United Press reporter setting the record straight once and for all that the FBI had not asked Curry or anyone else at any time to cover up the fact that we knew Oswald was in Dallas.

SAC Shanklin described City Manager Crull as a decent sort of individual, however, is unable to venture an opinion as to whether Crull will go along with us on this or not. If Crull does not permit Chief Curry to make a statement we will then go to our good friend Williams International, here in Washington and relate the entire circumstances to him and UPI will put out a release in Dallas reflecting that Chief Curry has admitted his guilt and that the FBI at no time mediately attempted a cover up.

ACTION:

That we have SAC Shanklin immediately see City Manager Crull

concerning the above matter.

According to news statement on October 7, 63, Chief of Police

Josse Curry, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, has officially indicated in a
letter to the Warren Commission that he was asked by the FBI on November 22, 1983,
to deny that the FBI had failed to warn other agencies about Lee Harvoy Oswald.

Chief Curry allegedly claims that within a few minutes of his statement to the press
in this connection, he was requested by the FBI to retract his statement that the FBI
had failed in this regard.

The FBI did not ask Chief Curry or anyone else to deay that it had information regarding Oswald or Oswald's presence in Dallas.

The true facts of the matter are that on November 23, 1963, Chief Curry, upon appearing before television cameras, alleged (1) The FBI customarily advises the Dallas Police whenever an individual of subversive background arrives in Dallas; (2) The FBI recently interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald; and (3) The FEI had Oswald under surveillance in Dallas, however, did not notify the Dallas Police. Although there exists no responsibility to do so, the FBI has on past occasions furnished the Dallas Police information regarding individuals with subversive backgrounds. The remaining statements of Chief Curry were absolutely false. The FBI had never interviewed Lee Harvey Cswald in Dallas, Texas. The FBI did not have Lee Harvey Oswald under surveillance in Dallas, Texas.

As a result of Chief Curry's erroneous statements, Mr. Gordon Shanklin, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Office, Dallas, Texas, was instructed to contact the Chief and point out to him the obvious faisity of his statements.

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ENCLOSURE

In reply, Chief Curry told Mr. Shanklin that he had been told by someone, whose identity he did not recall, of this information. Chief Curry admitted that he did not know of his own knowledge that the FBI had either interviewed or had Oswald under surveillance. He told Mr. Shanklin he would be glad to get back on the air and correct his erroneous statements. A short time later Chief Curry was—quoted on television correcting his earlier statement.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Room 200, Mercantile Continental Bldg. Dallas, Texas 75201

October 13, 1964

Mr. Jesse E. Curry Chief of Police Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

Based upon a letter which you are quoted by news sources as writing to the President's Commission in May, 1964, certain members of the news media are indicating that I am supposed to have asked you to cover up the fact the FBI knew Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas, Texas prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. I will appreciate your clarifying this matter.

You will recall that on the occasion of my call to you on November 23, 1963, I specifically asked that you retract your statements that the FBI had interviewed Oswald in Dallas and that the FBI had Oswald under surveillance in Dallas. I asked this retraction because the FBI did not have Oswald under surveillance, nor did we interview him in Dallas. At no time did I ask you to "cover up" for the FBI or otherwise change your statement.

Sincerely yours,

J. GORDON SHANKLIN

Special Agent in Charge

CITY OF DALLAS TEXAS

POUCE DEPARTMENT

October 13, 1964

Mr. J. Gordon Shanklin Special Agent in Charge Federal Bureau of Investigation 200 Mercantile Continental Building Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Shanklin:

Neither you nor anyone connected with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ever asked me to "cover up" the fact that the FBI knew Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas, Texas, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

This is in reply to your letter of October 13, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Curry Chief of Police

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