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TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (62-6115) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 11/24/64, and Chicago airtel to Bureau and Dallas dated 11/27/64.

Enclosed for the Springfield Division is a copy of referenced Bureau airtel and a copy of a letter that was sent to the Bureau by SUSAN GREER, 1002 East Main, Streator, Illinois, postmarked at Streator, Illinois, 11/16/64.

On 11/30/64, Miss SUSAN GREER, 1002 East Main, Streator, Illinois, advised that she is a former resident of Rushville, Illinois, and still owns a farm in that area which is being managed by a LAWRENCE BEGHTOL, Frederick, Illinois. She stated that a couple of months ago she had a conversation with BEGHTOL and he furnished the information which she set out in her letter to the FBI.

Miss GREER stated that BEGHTOL apparently got this information from a Rushville farmer by the name of (FNU) AVERY. She further advised that she did not know the first name of AVERY's son who apparently lives in Dallas, Texas.

Miss GREER said that she had no additional information to furnish in this matter and requested that, if possible, her identity be protected.

2 - Springfield (Enc. 2)  
1 - Bureau (105-82555)  
1 - Dallas (100-10461)  
1 - Chicago

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AT FREDERICH, ILLINOIS. 1. Will interview LAWRENCE BEGHTOL regarding the identity of the farmer and the farmer's son mentioned in instant letter. It is to be noted that if possible, Miss GREER would like to have her identity protected. She stated that the information related to her by BEGHTOL has also been passed on to many other residents of the area.

2. Will, upon identifying the person living in Dallas, forward this information to the Dallas Division so that it can comply with Bureau instructions.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-22751)

LEON BERGER  
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

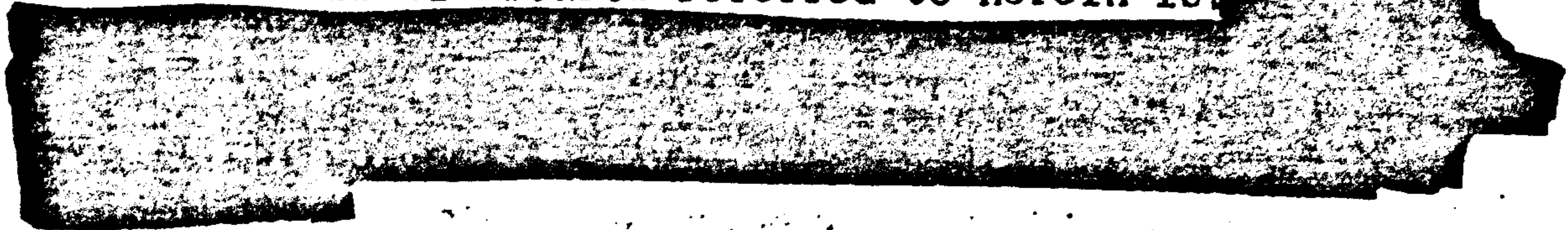
Re NY airtel to Bureau captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD,  
aka, IS-R-CUBA", dated 12/7/64, and Buairtel to NY, 12/9/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of an LHM  
reflecting information regarding captioned individual.

One copy of the LHM is being forwarded by NYO to  
local office of Secret Service.

Information copy also being furnished to Denver  
Office in view of their interest in this matter.

Reliable source referred to herein is



Enclosed LHM is being classified "Confidential" since  
unauthorized disclosure of information contained herein could  
possibly result in revealing Bureau interest in an official  
establishment of a foreign country.

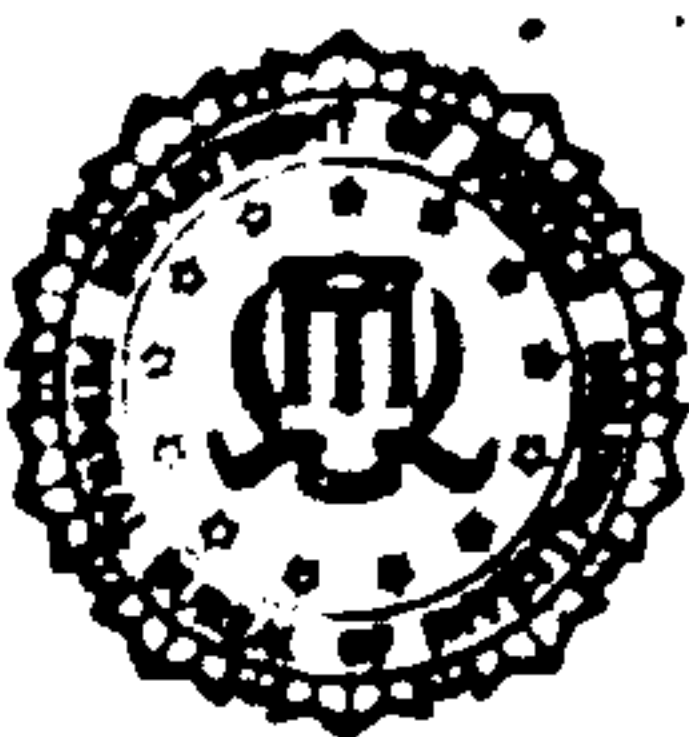
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
December 15, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Leon Berger  
Threat Against the President

On November 24, 1964, the Denver Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received a letter from Mr. Mort Stern, Editor of the editorial page of the "Denver Post". Attached to Mr. Stern's correspondence was a copy of a letter signed by one Leon Berger, 201 Sullivan Street, New York 12, New York, which letter was received at Mr. Stern's office. In this letter, Berger refers to an article which had been reprinted from the "Denver Post" and appeared in another publication which Mr. Stern describes as the "Saturday Review". This reprinted article alludes to "the Warren report" and also sets forth, very briefly, certain background data concerning the late President John F. Kennedy and Lee Harvey Oswald. The article compared these two individuals by referring to the late President as "he was successful at almost everything he undertook..." and to Oswald as "Oswald failed at almost everything he undertook."

Berger addressed his letter to Mr. Palmer Hoyt, Editor and Publisher of the "Denver Post", and after referring to the article in the "Saturday Review of November 14", Berger adds, "I think you and your class, your cronies, your outlook, your society, in short, what I call the society of the upper and privilege, that is, USA, should learn there are literally legions of Lee H. Oswalds born daily in this sick social disorder you praise and bless as holy".

Berger then refers to "the hypocrisy of American society, based on the stupid base of property and privilege", and states "but remember that nobody is safe in an unjust and neurotic society based on property". Berger continues in his

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Leon Berger

letter with this passage: "Mr. Kennedy bought the presidency with \$ inherited by a Conniving and ruthless patriarch And so far as the praise and adulation you shower on a rich man's son, who purchased a good job, it is nauseas and sickening to Compare, wealth, and privilege and riches with poverty, illness and lack of riches And there is no way to prevent hate and alienation Til the roots of it are wiped out - the property and privilege that are perpetuated through the poverty of millions and the wealth and privilege that are the foundation of U.S. Society."

Berger further states in his letter: "I think that your ignorance and sheer hypocrisy will be eliminated one day when the entire social and economic structure Collapses, as it may very easily, or be destroyed in military Conflict but don't be so damned naif. You know the hate contempt that exists here, in USA, because no social or economic justice can exist in a profit ridden society and let's be honest. I Trust some day there will no more Lee H. Oswalds, nor J.F. Kennedys - since they are both false and distorted symbols of men and only a sick society can produce these by the tens of thousands.

"In any case, get wise to your society and the people in it. With my Compliments.

/s/ Leon Berger  
201 Sullivan Street  
New York 12, N.Y."

Mr. Stern, in his letter, expresses the following opinion concerning Berger's letter:

"The writer evidently hates Kennedys and the United States, and his hatred is apparently triggered by references to the Oswald case. At least, that is what seems to have triggered this letter to us; it responds to an advertisement in the Saturday Review."

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1-Mr. Conrad - Enclosure  
1-Mr. Jevons - Enclosure  
1-Mr. Frazier - Enclosure

Mr. Conrad

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R. H. Jevons

1-Mr. Herndon - Enclosure

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

Lee Oswald

A detailed review has been made of the testimonies published in the "Hearings before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy" by each of the members of the Physics and Chemistry Section of the Laboratory who testified or furnished depositions, and by each such member of the Document Section.

This review revealed numerous typographical errors and misspellings which were obviously caused during the editing and printing of this material. These errors are of little consequence and do not alter the tenor of the testimony. Detailed listing attached.

The only substantial error noted appears on page 517, paragraph 6 of Volume XIV, pertaining to the polygraph examination of Jack L. Ruby by SA Herndon of the Laboratory. This error consists of the omission by the printer of page 43 of the original testimony transcript. A copy of this transcript page is attached hereto for record purposes. Since the testimony has already been printed and the omission does not seriously change the substance of the testimony, calling this error to the official attention of the Warren Commission does not appear warranted.

**ACTION:**

For information.

Enclosure

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1 Bufile 105-82555 - Enclosure

1-Mr. Belmont - Enclosure  
1-Mr. Rosen - Enclosure  
1-Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure  
1-Mr. Malley - Enclosure  
1-Mr. Rogge - Enclosure  
1-Mr. Lenihan - Enclosure

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Deposition of SA John F. Gallagher  
Volume XV, pages 746 - 752

Page 747, paragraph 6

Hearings: "...this is the form..."

Edited testimony: "...this is the only form..."

Page 747, paragraph 13

Hearings: "...can be used to determined..."

Edited testimony: "...can be used in certain cases  
to determine..."

Page 747, paragraph 22

Hearings: "...official Bureau report."

Edited testimony: "...official report."

Page 749, paragraph 19

Hearings: "...these cases were made..."

Edited testimony: "...these casts were made..."

Page 750, paragraph 17

Hearings: "...disphenylbenzadene..."

Edited testimony: "...dyphenylbenzidine..."

Page 751, paragraph 11

Hearings: "However, the significance..."

Edited testimony: "However, in view of the data  
obtained from the back of the  
casts, the significance..."

Testimony of SA Cortlandt Cunningham  
Volume III, pages 451 - 496

Page 456, paragraph 12

Hearings: "It does, because...was doing."

Edited testimony: "It does."

Page 458, paragraph 25

Hearings: "In a combat stance, that is crouched, with a gun at belt level, and your wrist locked, you would have no trouble..."

Edited testimony: "One would have no trouble..."

Page 458, paragraph 29

Hearings: "None whatsoever - if you can pull the trigger and point directly at a person, at 8 feet you would not likely miss - with one exception. If you did not lock your wrist, there is possibility you could shoot too low, or you could pull to the side. Anyone with..."

Edited testimony: "Relatively little - if you can pull the trigger and point directly at a person at 8 feet you would not likely miss. Anyone with..."

Page 458, paragraph 30

Hearings: "Mr. Eisenberg. When you say 'lock your wrist,' do you mean just pointing the wrist so that it is in a straight line with your lower forearm?"

Mr. Cunningham. Yes. In other words, to tighten it, and not be in a relaxed position. By merely tightening the wrist, you would have no trouble at all hitting a person, approximately the same distance as Mr. Eisenberg and myself."

Edited testimony: (All above deleted when testimony edited)

Page 459, paragraph 3

Hearings: "Mr. Cunningham, you mentioned distance between you and me earlier, a few sentences ago. Could you estimate that distance?"

(ans.) "Approximately 8 feet."



Edited testimony: (All above deleted when testimony edited)

Page 464, paragraph 10

Hearings: "And it hurts, by the way, because the mainspring in this one - you can see the indentation in my thumb - is a very strong mainspring."

Edited testimony: (All above deleted when testimony edited)

Page 469, paragraph 22

Hearings: "If there are no dissimilarities, I would be suspicious that it would be faked - using the same photograph and just cut and put together."

Edited testimony: (All above deleted when testimony edited)

Page 471, paragraph 27

Hearings: "...And even in these photographs, the photograph you were asking me about, they were not as vivid as they are on this photograph."

Edited testimony: (All above deleted when testimony edited)

Page 477, paragraph 7

Hearings: "... it was returned November 17, 1963."

Edited testimony: "... it was returned November 27, 1963."

Page 480, paragraph 12

Hearings: "... was \$4.60 a hundred."

Edited testimony: "... was \$4.80 a hundred."

Page 481, paragraph 4

Hearings: "So in your opinion..."

Edited testimony: "So in your opinion..."

Page 487, paragraph 1

Hearings: (Representative Ford's question omitted)

Edited testimony: "What is the purpose of the test then?"

Page 494, paragraph 22

Hearings: "... the first test..."

Edited testimony: "... the first tests..."

Page 494, paragraph 25

Hearings: "Yes, sir; what they do is they ask, say,  
'We are going to run a paraffin test on you,  
you might as well confess now,' and they will-  
it is-"

Edited testimony: "Yes, sir; they may ask, in effect,  
'We are going to run a paraffin test  
on you; if you are guilty, you might  
as well confess now; and they will  
sometimes."

**Testimony of Jack L. Ruby**  
**(Questions asked in part by SA Bell P. Herndon)**  
**Volume XIV, pages 504 - 598**

**Page 516, paragraph 7**

**Hearings: "Have you every had..."**

**Edited testimony: "Have you ever had..."**

**Page 517, paragraph 6**

**Hearings: "Mr. Herndon: Now, Mr. Ruby, have you  
ever had a..."**

**Mr. Ruby: The reason why I say this,..."**

**Edited testimony: "Mr. Herndon: Now, Mr. Ruby,  
have you ever had a polygraph examination?"**

**NOTE: Page 43 of original testimony  
transcript has been omitted from  
Hearing's text. See attached page 43.**

**"Mr. Ruby: The reason why I say this..."**

1 polygraph examination?

2 MR. RUBY: Never have---no, haven't.

3 MR. HERNDON: I'm going to refer to this as a  
4 polygraph. That's the word technically used, and as you  
5 know, it's often referred to as a lie detector test. They  
6 are one and the same, but I will refer to it as a polygraph  
7 test.

8 Inasmuch as this is your first examination, I want  
9 you to be fully aware of what I'm going to do and give you a  
10 little, in layman's terms if I can, general idea of how the  
11 polygraph works, and what I'm going to record and measure.  
12 I want you to be fully aware of that.

13 However, before I take you over here and put you in  
14 this polygraph chair, I usually like to give anybody an  
15 opportunity to make any statements they wish to make prior  
16 to actually taking the tests, the polygraph tests.

17 MR. RUBY: I feel well and I am not reluctant, as  
18 I repeat.

19 First, I would like to know---do I sound as though  
20 I have all my senses to you when I answer your questions?

21 MR. HERNDON: Well, I'm not in a position to  
22 answer that, Mr. Ruby.

23 MR. RUBY: The main job is to my sanity.

24 MR. HERNDON: Mr. Ruby, you are cooperating very  
25 fine with me. ENCLOSURE

DOELL OLIVER  
DEPUTY SHERIFF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
BRYAN AND CRYSTAL  
PHONE RI 8-2221  
DALLAS 1, TEXAS

Deposition- SA Bell P. Herndon  
Volume XIV, Pages 579 598

Page 584, paragraph 6  
Hearings: "was area"  
Edited testimony: "were areas"

Page 590, paragraph 4  
Hearings: "Nichols who"  
Edited testimony: "Nichols whom"

Page 590, paragraph 5  
Hearings: "question"  
Edited testimony: "questions"

Page 592, paragraph 18  
Hearings: "truck ... you"  
Edited testimony: "car ... it"

Page 592, paragraph 22  
Hearings: "considerable"  
Edited testimony: "considerably"

Page 593, paragraph 21  
Hearings: "Herdon"  
Edited testimony "Herndon"

Testimony of SA Robert A. Frazier  
Volume III, Pages 390 - 441

Page 414, paragraph 3  
Hearings: "would that trend to..."  
Edited testimony: "would that tend to..."

Page 415, paragraph 16  
Hearings: "...on separate weapons."  
Edited testimony: "...on other weapons."

Page 435, paragraph 33  
Hearings: "...on the portion..."  
Edited testimony: "...on the rear portion..."

Page 438, paragraph 3  
Hearings: "...and reloading hunting type..."  
Edited testimony: "...reloaded hunting type..."

Page 438, paragraph 3

Hearings: "And I think it is rather poor quality in this particular caliber, primarily due to the very short seating depth to which bullets of this type are seated in the cartridge, which causes the bullets to loosen very readily in the cartridge case..."

Edited testimony: "In this particular caliber the very short seating depth to which bullets of this type are seated in the cartridge causes the bullets..."

Volume V, Pages 58 - 74

Page 60, paragraph 4

Hearings: "...a bullet of 6.5 millimeters in diameter..."

Edited testimony: "...a bullet of .267 inch diameter..."

Page 66

Hearings: "...they have not?"

Edited testimony: "...they have not."

Testimony of SA Paul M. Stombaugh  
Volume IV, Pages 56 - 88

Page 79, paragraph 22

Hearings: "I would say no..."

Edited testimony: "I would say no..."

Page 83, paragraph 11

Hearings: "the fingerprintman..."

Edited testimony: "the fingerprint man..."

Page 86, paragraph 28

Hearings: "However, I do know that there are times and..."

Edited testimony: "However, I do know that there are time and..."

Page 87, paragraph 14

Hearings: "...organge..."

Edited testimony: "...orange..."

Page 88, paragraph 13

Hearings: "...everyone who had said that and been brought..."

Edited testimony: "...everyone who has said that and has been brought..."

Volume IV, page 282, lines 39 and 40

Volume IV - "...and in the simulated photographs 748 and 747."

Transcript - "...and in the simulated photograph 748."

Volume IV, page 290, lines 30 and 31

Volume IV - "...and it then becomes narrower as you are looking at the edge of two ropes..." "...between the strands slightly..."

Transcript - "...and it then turns into a narrower area as though you are looking at the edge of two ropes..." "...between them slightly..."

Volume IV, page 291, line 1

Volume IV - "...screen pattern..."

Transcript - "...strip pattern..."

Volume V, page 154, line 8

Volume V - "...under his right nipple?"

Transcript - "...under his right nipple, assuming the bullet followed an undeflected path?"

Volume V, page 154, line 9

Volume V - "No, Governor Connally..."

Transcript - "No, if the bullet continued in a straight path, Governor Connally..."

Volume V, page 154, line 13

Volume V - "...undeflected path."

Transcript - "...undeflected path. However, I have no personal knowledge that it was undeflected."

Volume V, page 154, line 24

Volume V - "...with the window."

Transcript - "...with the window, if it followed an undeflected path."

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**Volume V, page 155, line 8**

**Volume V - "That is correct."**

**Transcript - "That is correct, again provided the bullet is undeflected."**

**Volume V, page 177, line 57**

**Volume V - "Those are 88mm too."**

**Transcript - "Those are 8 mm too."**

**Volume VII, page 417, next to last line**

**Volume VII - "... , but it is my feeling that it is probably identical."**

**Transcript - (changed from above to) "... , but it may very well have been made from the Life Magazine cover."**

**Volume VII, page 436, line 39**

**Volume - "...exception of the Hidell signature..."**

**Transcript - "...exception of the Hideel signature..."  
(misspelling of name)**

**Volume XV, page 692, lines 6, 9 and 14**

**Volume XV - Refers to Shaneyfelt Exhibit No. 22 but Vol. 21 showing the exhibit has it marked Shaneyfelt Exhibit #22A**

**Volume XV, page 700, line 24**

**Volume XV - Line 24 is actually a repeat of line 32 and the following text that should have been on line 24 is omitted:  
"Mr. Shaneyfelt. That is correct. Examinations of the mark on the curbing..."**



F. B. I.

Date: 12/17/64

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)  
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-528) (RUC)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS - R - CUBA

*Blair*  
*Leipold*

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Re Dallas airtel to Director 11/20/64, wherein leads were set forth for Knoxville to conduct investigation re DONALD ANDREW WOLF who is reported to have been the author of a letter to Mrs. OSWALD dated 12/6/63, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA THEODORE A. SANDERS in an effort to locate DONALD ANDREW WOLF. Inasmuch as investigation was negative it is not being included in report form and leads are being set forth for Memphis Office in an effort to locate and interview WOLF pursuant to referenced Dallas airtel 11/20/64:

The Knoxville City Directory reflects no listing for DONALD ANDREW WOLF.

On 12/8/64, MILDRED WHOLFORD, Clerk, Knoxville Police Department, and CLARA BULL, Clerk, Knoxville Credit Bureau, each advised their files contain no record for WOLF

On 12/11/64, [redacted] (protect identity) and [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted] respectively, advised their files contain no record for WOLF.

On 12/8/64, Mrs. HAZEL CHASTAIN made available records of the Knox County Election Commission which contained the following information:

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Dallas (100-10461)
- 2 - Memphis (Enc.4)
- 1 - Knoxville

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Approved: [Signature]  
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Knox County

On 12/5/63, one DONALD A. WOLF, 6122 Clinton Highway, applied for permanent voters registration for the first time. He indicated that he had resided in the State of Tennessee all of his life and in the county for six months. He indicated his occupation was "disabled vet". He reported that he was born March 3, 1941, Fentress County, Tennessee and his height was 5'11", weight 130 pounds, hair and eyes brown. The records indicated that he had never voted in Knox County subsequent to his registration.

On 12/9/64, Special Agents THEODORE A. SANDERS and WILBERT W. SMITH contacted Mrs. RUBY McDONALD and her daughter, Mrs. JUDY HULING, both of whom reside 6122 Clinton Highway in a residence in the rear of the Courtesy Grill located at the same address which is operated by Mrs. McDONALD. Both advised they did not know WOLF and that he had never resided at this residence nor had he used it for mail. Mrs. McDONALD stated she had never employed WOLF and stated that she can recall no customers in the grill who might be identical with WOLF and who might have used this address. She advised that in the Fall of 1963, this address was also used by McCloud Used Car Lot.

On 12/9/64, OLLIE A. McCLOUD, McCloud Used Car Lot, 4500 Clinton Highway, advised that he formerly had a car lot located at 6122 Clinton Highway in 1963 and that he did not leave this address until after Christmas, 1963. He advised that he had never employed DONALD A. WOLF and had no information which could identify this individual. He made inquiries among other employees with negative results.

On 12/11/64, inquiries were made by above Agents of ED HAWKINS, Sleep Motel and FRANK SPARKS, Dwarf Restaurant, both of which are located in the immediate vicinity of 6122 Clinton Highway and neither of these individuals could furnish any information concerning WOLF.

It is noted that the envelop containing WOLF's letter to MARINA OSWALD is postmarked at Jamestown, Tenn., which is the county seat of Fentress County. It is noted that the DONALD A. WOLF who registered with the Knox County Election Commission gave his birth place as Fentress County, Tennessee.

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MEMPHIS DIVISION

At Nashville, Tennessee

At The Bureau of Vital Statistics will search birth records for a DONALD A. WOLF born 3/3/41, Fentress County, Tennessee to ascertain if his full name is DONALD ANDREW WOLF. If so, will obtain name of parents, locate and interview parents in attempt to locate DONALD ANDREW WOLF.

At Jamestown, Tennessee

Will make inquiries through sources in effort to identify DONALD ANDREW WOLF.

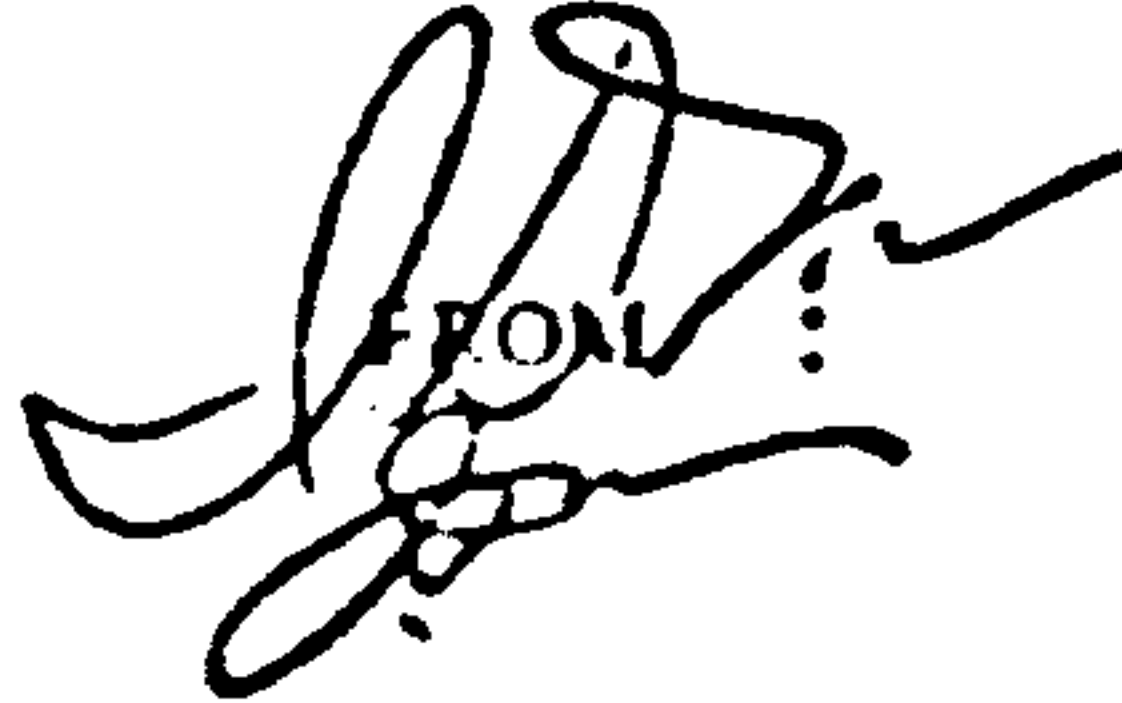
At Local Board ascertain if DONALD A. WOLF reported as a disabled vet for registration. If DONALD ANDREW WOLF is located, will conduct investigation as requested in Dallas airtel 11/20/64.

Enclosed for Memphis is one copy of Dallas airtel to Director dated 11/20/64, one xerox copy of Director airtel to Dallas 12/2/64 and FBI Lab report 12/2/64, one xerox copy of letter signed D. A. WOLF, and one xerox copy of envelope bearing return address DONALD ANDREW WOLF and addressed to MARINA OSWALD.

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 12/14/64




FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (105-5070) (RUC)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
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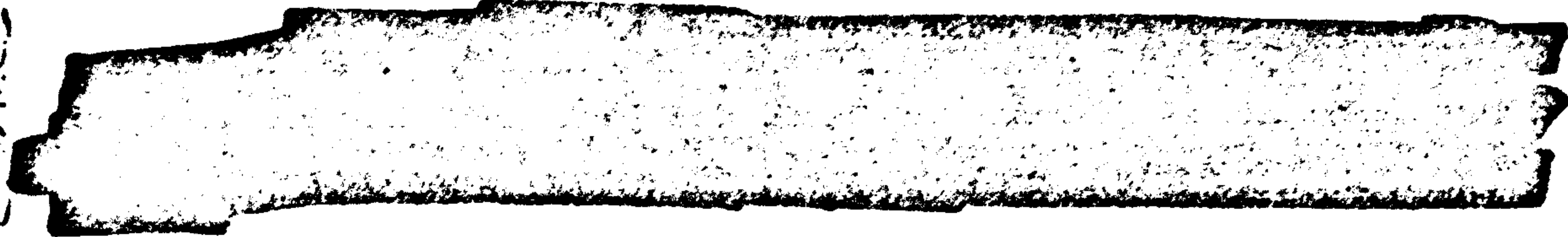
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Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 11/20/64, Buairtel to Dallas, 12/2/64 and Bulet to Dallas, 12/2/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 2 copies and for Dallas, 25 copies, of an insert setting forth investigation conducted by SA CHESTER E. AIRHART in captioned matter.

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(To conceal government employee).

Bureau requested to check in index re Mrs PEARL L. TROTTAN



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- 2- Dallas (100-10461) (enc. 25) RM
- 1- Pittsburgh

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2- ENCLOSURE

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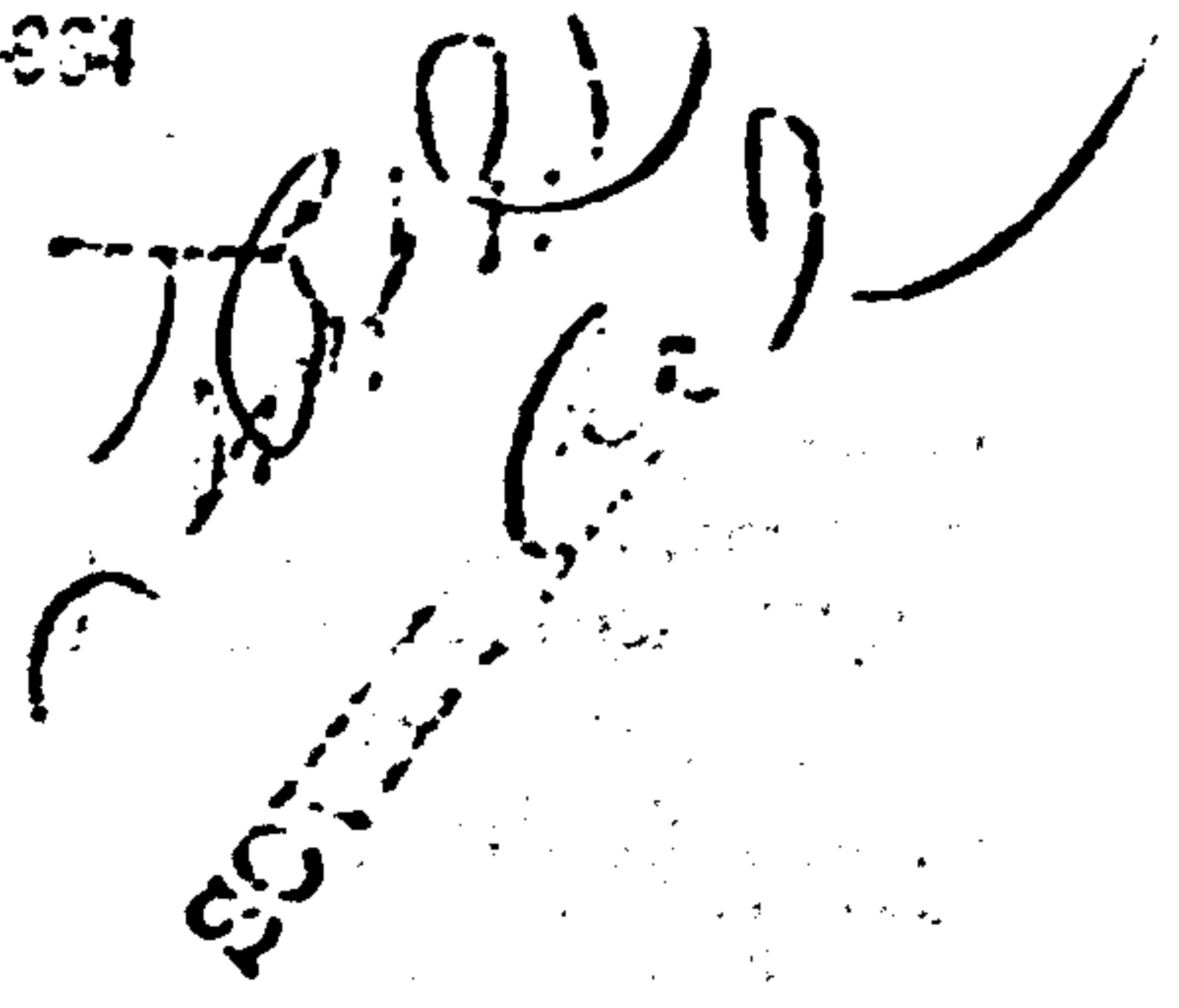
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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
CHESTER E. AIRHART:

On ~~September~~ *December* 2, 1964, PG T-1, a representative of another government agency, advised that Mrs. PEARL E. BROGAN is a former patient of the State Hospital, at Spencer, W.Va., and that she is presently residing and caring for an elderly lady, Mrs. FLORA THOMPSON, 111 Claude Street, Spencer, W.Va. He advised that Mrs. BROGAN is a prolific letter writer and is considered to be a mental case.

On December 2, 1964, Trooper J. FITZWATER, West Virginia State Police, Spencer, W.Va., advised that files of his detachment contained no record for PEARL E. BROGAN.

On December 2, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised from records that PEARL E. BROGAN was admitted to that hospital as a patient [on September 11, 1961. She was released on a trial basis on January 30, 1962, to take care of her mother, who subsequently died and she returned to the hospital on June 11, 1962, being released in custody of Mrs. ERNESTINE MILLER, on January 21, 1963, to care for Mrs. MILLER's mother.

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The following background information was set out in said records:

Mrs. BROGAN was born as PEARL ELLIS on July 30, 1917, to BIE and TACIE ELLIS JOHNSON. Her father died in 1947 and her mother died in 1962. She married LEON W. BROGAN in 1934, and was divorced in 1959. She has two daughters, Mrs. JOANN BOOKSHELLER and MARY FRANCIS BROGAN, both of Indianapolis, Indiana. She is a white female, 5' 3" tall; weighing 153 lbs.; has blue grey eyes and dark hair, turning grey. She has a fifth grade education, and her Social Security Number is 236-22-4760. She has been a practical nurse for 10 years at Charleston, W.Va. Her sister, Mrs. ALFA MC VEY, 955 Lincoln Drive, Charleston, W.Va., is listed as her next of kin.

On December 2, 1964, Mrs. BROGAN was interviewed at 111 Claude Street, Spencer, W.Va., and at the outset, she denied writing a letter to Mrs. MARINA OSWALD but finally advised that the letter, poorly written, could be read if it were placed under an ultraviolet light. She stated that Mr. and Mrs. H. F. stood for Mr. and Mrs. HARRY FRAZIER, who operate a restaurant in Lynn Creek, W.Va., and that the G. S. stood for CARL STEVENS, Farrow Drive, ~~Charleston~~ W.Va.

She stated that she had written in her letter to Mrs. OSWALD that FRANK REARDON had shot the late President of the United States, JOHN F. KENNEDY, with a gun bearing Serial Number 27 and that he had been paid to do so by Mr. and Mrs. HARRY FRAZIER and CARL STEVENS, according to information she had received over a police radio broadcast. She said, however, that she did not have a short wave radio and although questioned at length, could not state when, where or how she had heard the police broadcast. She said she had already solved this case for Mr. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the FBI, and had already advised him of same.

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The Pittsburgh Office of the FBI has received previous information concerning Mr. or Mrs. FRANK TRAZIER or CARL STEVENS. Mrs. FRANK BRIGGAN has written letters to various FBI field offices and to the FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., in 1957, 1958 and 1961 alleging that she had knowledge of various violations of local or federal laws. She failed to furnish any specific information.

On November 19, 1957, Captain JERRY WILLIAMS, Charleston, W. Va., Police Department, advised SA ROBERT EDWARD RALPH that Mrs. BRIGGAN had contacted him on numerous occasions, claiming to have information regarding law violations, all of which were unfounded. He further advised that Mrs. BRIGGAN has been in mental institutions on a number of occasions.

SAC, Pittsburgh (105-5070)

12/21/64

Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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Reurlet 12/14/64.

A check of Bufiles indicates that Mrs. Pearl E. Brogan, described in referenced letter, may be identical with Mrs. Pearl E. Brogan, on whom information was previously furnished to the Bureau by your office. Your attention is directed specifically to your letter to the Bureau dated 3/26/58 captioned "Unsub; Sale of FBI Badges, South Charleston, West Virginia; Impersonation," your file 47-2580.

Inasmuch as you have indicated in your letter of 12/14/64 that Mrs. Pearl E. Brogan has a history of mental illness, no additional action need be taken by your office in this matter.

1 - Dallas (100-10461)

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NOTE:

Dallas Office, through the cooperation of Marina Oswald, has been reviewing the correspondence which Marina has received since the assassination. One of the letters we received was from Mrs. Pearl E. Brogan. The tenure of the letter dealt with the assassination but did not make sense. In checking with the correspondent, Mrs. E. Brogan, it was determined she has a history of mental illness and has been hospitalized in the past for such illness.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 12/11/64

FROM : *[Signature]* LEGAT, MEXICO (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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### ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Mrs. ELENA GARRO DE PAZ and her daughter, ELENA PAZ GARRO, first came to the attention of this office on 11/17/64 when they contacted Mr. PETER H. JACOBY, who is employed at the Office of the Regional Book Center in the Embassy. According to JACOBY, Mrs. PAZ' husband, OCTAVIO PAZ, had at one time been the Mexican Ambassador to India and had been known by JACOBY there.

Mrs. PAZ was initially interviewed on 11/17/64 by SA ROLF L. LARSON. At that time she claimed to have seen OSWALD at a party in the home of RUBEN DURAN, but was unable to specify the date. She declined to furnish her home address, but stated she could be contacted through Mexico City telephone number 40-20-57. When asked by SA LARSON as to why she had not come forward with the information sooner, she indicated that she had been afraid to do so. At that time she declined to furnish further information unless she could be assured that it would not be made public. She also stated she wanted to do some further research in an effort to fix the date of the party.

Mrs. PAZ and her daughter were interviewed in the Mexico City Office on 11/24/64 by Legat CLARK D. ANDERSON and SA RICHARD S. CLARK. The stories of both were inclined to be rambling and it was difficult to pin them down on details. From comments made during the course of the interview by Mrs. PAZ, it was obvious that she was rather familiar with at least

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some of the details of the Warren Commission Report, particularly those concerning OSWALD's activities while in Mexico City.

Mrs. PAZ and her daughter readily identified photographs of the members of the DURAN family and of EUSEBIO AZCUE. Photographs of OSWALD in different poses were exhibited to them along with photographs of several individuals completely unconnected with the OSWALD case. While they picked out some of the photographs of OSWALD as resembling the American, they saw at the party in the RUBEN DURAN home, they did not make a positive identification and it is to be noted it would have been quite easy to pick out the OSWALD photographs because of the numerous press photographs of him which appeared in Mexico City newspapers following the President's assassination.

Mrs. PAZ and her daughter appeared to be somewhat Bohemian. Mrs. PAZ, herself, while denying she was ever a Communist, stated that in former years she had taken an active part in promoting agrarian reform in the State of Morelos in order that poor peasants might be granted land. She mentioned the names of numerous Mexican liberals and leftists with whom she has been acquainted in the past.

As has been mentioned, Mrs. PAZ' conversation during the interview was quite rambling and the impression was gained by the interviewing agents that she might not be completely stable. Despite her request that her identity and that of her daughter be concealed, their names have been included in the letterhead memorandum since it is felt the memorandum would have no meaning if this were not done.

Interviews of ARIO ALEJANDRO LAVAGNINI STENIUS were conducted by SA RICHARD S. CLARK.

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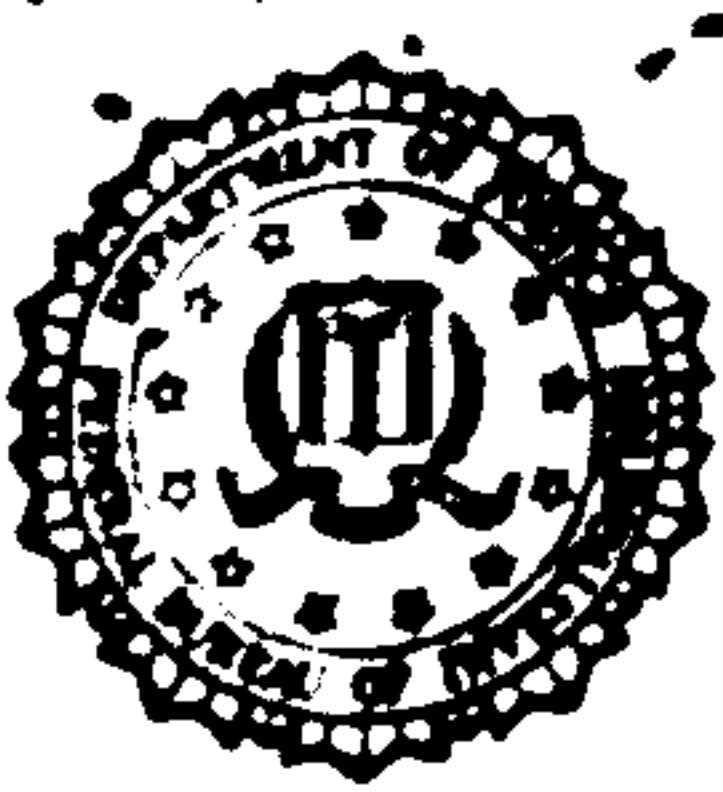
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At Mexico, D. F., Mexico:

Will continue to report to the Bureau immediately all information received in instant case.

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No local dissemination was made of the LHM. Two extra copies of this letter have been attached for forwarding by the Bureau together with copies of the LHM to Dallas, domestic office of origin.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
December 11, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

This document contains neither  
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the FBI. It is the property of  
the FBI and is loaned to your agency;  
it and its contents are not to be  
distributed outside your agency.

The following information was supplied on  
November 24, 1964, by Mrs. ELENA GARRO DE PAZ and her  
daughter, ELENA PAZ GARRO.

They are residents of Mexico City, but declined  
to supply their home address. Mrs. PAZ stated she is a  
cousin of RUBEN, LIDIA, and HORACIO DURAN, the latter being  
the husband of SILVIA TIRADO DE DURAN. She said she had not  
furnished previously the information set forth hereinafter  
because of fear of reprisals.

Mrs. PAZ said that on August 23, 1963, she attended  
a dinner at the home of a Mexican Communist whom she declined  
to identify. Among others present at this dinner were Cuban  
Consul EUSEBIO AZCUE and his wife. She had not previously  
known AZCUE. In conversation with him during the course of  
the evening she learned that he was supposed to return to  
Cuba on or about August 27, 1963. She later learned that  
he did not depart Mexico at that time.

According to Mrs. PAZ, she had infrequent contact  
with her cousins, the DURANS; however, on a date she fixed  
as Saturday, September 28, 1963, she received a telephone  
call from RUBEN DURAN, who invited her and her daughter to  
attend a party at his house during the first part of the  
following week. She was unable to fix the exact date of  
this party, but felt it had been held on Monday, Tuesday,  
or Wednesday, September 30, October 1, and October 2,  
1963, respectively, with the most likely possibility that  
it was held on the evening of October 1 or October 2, 1963.

It was Mrs. PAZ' recollection that at about

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9:00 a.m. on the date of the party she and her daughter were picked up and taken to the party by LIDIA DURAN. Also accompanying them was Mrs. PAZ' sister, DEVA GARRO DE GUERRERO GAVAN. She described this sister as a Communist who was expelled from the Party for being a Catholic.

She estimated that some thirty people attended the party, described as a "twist" party, at the home of RUBEN DURAN. Upon arrival at RUBEN's home she noted what appeared to be a young American couple near the door, but they left shortly thereafter.

At about 10:30 p.m. three young, white Americans arrived at the party. They were greeted by SILVIA DURAN and spoke only to her. They more or less isolated themselves from the rest of the party and insofar as she observed they had no conversation with anyone else at the party.

The three Americans appeared to be between twenty-two and twenty-four years of age. One of them was dressed in a sweater and dark trousers and appeared to be about five feet nine inches in height. The second one was about six feet tall, had blond, straight hair, a long chin, and was a bit "beatnik" in appearance although his dress included a coat. The third American wore no coat.

Mrs. PAZ said the American dressed in the sweater and dark trousers resembled very much press photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Her daughter agreed with this observation. Photographs of OSWALD in various poses were exhibited to both Mrs. PAZ and her daughter at the time of the interview and they were unable to make a positive identification, but claimed he very much resembled the American at the party as they recall him.

Mrs. PAZ could not state how long the three Americans remained at the party nor did she observe them when they departed. She questioned HORACIO DURAN as to the names of the Americans, and he told her they were friends of SILVIA DURAN. He did not give her their names, but did tell her they were supposed to depart Mexico City the following morning. She added that this latter was not correct inasmuch as she and her daughter, while driving in an automobile on Insurgentes Street the following morning, observed the three Americans walking near a furniture store on that street.

It is to be noted that investigation has established that LEE HARVEY OSWALD departed Mexico City by bus at 8:30 a.m. on October 2, 1963, and could not have been identical with the American allegedly observed by Mrs. PAZ at the party if this party were held on the evening of October 1 or October 2, 1963.

Mrs. PAZ was questioned regarding the identity of other persons attending the party at the RUBEN DURAN home who might have been in a position to observe the three Americans. She said that in the course of the party her daughter met a young man named "ALEJANDRO" at the party and danced with him. He was apparently quite smitten with the daughter and tried to call her on several occasions after the party. The daughter did not take the calls and as a result "ALEJANDRO" wrote several letters to the daughter. Mrs. PAZ exhibited two of these letters, as well as a business card which identified the young man as ARIO ALEJANDRO LAVAGNINI STENIUS.

An examination of the letter which Mrs. PAZ said was the first directed to her daughter by the young man disclosed that it bears the date of September 1, 1963, and was postmarked at the Mexico City Post Office on September 2, 1963.

Questioned as to whether her daughter had known the young man prior to the party at the RUBEN DURAN home, Mrs. PAZ was most insistent that she had not. When it was pointed out to her that the first letter from the young man to her daughter bore a Mexico City postmark of September 2, 1963, she commented that probably the Communists have facilities for falsifying postmarks.

On November 27, 1964, ARIO ALEJANDRO LAVAGNINI STENIUS, Martinez de Castro No. 19, Tacubaya, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, was interviewed. He advised that he is an employee of General Electric de Mexico and recalled attending a large party sometime in the latter half of 1963 at the apartment of RUBEN DURAN located on Herodoto Street in Mexico City. He was not a friend of the DURAN family, but had been invited to the party by Mrs. ISABEL NANSON, a divorcee who was formerly married to an American and a close friend of the wife of RUBEN DURAN. An Italian friend of his, MARCELLO FABRE, was also invited to the party by Mrs. NANSON. He, Mrs. NANSON, and FABRE went to the party together.

LAVAGNINI recalled that there were about thirty people at the party, few of whom he knew. At the party he met a Mexican girl who had recently returned from living in France. He was unable to fix the date of the party, but felt it was probably early in September because of a heavy rain which occurred as they were leaving the party at about 2:00 a.m.

LAVAGNINI noted no Americans present at this party. He was familiar with the appearance of LEE HARVEY OSWALD because of publicity following the assassination of President KENNEDY, but otherwise had no knowledge of him and had never seen him except for news photographs following the assassination.

He volunteered to consult his papers and attempt to fix the date of the party. On December 2, 1964, he advised that he recalled having been at two different parties at the DURAN home, one of these being the large party at which he had met the Mexican girl who had formerly lived in France. He was unable to fix the date of this party.

LAVAGNINI said he had questioned Mrs. NANSON and MARCELLO FABRE, and they were unable to recall the date of the party nor could they recall that any Americans had been present at the party.

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Date: 12/21/64

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: Director, FBI (105-82555)  
From: SAC, Pittsburgh (105-5070) RUC  
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Remylet to Bureau, 12/14/64, with accompanying inserts.

It is requested that the Bureau and Dallas make the following correction on page two, last line, paragraph three: Barrow Drive, Spencer, W. Va., should be Barrow Drive, Charleston, W. Va.

Pittsburgh copy corrected.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-21-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
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On December 18, 1964, Congressman Gerald R. Ford, Jr., (R-Michigan), who was a member of the Warren Commission, advised SA David W. Bowers of this Section that information had come to his attention to the effect that Lee Harvey Oswald visited the ticket desk of United Air Lines in Detroit, Michigan, one or two weeks before the assassination. Mr. Ford stated that Lorry Krome, a United Air Lines employee in Detroit and Doug Lawrie, a United Air Lines employee in Detroit or Grand Rapids, Michigan, reportedly are the individuals who saw and/or talked to Oswald in Detroit.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this matter be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for appropriate attention.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attention SA Lenihan)
- 1 - Mr. Brannigan

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To: SAC, Detroit (100-31965)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555) — 5362

LKE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
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On December 18, 1964, Congressman Gerald R. Ford, Jr., of Michigan, who was a member of the Warren Commission, advised the Bureau that information had come to his attention to the effect that subject visited the ticket desk of United Air Lines in Detroit, Michigan, one or two weeks before the assassination. Mr. Ford stated that Lorri Krome, a United Air Lines employee in Detroit, and Doug Lawrie, a United Air Lines employee in Detroit or Grand Rapids, Michigan, reportedly are the individuals who saw and/or talked to Oswald in Detroit.

A check of Bufiles disclosed no information identifiable with Lorri Krome or Doug Lawrie.

Detroit Office should promptly contact Mr. Krome and Mr. Lawrie and obtain all data in their possession bearing on this allegation. Thereafter, Detroit Office should conduct what ever additional investigation is necessary to thoroughly resolve whether or not Oswald was in Detroit, Michigan one or two weeks before the assassination. Results of such investigation should be furnished to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: December 22, 1964

FROM SAC, SAN DIEGO (105-5158) (RUC)

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

Enclosed herewith for Dallas are twenty-five copies of an insert pertaining to investigation concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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along the lines as set forth in his book to the effect that OSWALD did not kill President KENNEDY and further that the FBI investigative techniques were inadequate or else he implied the FBI may have participated in a plot to implicate OSWALD to the benefit of some unknown culprit.

The remaining portion of the tape was taken up with the discussion between Judge LOBEL and the other participants in connection with the judge's theories of the treatment of juvenile delinquency. Judge LOBEL gave favorable mention to Director HOOVER and indicated that he had recently had occasion to meet and speak to the Director.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

12/23/64

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~~KENNETH~~ EUGENE GODWIN, aka

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Reference is made to Dallas airtel to the Bureau dated 11/23/64 in the case captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka, IS - R - CUBA," Bufile 105-82555, Dallas file 100-10461.

Referenced communication submitted to the Bureau several pieces of correspondence which had been received by MARINA OSWALD subsequent to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

Among those pieces of correspondence submitted to the Bureau was a two-page letter signed by GENE GODWIN of 530 Bloomington St., Iowa City, Iowa, dated 1/18/64 and addressed to Mrs. LEE H. OSWALD. Because of the ideas expressed in this letter to Mrs. OSWALD, the Dallas Division set forth leads to identify Gene Godwin and to determine if he was engaged in any activities which are inimical to the national defense interests of this country.

Pursuant to the above request, the following investigation was conducted by SA HAROLD W. BRUEGGEMAN:

Mr. JOHN WIESE, manager, Credit Bureau, Iowa City, Iowa, advised on 12/14/64 that the files of his agency contain no information identifiable with GENE GODWIN.

Detective WAYNE WINTER, Police Department, Iowa City, Iowa, advised on 12/14/64 that the files of his department indicate that GENE GODWIN, 530 East Bloomington St., Iowa City, Iowa, was arrested on 11/22/63 for failure to yield the right of way. GODWIN was fined \$10.00 and \$4.00 costs in police court for this offense. Detective WINTER stated his files contain no further identifying data regarding GENE GODWIN.

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Mrs. ELLA KELLY, secretary, Sheriff's Office, Iowa City, Iowa, advised on 12/14/64 that the files of her agency contain no information regarding GENE GODWIN.

Mrs. CARL W. MILLER, owner of the premises at 530 East Bloomington St., Iowa City, Iowa, advised on 12/14/64 that GENE GODWIN rented a small apartment at her address during the period Sept., 1963, to Feb., 1964. She stated that GODWIN was a graduate student, attending the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, during this period of time. She further advised that GODWIN impressed her as being a loyal American, of good moral character, reputation and associates. She stated that at no time did he make statements or engage in activity which would lead her to doubt his loyalty to this government. She stated that GODWIN was studying to become a minister, and she said he appeared to be very devoted to his studies. Mrs. MILLER recalls that GODWIN was quite upset when President JOHN F. KENNEDY was assassinated and stated in her presence on several occasions that it was a pity that his life should be snuffed out. Mrs. MILLER stated that GODWIN appeared to have no close friends at Iowa City, Iowa, and spent most of his time when he was away from class in his room.

Mrs. MILLER stated that GODWIN left Iowa City, Iowa, suddenly in February, 1964, at the close of the first semester at the State University of Iowa. She stated that when he left Iowa City he gave her as his forwarding address 603 McKinley St., Hereford, Texas, where he was to reside with his father, Mr. L. B. GODWIN.

[REDACTED]

KENNETH EUGENE GODWIN, who was born 4/10/28 at Amarillo, Texas, and who resided at 530 East Bloomington St., Iowa City, Iowa, entered SUI Graduate College in Sept., 1963, and attended until Feb., 1964, at which time he withdrew. While attending SUI, GODWIN was taking courses in Theology. His application for admission to the university revealed that he attended the Amarillo Junior College from 1947 to 1948 and that he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, in 1951. These records further reveal he attended the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Pa., from 1952 to 1953; the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, from 1951 until 1952; and the Union Theological Seminary, New York City,

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from 1953 until 1955.

These records further reveal that GODWIN made application to attend the Graduate College at SUI in May of 1963 at which time his mailing address as indicated as 3925 A. Travis St., Dallas, Texas.

In his application for admission to SUI, GODWIN listed Mr. J. C. MILLS, Box 726, Abernathy, Texas, as a person who would always know his address.

SUI records reveal that GODWIN is the son of Mr. L. B. GODWIN, a rancher who resides at Hereford, Texas, and Mrs. HELEN GODWIN, who resides at Amarillo, Texas, and who is employed in real estate.

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SUI, Iowa City, Iowa, and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SUI, Iowa City, Iowa, both of whom are established sources who requested their identities be protected, were contacted on 12/15/64 and both advised that the activities of GENE GODWIN did not come to their attention while he was attending SUI.

The following physical description of the subject was obtained from Mrs. CARL W. MILLER, mentioned above, and from the files of the SUI:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Birthdate	4/10/28
Birthplace	Amarillo, Texas
Height	6'2"
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Complexion	Medium
Characteristics	Is very neat dresser, uses excellent grammar
Father	L. B. GODWIN, Hereford, Texas
Mother	Mrs. HELEN GODWIN, Amarillo, Texas

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AT HEREFORD, TEXAS. Will verify residence of the

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subject in care of his father, L. B. GODWIN. Thereafter advising the Bureau and the Omaha Division. In this connection it should be noted that the subject is possibly attending school at the present time away from Hereford, Texas.

Will ascertain if subject is engaged in activities inimical to the welfare of the United States or if he is residing elsewhere, will set forth appropriate leads, in this connection.



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To: SAC, Dallas

From: Director, FBI (105-136904)

KENNETH EUGENE GODWIN, aka  
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ReOMlet 12-23-64 in captioned matter.

Inasmuch as subject has been identified and there is no indication he is engaged in activities inimical to the interest of the United States, no further action need be taken by the Dallas or Omaha offices in this matter.

1 - Omaha (105-2265)

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NOTE:

Dallas Office, through cooperation of Marina Oswald, has been reviewing the correspondence which Marina has received since the assassination. One of the letters came from subject who indicated in the letter that he was making a study of fascism and requested information from Marina that she might possess due to her long residence in the Soviet Union. Subject has been identified as a theological student, and maintains residence with his family at Hereford, Texas. Bufiles contain no derogatory information identifiable with Godwin.

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# Memorandum

**SECRET**

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 12/15/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-15823) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
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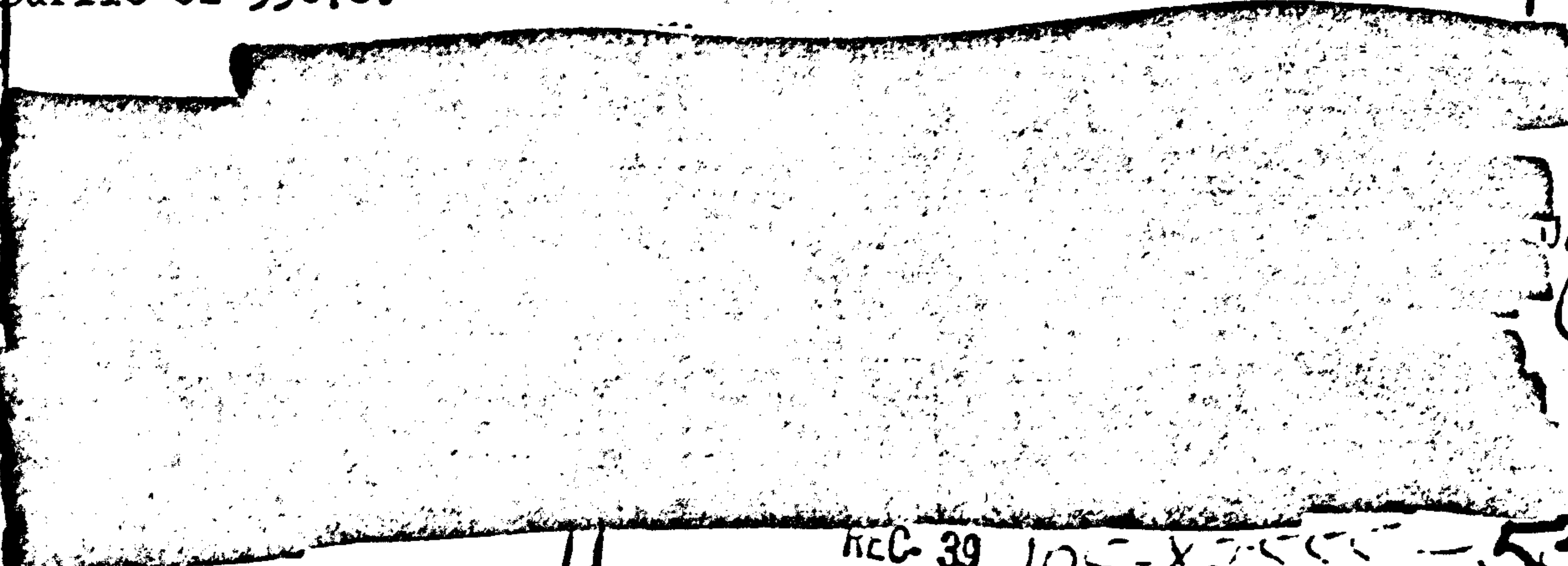
Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 11/23/64, and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 12/2/64.

Submitted herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of a LHM concerning SAMUEL S. SHAPIRA. Two copies are being submitted for the Dallas Office.

By separate communication, one copy of the LHM is being disseminated locally to the Special Agent in Charge of the U. S. Secret Service at Los Angeles.

Further investigation is being conducted to locate the current residence and employment of RAYMOND RITT, correspondent with MARINA OSWALD, after which a LHM will be prepared concerning RITT.

SAMUEL S. SHAPIRA, correspondent with MARINA OSWALD on 10/1/64, is identical with Los Angeles file 100-48943, Bufile 62-99676.



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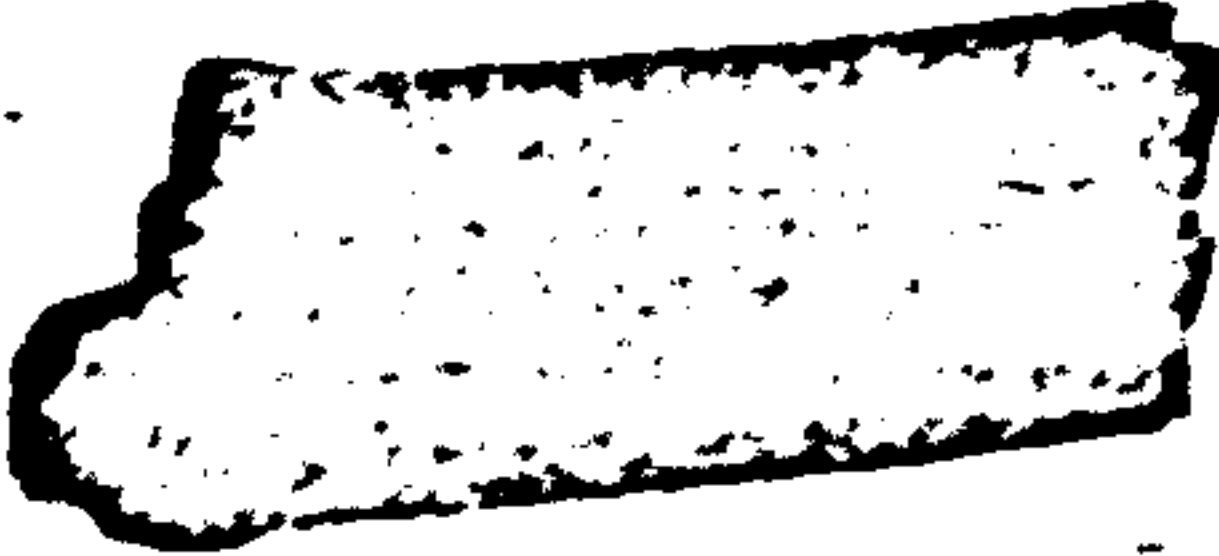
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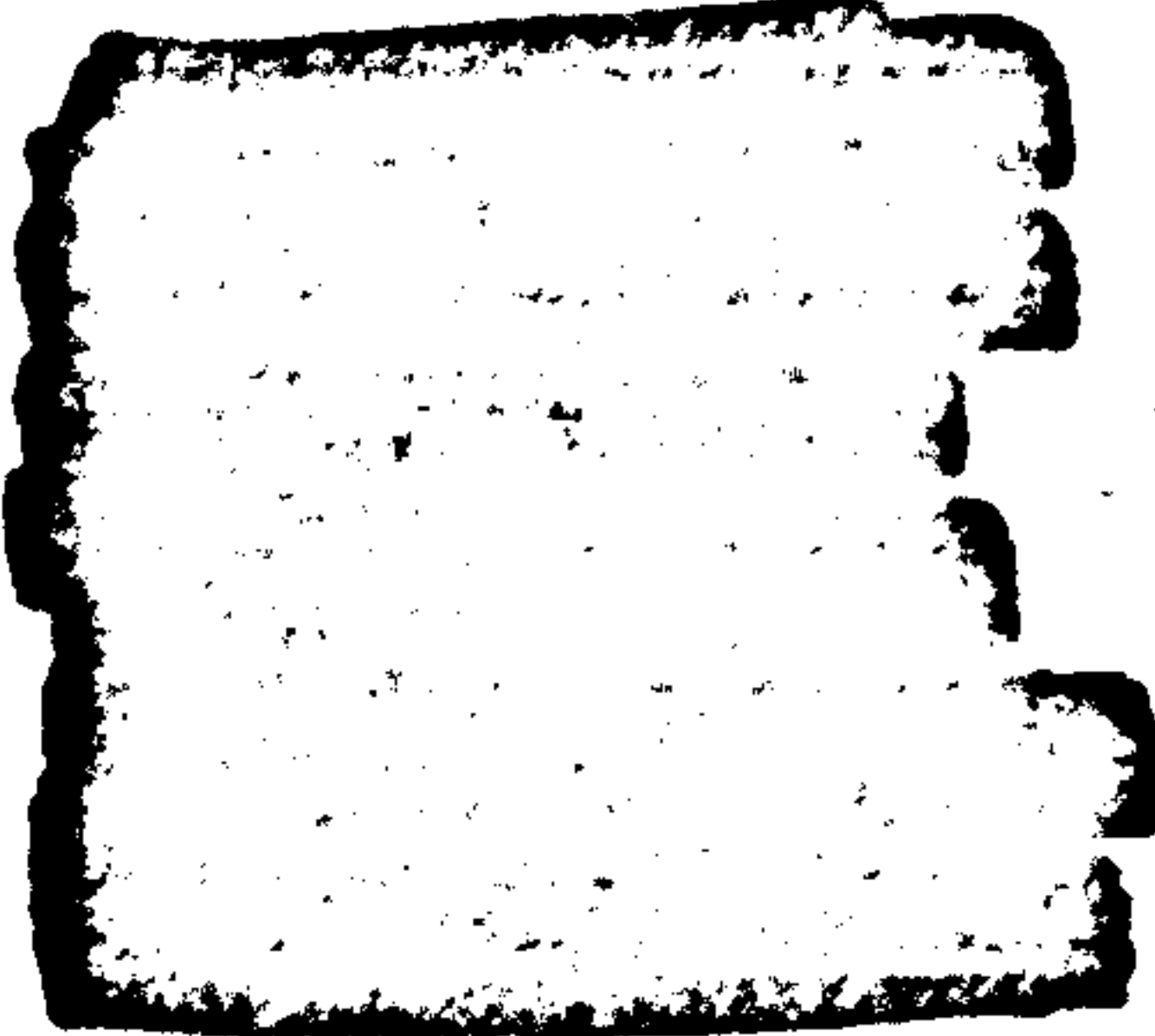


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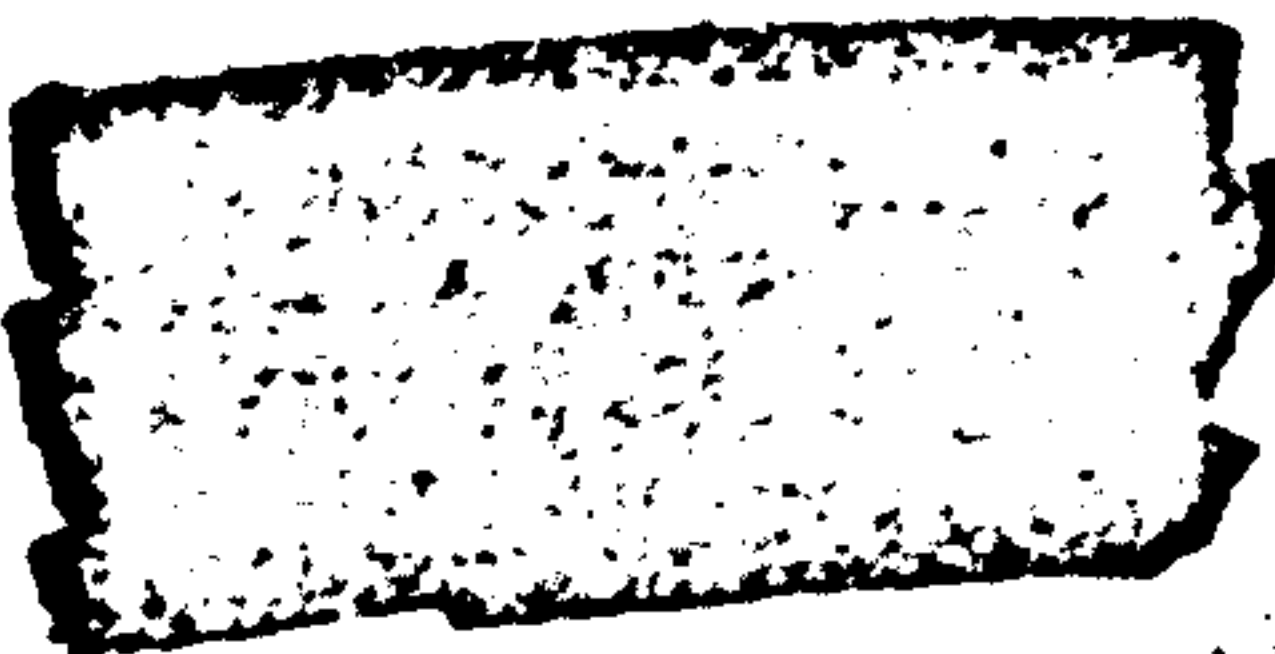
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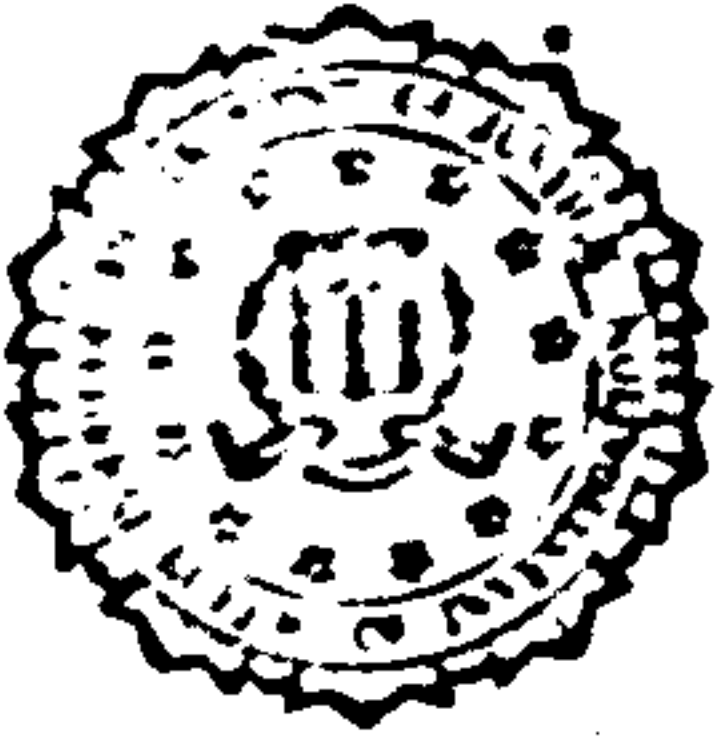
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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will submit LHM concerning RAYMOND RITT.



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Los Angeles, California

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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December 15, 1964

SAMUEL S. SHAPIRA

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On October 30, 1964, Marina Oswald furnished to Special Agents of the FBI a quantity of personal correspondence received by her subsequent to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

On November 16, 1964, Mr. Declan Ford, a personal advisor and friend of Marina Oswald, made available additional letters, cards and notes which had been received by Marina Oswald subsequent to the assassination.

Among this correspondence was a one-page typewritten letter headed "1435 Alvarado Terrace, Apartment 104, Los Angeles 6, California 90006" dated October 1, 1964, addressed to "Mrs. Marina Oswald," and signed with the name "Samuel S. Shapira." The envelope, enclosing the above-described letter, is postmarked Los Angeles, California, September 30, 1964, and bears the return address noted above.

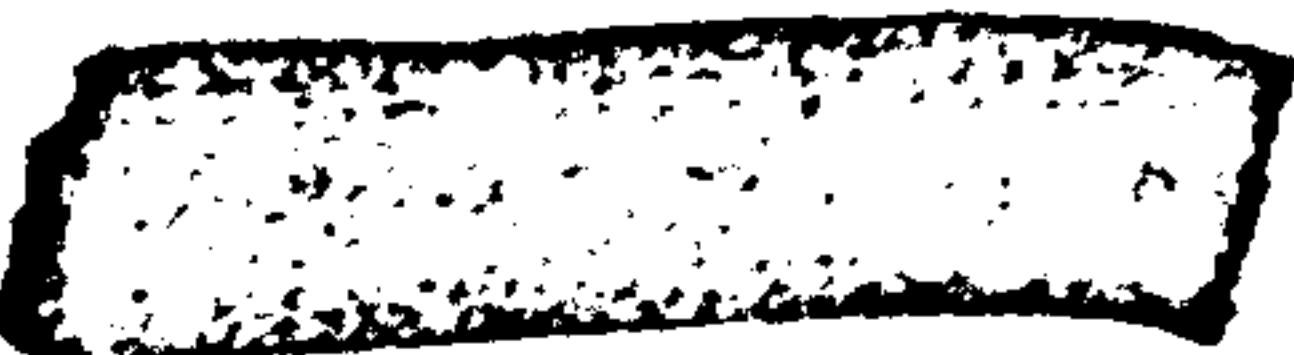
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*Sam S. Shapira*

The above-described letter is addressed to Mrs. Marina Oswald, Richardson, Texas. Shapira stated he was a true friend of all human beings and had practiced law for years in the State of Pennsylvania. He claimed to be a nature healer and spirit healer. He stated he is not a Marxist, but an "ethical, cooperative democrat."

Shapira urged Mrs. Oswald to remain as a socialist and stated "Don't let capitalism convert you to its crookedness, inhumanity and hypocrisy."

He stated he wanted to take Marina Oswald out of Texas with him to Mexico and suggested beginning a drug business and a health rest home there. Shapira disclaimed any interest in



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SAMUEL S. SHAPIRA

romance or plans to marry Marina Oswald, stating he was too old for her, but suggested she may attract a good young man to marry.

This letter was signed "Samuel S. Shapira (naturopath and lawyer retired here in Los Angeles)."

Records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters were searched on November 30, 1964, and reflect that on September 3, 1963, Samuel S. Shapira, 426 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, was born in Poland and received United States citizenship through the naturalization of his father, Benjamin Shapira. He was described as retired, with height of 5'6".

Records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association were caused to be searched on November 30, 1964, but reflected no record that could be identified with Samuel S. Shapira.

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office were caused to be searched on December 1, 1964, but reflect no arrest record which could be identified with Samuel S. Shapira, 1435 Alvarado Terrace, Los Angeles.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and is generally familiar with Communist Party membership and activities in Los Angeles, advised on November 30, 1964, that Samuel S. Shapira was unknown to him as being active or a member of the Communist Party at Los Angeles.

Another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in March of 1952, Sam S. Shapira, 61 North Venice Boulevard, Venice, California, corresponded with the "Daily Worker," New York City, New York, indicating he wished to correspond with the "Daily Worker" of London and requested the mailing address of the above newspaper.

The "Daily Worker" now known as "The Worker" is an East Coast communist newspaper.

Another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to the FBI in December, 1955, a booklet entitled "Humanity's Manifesto" "By Sam S. Shapira, retired lawyer, naturopath, author, founder." This booklet is described

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as a "course of instructions revealing many known important secrets," "meaning of governments," "what are you, your rights, great heritage."

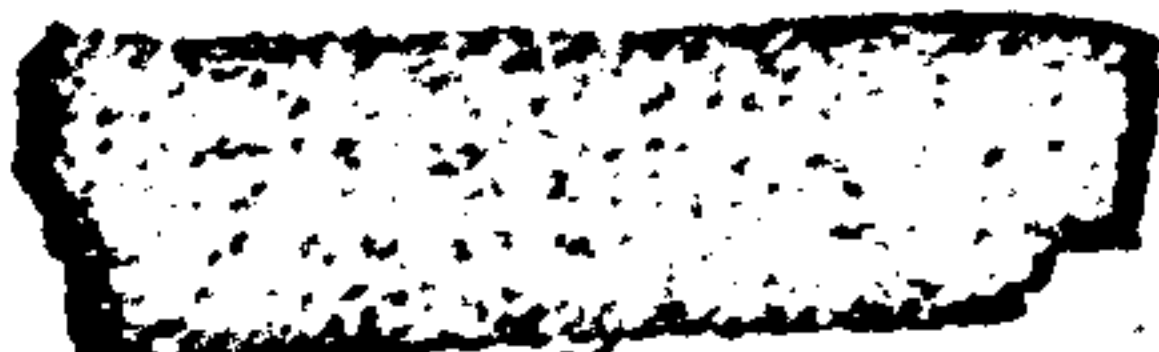
The same source as above also furnished in December, 1955, a circular entitled "The 10 Commandments," "Guide for Happiness," by "Samuel S. Shapira, the Living Messiah, by Heaven's Voice." This circular deals with both religious and political matters. The circular reflects the address 4661 Cherokee Avenue, San Diego, California, which address was struck through and written in was the address 123 South Bunker Hill, Apartment 45, Los Angeles 12, California.

Other sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have advised that Samuel S. Shapira has claimed to be a personal friend of former President Harry S. Truman and had corresponded with President Truman concerning the conflict in Korea. Shapira also stated he had corresponded with General Dwight Eisenhower concerning a report that he planned to run for the President of the United States. Shapira claimed that when he had asked a favor from Eisenhower, he was ignored. Shapira claimed that he had traveled to Palm Springs, California, to visit Eisenhower when he was President, but did not get to see him. Shapira has stated he was not a member of the Socialist Party, but had written a pamphlet during the 1930's concerning the subject of abolishing capitalism. Shapira abhorred the present state of things in the United States and the type of justice meted out.

Shapira has been described as possibly "mentally unstable." He has been described as a white male, born June 29, 1885, with gray hair, blue eyes, 5'8" tall, 150 pounds, and occupation as pensioner, retired lawyer.

From October, 1955, until about March of 1956, Samuel Shapira attended numerous meetings of the Downtown Club of Los Angeles (see Appendix) and participated in some of the forums at these club meetings.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in March, 1961, that Sam Shapira, 1222½ West 70th Street, Los Angeles, California, corresponded with the "Daily Worker" at New York City inquiring concerning a subscription to this newspaper. In this letter Shapira stated, "I am a leftist all my life and stand for abolition of private capitalism and demonistic christianity."




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Another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in January, 1964, that Sam Shapira, Post Office Box 1843, Los Angeles, California, had corresponded in October, 1963, with the business manager of the "People's World" in San Francisco, California. In this correspondence, Shapira dealt with his political background and beliefs in which he condemns capitalism and communism.

The "People's World" is a West Coast communist newspaper.

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On June 2, 1964, a copy of a letter addressed to "Premier Levi Eshkel, c/o Embassy of Israel, Washington, D. C.," from Samuel S. Shapira postmarked May 27, 1964, Los Angeles, California, was furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This letter was transferred to a Security Officer of the United States Secret Service at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 31, 1964, by Mr. Yosef Degani, Consul of Israel.

This letter criticizes the Government of Israel for its negotiations concerning Arab matters. The letter refers to John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson as stupid, idiots, fools and rogues. In this letter Shapira refers to himself as an "Apostle of Truth" and "God's Chosen Agent."

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (105-15823)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555) - 5366

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Reurlet 12/15/64 and the enclosed letterhead memorandum attached thereto entitled "Samuel S. Shapira."

Your attention is specifically directed to page four of referenced letterhead memorandum setting forth data regarding a 5/27/64 letter which was sent by Mr. Shapira to Premier Levi Eshkol. In setting forth data in this paragraph, you will note you did not attribute such data to a particular source. Accordingly, you should submit to the Bureau and the Dallas Office amended page four to such letterhead memorandum incorporating the necessary data regarding the source involved. Errors of form should be charged to responsible personnel.

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NOTE:

Dallas has arranged through Marina Oswald to review correspondence Marina has received from individuals since the assassination. One correspondent was Samuel S. Shapira, who may be a mental case and who was attempting to influence Marina to accompany him to Mexico and start a drug business. Shapira, according to Los Angeles files, has been very critical of President Johnson and the late President Kennedy. Upon receipt of the amended page from Los Angeles Office, copies of the letterhead will be furnished to Secret Service.

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-10461) RUC

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.  
IS - R - CUBA  
OO: Dallas  
Re Bureau airtel 12/23/64, copy of which is enclosed for Chicago.

Enclosed for Bureau are 5 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above and 2 copies are enclosed for Chicago, one for Dallas.

KROME and REILLY were interviewed by SA W. MARVIN GHEESLING and SA DONALD M. MARTIN. LAWRIE was interviewed by GHEESLING.

According to LAWRIE, United Airlines (UAL) does not fly to Dallas and in order for a person to travel to Dallas from Detroit via UAL one would take a UAL flight from Detroit to Chicago and transfer to either Braniff or American for the Chicago to Dallas end of the flight. A copy of all UAL tickets sold in the United States is maintained at UAL, Revenue Accounting, O'Hara Airport, Chicago, Illinois.

AGENCY *RAC; Detroit*  
DATE *12-31-64*  
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Should immediately determine from UAL, Chicago, the feasibility of verifying whether or not subject purchased a UAL ticket from Detroit to Dallas by way of Chicago during period 8-11/63, and submit results in LHM.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Detroit, Michigan  
December 28, 1964

Lee Harvey Oswald

Miss Loralie Krome, Ticket Sales Agent, United Air Lines (UAL), 1203 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, furnished the following information to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on December 24, 1964:

In late August or early September, 1963, sometime between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., an unknown male entered the UAL Ticket Office. She observed him enter the door and proceed backwards to a point approximately midway between the door and the ticket counter. He then turned around and walked directly to the ticket counter in front of her and began staring at her. On inquiring if she could be of assistance the man stated "Not unless you can get me to Dallas". Krome explained to him that UAL does not fly to Dallas from Detroit but that she could give him connections through Chicago. The man said that arrangement was fine and added that he would like to fly out of Willow Run Airport. He also commented that he did not want to fly directly to Dallas from Detroit as he liked to stop off at various cities and liked to change planes. On being informed that a flight to Dallas by way of Chicago was more expensive than utilizing some other airlines which went directly to Dallas the man stated that "money does not mean a thing". The man then stated that Dallas would be a great city known throughout the world some day. He did not explain what he meant by this statement but Krome assumed that he meant Dallas would be known throughout the world from a cultural standpoint and she, in a light vein, inquired if he was going to help make it a great city. According to Krome he responded "You will find out in a short while".

During her conversation with this individual he revealed that he was visiting friends in an unnamed Detroit suburb; that he had previously visited Detroit during the spring of 1963; that he was unemployed but was not looking for a job and was just waiting in Detroit until he received

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Re: Lee Harvey Oswald

instructions from unnamed contacts in Dallas to proceed to Dallas. He was indefinite as to when he would go to Dallas and did not disclose why he would eventually go to Dallas. On being informed that the UAL schedule would change on October 25, 1963, this man indicated that he would probably go to Dallas prior to that date but said that in any event he would recontact UAL when he decided to make definite reservations.

He did not reveal his name, his address, telephone number or any other information as to how he could be reached at Detroit. He claimed that he had traveled to New York City, Washington, D.C., Miami, Florida, New Orleans, Louisiana, and many other places in the United States frequently utilizing UAL facilities.

She said that this individual finally departed after another customer arrived in the UAL Ticket Office. Krome could not identify this customer.

During her conversation with this unknown man he made no mention of President Kennedy, disclosed no animosity towards anyone and gave no evidence that he possessed violent tendencies.

She described him as follows:

Age	30-33, with boyish face
Hair	Brown, unruly
Height	5'8" - 5'9"
Weight	135 - 140 pounds
Build	Slender
Clothing	Wearing T shirt, short length beige jacket, opened about one-quarter down from neck; appeared to be "baggy" as if too big for him.
Characteristics	Clean shaven, nervous

Re: Lee Harvey Oswald

Following President Kennedy's assassination and after she observed Oswald on television and seeing his photograph in the newspapers she felt certain she had seen Oswald before and finally decided in her own mind that the above-mentioned individual was identical to Oswald. After she learned that at the time of Oswald's arrest he was wearing a jacket similar to the one she believed was worn by the unknown man referred to above she became certain that that man was identical to Oswald and she communicated her belief to Helen Reilly who was on duty at the time of that individual's visit. At this point Krome mentioned that at the time of the man's visit to UAL Ticket Office only she and Reilly were on duty and following his visit she had mentioned to Reilly that this individual had stared at her and acted strangely in that he wanted to travel to Dallas but not by a direct route.

Krome advised that she had not previously notified the FBI concerning this incident since she was afraid that if it became known she had reported Oswald's presence at Detroit some harm might come to her or to her family. She explained this by stating that the man who killed Oswald has a brother residing in the Detroit area and she was fearful that there might be a conspiracy surrounding Oswald's death and if such a conspiracy existed it might involve either her or her family if she reported this information.

Miss Helen <sup>Mich</sup> Reilly, Ticket Sales Agent, UAL, 1203 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, advised Special Agents of the FBI on December 24, 1964, that she recalled the incident involving an unidentified man visiting UAL Ticket Office sometime during the fall of 1963, during course of which he engaged in a rather lengthy conversation with Miss Krome. Reilly could not be more specific as to the exact date but stated she believed it was about two months prior to the assassination. She recalled that her attention was called to this unidentified man due to the fact that she overheard him discuss various routes with Krome for several minutes, a period of time which she thought was unnecessarily long. Although she saw this individual, she recalled nothing distinctive about him and she is unable to advise whether