

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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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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

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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

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or not he might be identical to Oswald. She stated that following this man's visit to UAL, Krome had mentioned that he appeared somewhat strange, that he had continually stared at her and could not make up his mind as to what travel accommodations he wanted. Krome further commented that her time had been wasted since no reservation had resulted from her extended conversation with him. Following President Kennedy's assassination Krome advised Reilly of her definite belief that the unknown man referred to above was identical to Oswald.

On December 28, 1964, Mr. Douglas Lawrie, Reservations Agent, UAL, 1203 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that about six weeks ago while engaged in a conversation with Loralie Krome, a fellow UAL employee, Krome expressed definite belief that sometime prior to President Kennedy's assassination Oswald had visited the UAL Ticket Office in Detroit to inquire about flights to Dallas. Lawrie advised that he had no first-hand information concerning this matter and stated his only knowledge to indicate Oswald had ever visited Detroit was furnished to him by Krome. Lawrie's account of the unknown male's reported visit to UAL Ticket Office, as reported to him by Krome, coincided in substance to the information set out above as obtained from Krome. From Lawrie's conversation with Krome he obtained the impression that this incident occurred about two weeks prior to the assassination. He also stated that in view of Krome's apparent firm conviction that the individual who visited the UAL Ticket Office was Oswald he suggested that she notify either the FBI or Congressman Gerald R. Ford, Jr., of Michigan. Krome, however, appeared reluctant to do so, expressing fear that some reprisal might be made against her or her family. In view of this reluctance Lawrie stated that he had reported the results of his conversation with Krome to Congressman Ford.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 12/30/64

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

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

Re Pittsburgh letter to Bureau, 12/14/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies, and for Dallas twenty-five copies, of amended page 3 of insert mentioned in referenced letter.

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- 1 - W. C. Sullivan (R. E. Lenihan)
- 1 - I. W. Conrad (R. A. Frazier)
- 1 - C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

Mr. Robert W. Townsley  
 5939 Almaden Lane  
 Oakland, California 94611

Dear Mr. Townsley:

Your letter of December 26, 1964, has been received and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

With regard to the observations made by you, I would like to point out that the results of our investigation concerning the assassination of President Kennedy were made available to the President's Commission. The Commission evaluated the data furnished to it.

Inasmuch as the President's Commission is no longer in existence, it is not possible to forward your letter to any other authority.

- 1 - Dallas (100-10461) Enc.
  - 1 - San Francisco, Enc.
- 105-82555  
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE FOR SACS, DALLAS AND SAN FRANCISCO:

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

Enclosed for both offices is one Xerox each of the self-explanatory letter from Townsley. No information identifiable with Townsley could be located in Bureau files.

For your information his analysis on the bullet flight was reviewed by our Laboratory and found to be generally correct. While his theory is logical and astute, it is, nevertheless, based on speculation. No further action need be taken in this matter.

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

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- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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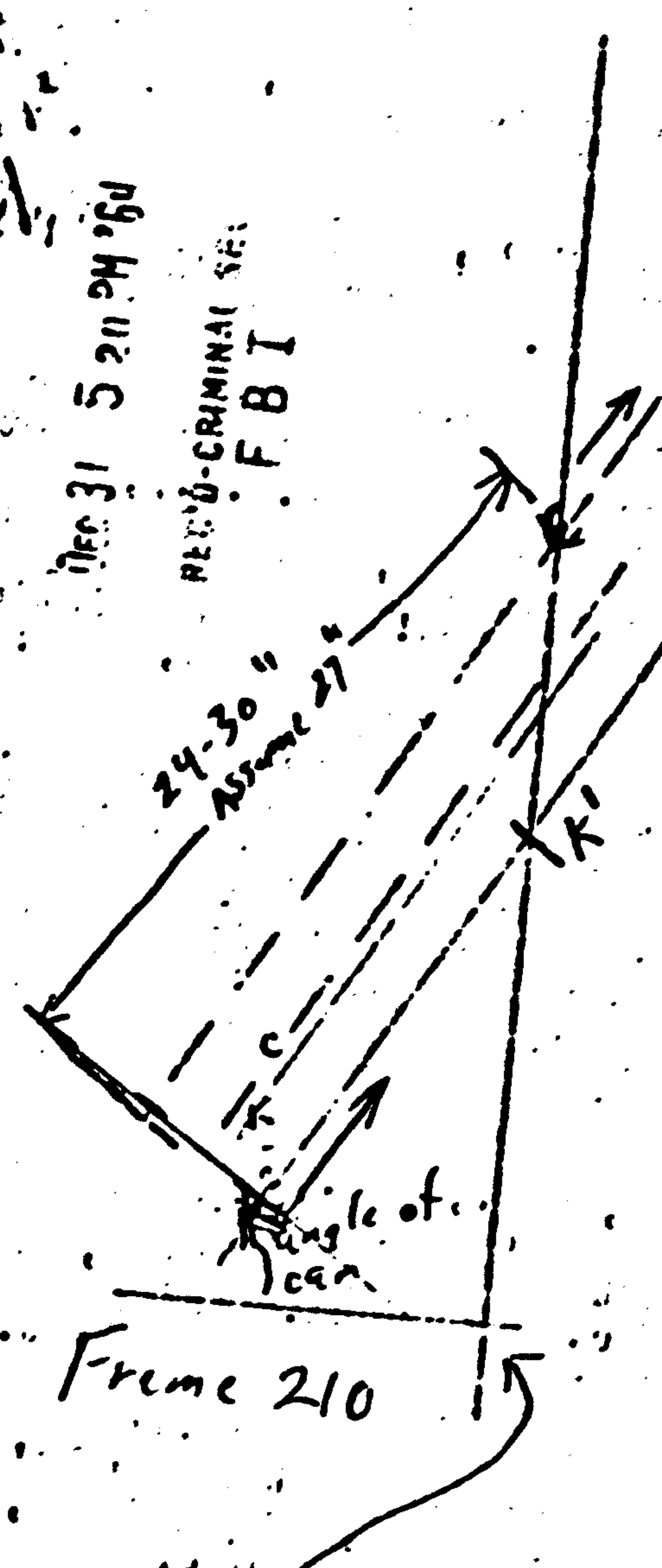
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NOTE:

Townsley's analysis is based primarily on his thesis that the death of President Kennedy was accidental and that Oswald actually intended to shoot and kill Governor Connally. Based on this speculation, he drew certain logical conclusions with regard to ballistics data. Townsley desired our comments and rebuttal. In answering his letter as above, we are consistent with a policy established since initiating investigation in this matter.



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24-30"  
Assume 27"

Angle of  
car

Frame 210

Assume picture  
edge same as  
vertical crosshair  
centered on C

Scale  $\frac{1}{10}'' = 1''$

From Frame 110

Assuming C is 27"  
ahead of K  
in car

$K \text{ to } K' = 17.4''$

Assuming est. travel time  
of bullet is 0.1 sec ( $\frac{\sqrt{1776}}{1800}$ )

Speed of car  $\approx 136' / 8.3 \text{ sec} =$   
 $\approx 196'' / \text{sec}$

$K-K'$  would be  $\frac{196}{10} = 19.6''$

Not far off scaled  
and theoretical happening.

Angle to rifle, and possibly  
scope error, would cause  
aim for point on C (back)

strike K high

as happened.

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5939 Maden Lane,  
Oakland, Calif. 94611  
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The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to the Report on President Kennedy's assassination and the Life Magazine article thereon.

Not knowing to whom else I may write thereon, or if the matter is closed, I am writing to you. If you are not at liberty to discuss it, please forward this letter to someone who may.

Being a chemical engineer with electronics background, active in the USAF MARS program, and having associated with the military both in the USA and overseas (once even solicited for the C.I.A.), a major fact possibility occurred to me the day of the incident which wasn't investigated in the report, that is: the President's killing may have been accidental, and Gov. Connally was the target! As my ballistics knowledge was pre-war college physics, and law an interest, I base my supposition on the following:

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- a. Oswald had an Honorable Discharge from the Marines, then a Dishonorable ~~wh~~ absentia while in the Reserves not on active Duty. While his service was "honorable," and rightfully he should retain this discharge, the Marine's jurisdiction over him as a civilian would seem to be a moot question. Having always been a civilian (Essential Deferred during the war) possibly I don't understand the military mind; it would seem his active and reserve duties should rate separate discharges, like services in separate Commands, or separate jobs;
- b. Gov. Connally was Secretary of the Navy then, and presumably Oswald's highest point of appeal, and to whom he did so;
- c. the distances, accuracy of the rifle, etc., etc., were discussed for all shots, but no mention or allowance for a moving target and travel time. Without going into exact figures I computed, the shots would have needed 1/9th to 1/10th sec. to travel. During that time the car moved forward 18-24" approximately and to the right. Kennedy, while "6 inches" to the right physically was to the left in the field of view and at the angle from photos would have crossed exactly at the distances. Any error, such as a shot aimed at Connolly's heart, back, or stomach in the military manner would, if anything, have hit high, as exactly occurred. From photos in the Report, the article, and photos of the car in my Classic Car Club quarterly coincidentally received the day before, I calculate they were 24-30" apart;
- d. the first shot hit the President alone. Connally was too far to the right. He heard this (est. time 2 seconds), but wasn't hit until after. He turned and laterally was more in position for the second the sound of which I think pain obliterated. Both he and the President slumped to the left, and again the President was in line, receiving the third. I think the first fragmented in the car or was lost as both men weren't in alignment, the second was found in the stretcher, and the third fragmented, part reportedly near the President's eye;
- e. Oswald appears to be the quiet type who suddenly "unwound" various times under stress or emotion. The November parade might have brought back memories of his Sept. and Dec. discharges, somewhat an anniversary

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Although the facts remain, the deed may have been a tragic aftermath to a military grievance. Your comments, rebuttal, etc. would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Let M Townsley  
R.D.P. Jr.

Robert W. Townsley

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-46855)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-87235)

PURCHASE OF BOOKS  
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Inquiry at Random House, Incorporated, 457 Madison Avenue, NY, NY, reveals that "The Dallas Affair" by LEO SAUVAGE is not going to be published by the company.

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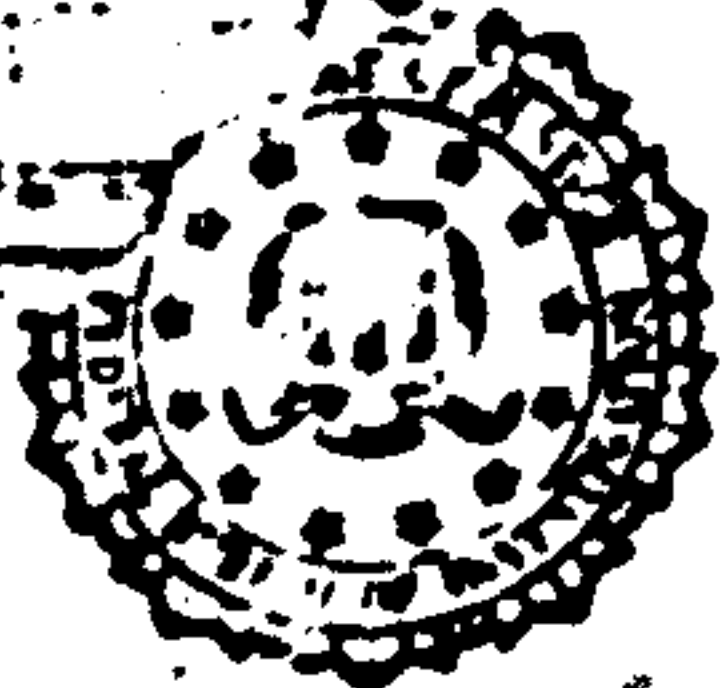
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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.  
January 5, 1965

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MARK LANE

The Joint Weeka No. 52 dated December 24, 1964, issued by the American Embassy, Vienna, Austria, contained the following information:

The American lawyer, MARK LANE, who has achieved considerable notoriety through his criticism of the Warren Commission report, lectured in Vienna on December 18 on the subject, "Who Killed Kennedy?" LANE, who is touring Europe under the auspices of BERTRAND RUSSELL, also held a press conference that day which resulted in several articles summarizing his arguments against the conclusion that OSWALD was the assassin. Independent "Kurier" printed his theories without comment while Socialist "Arbeiter-Zeitung," without taking sides, termed LANE's views "very significant." Independent "Die Presse," on the other hand, spoke of LANE's leftist leanings and pointed out that the Warren Commission report contains counterarguments, some of which are scientifically supported, against all of LANE's theses. People's Party "Volksblatt" stated flatly that: "The Warren Report shows...that the assertions of lawyer MARK LANE cannot be true. We have been fair enough to report them, however, because even in their questionableness they are of a certain historical interest." Eng

The lecture attracted about 30 people in a hall with a capacity of about 125.

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# Memorandum

TO: SAC, Dallas (Your file 100-10461 DATE: 1/9/65)

FROM: Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 105-78555)

Room No. 5121

SUBJECT: Lee Harvey Oswald  
aka - K. Cuba  
Attention - Criminal Section

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- 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency  
Re Bu to Dk airtel 11/20/64 concerning efforts
- to trace steps and individuals involved in  
broadcasting of suspect alert by Dk PD on 11/22/63  
at 12:45 P.M.

- 2. DATE  airtel  letterhead memo  submitted  report  letter  90-day progress letter  will be submitted by 1-15-65

Reporting employee W. J. [unclear]

- 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. Status of W. J. [unclear]  Inquiry  Investigation  Prosecution

- 5. Submit  airtel  letter  report  letterhead memo by \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 1/8/65

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-38431)  
 SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
 IS-R-CUBA

Enclosed for the Bureau is one xerox copy of a letter addressed to New York City Mayor ROBERT F. WAGNER from one ALBERT J. LEONARD, 231-56 Mentone Avenue, Laurelton, New York. Also enclosed is one xerox copy each of the front and back of envelope containing above letter and one xerox copy of a referral form received by NYO from the Mayor's office.

A review of NYO indices failed to reflect any information identifiable with ALBERT J. LEONARD.

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1964

Dear Mayor.

I could not refrain from writing  
you this letter. (AMERICANS)  
I am not convinced as millions  
of others is not convinced that  
the case is closed where our  
late beloved President John F. Kennedy  
is concerned.

It is a gross injustice that the  
case is closed.

In my mind and I am quite sure  
in yours that the case will  
always be open.

Oswald made a fine speech in  
Louisiana he was educated -

and in my belief he was strictly  
working for Russia + Cuba.

all this I cannot get out of my mind.  
I know that our dear late President  
is at the right hand of God,  
the police of Dallas + the F.B.I. surely  
bungled this case up.

I would like to hear from you and  
your opinions as to the result  
of this case.

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as for Gov Rockefeller dear Mayor  
I do not think you shall get  
Ney for with him.  
he wants to cheat N.Y. City for  
all he can.

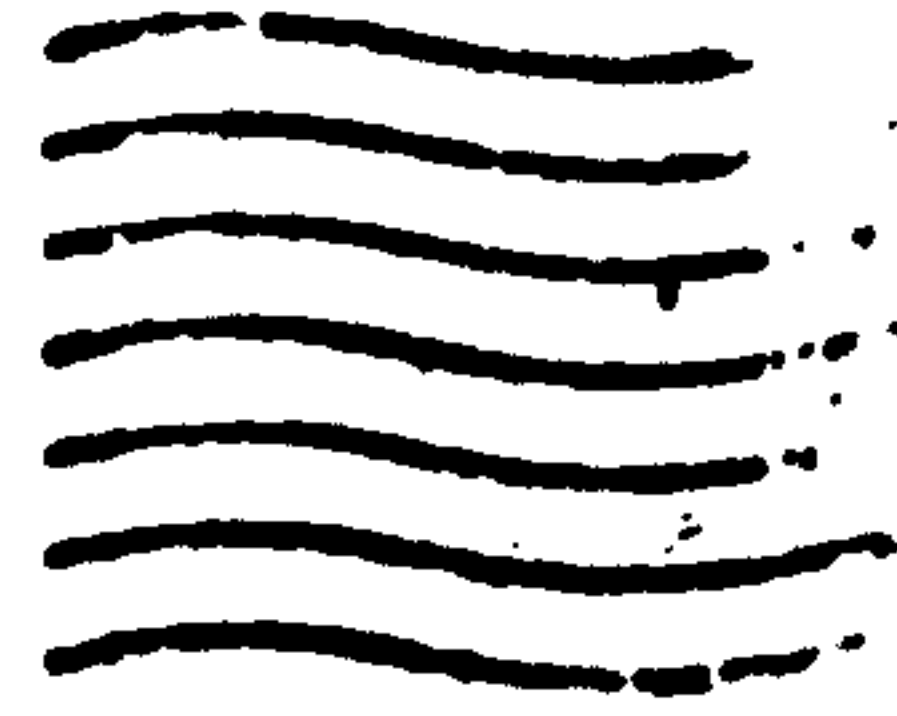
but surely I know that you  
are going to give him some  
of the money that is  
due our city.

Sincerely yours  
Albert J. Leonard

P.S. I do not know what the  
Warren Commission had in mind  
to close a case that has shocked  
the Nation beyond belief.



Albert J. Leonard  
291-56 Mentone Avenue  
Laurelton, N.Y. 11413



Mayor Robert F. Wagner  
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