UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 25, 1966

On November 21, 1966, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, received a letter from a newsman expressing concern over the rash of books, articles and statements which are "creating confusion and doubts about the validity of the findings of the Warren Commission regarding the assassination of President Kennedy." The newsman said that one of the "conflicts" concerned the alleged variance of the results of the medical examination of the President's body, recorded in FBI reports dated December 9, 1963, and January 13, 1964, and the official autopsy report.

The newsman said he would appreciate any comment Mr. Hoover would make concerning these matters.

The newsman requested that Mr. Hoover prepare a statement regarding the alleged conflict between information reported by the FBI and the autopsy report.

By letter dated November 23, 1966, to the newsman, Mr. Hoover said he shared the concern of the newsman regarding the criticisms of the Warren Commission's findings. He pointed out that while the critics had every right to state their views, they "should show more regard for the facts on record. They have ignored certain facts, misinterpreted others, and expressed pure speculation as truth."

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Mr. Hoover sent the newsman the attached statement and stated, "I am speaking only for the FBI, not for any other agency or group involved in any phase of the inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy."

Enclosure

November 23, 1966

The Warren Commission and its findings concerning the assassination of President Kennedy currently are being severely criticized. The conclusions of the Commission, especially its conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination, have been openly challenged.

In support of their speculations, some of the critics allege, among other things, that there is a "conflict" between portions of two FBI reports and the official autopsy report regarding the wounds found in the President's body.

While there is a difference in the information reported by the FBI and the information contained in the autopsy report concerning the wounds, there is no conflict. The FBI reports record oral statements made by autopsy physicians while the examination was being conducted and before all facts were known. The autopsy report records the final findings of the examination.

Briefly, this is what happened. The autopsy was conducted at Bethesda Naval Hospital on the evening of November 22, 1963. Two

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FBI Agents were present. They reported that Dr. James J. Humes, chief autopsy surgeon, located what appeared to be a bullet hole in the back below the shoulder and probed it to the end of the opening with a finger. The examining physicians were unable to explain why they could find no bullet or point of exit.

Unknown to the Agents, the physicians eventually were able to trace the path of the bullet through the body. On the morning of November 23, 1963, Dr. Humes contacted doctors who treated the President at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas, the previous day and confirmed his assumption that a tracheotomy had been performed using a bullet hole in the front of the neck as the point of incision.

The information reported by the Agents present during the autopsy was summarized on page 10 of the FBI report dated December 9, 1963. Meanwhile, the clothing worn by the President when he was shot was examined in the FBI Laboratory. This examination revealed a small hole in the back of his coat and shirt and a slit characteristic of an exit hole for a projectile in the front of the shirt one inch below the collar button. A nick on the left side of the tie knot, possibly caused by the same projectile which passed through the shirt, also was noted.

These findings clearly indicated the examining physician's early observation that the bullet penetrated only a short distance into the President's back probably was in error. Since this observation had been included in the FBI report of December 9, 1963, another reference was made to it in the report of January 13, 1964, in conjunction with the Laboratory findings to point up this probability.

The FBI and the Warren Commission each received a copy of the official autopsy report on December 23, 1963, from Secret Service following a specific request for this document. Since the FBI knew the Commission had a copy of the official autopsy, its contents were not repeated in an FBI report.

Recently the charge has been made that the FBI altered the film of the assassination taken by Abraham Zapruder. This is totally false. The FBI never had the original Zapruder film in its possession--it was purchased by a national magazine. The FBI obtained a copy of the original uncut film and reproduced this for the Commission which since has turned it over to National Archives.

At the direction of President Johnson, the FBI conducted a prompt, intensive, objective investigation of the assassination. The results of this investigation were accurately reported to

the Warren Commission. Not one shred of evidence has been developed to link any other person in a conspiracy with Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy. All available evidence and facts point to one conclusion--that Oswald acted alone in his crime.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach DATE: 11/25/66

FROM : R. E. Wick

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT;
WARREN COMMISSION REPORT;
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR

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Attached is a copy of the statement by the Director which was sent by him under date of 11/23/66 to Mr. Sid Epstein of "The Washington Evening Star." It will be noted that a cover statement has been added setting forth the circumstances of the inquiry received by Mr. Hoover from Mr. Epstein for a statement and the Director's response thereto. It was prepared in this fashion so that it could be given to other news sources after it appeared in "The Washington Evening Star" and they could use it without attributing it to "The Washington Evening Star."

Immediately after the appearance of Mr. Hoover's statement in "The Washington Evening Star," copies of the attached were furnished to Associated Press, United Press International, "The Washington Daily News," "New York Daily News" and the U. S. Information Agency, all Washington, D. C.

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It is noted that the above distribution of this item was previously discussed by Mr. Wick with Mr. Cliff Sessions, Information Officer of the Department, and it was approved by Mr. Sessions.

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Immediately following publication of the Director's statement in "The Washington Evening Star," and on the wire services, my office was swamped with calls. Representatives of the National Broadcasting Company, American Broadcasting Company, Columbia Broadcasting System, and the Westinghouse Broadcasting Company, as well as radio stations WBAL, Baltimore, and WEAM, Washington, called asking whether Mr. Hoover or a representative of the Bureau would record the statement on tape for broadcast by their facilities. They were advised that it was preferred not to make such a recording since the statement of Mr. Hoover did not lend itself to this type of handling.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID TODAY THAT DESPITE THE CONTINUING CONTROVERSY OVER THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT, ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE INDICATES LEE HARVEY OSWALD ACTED ALONE IN KILLING JOHN F. KENNEDY.

HOOVER SAID CRITICS OF THE COMMISSION CONCLUSION THAT OSWALD WAS ALONE IN THE ASSASSINATION HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO AIR THEIR VIEWS. BUT HE SAID "THEY SHOULD SHOW MORE REGARD FOR THE FACTS ON RECORD."

"THEY HAVE IGNORED CERTAIN FACTS, MISINTERPRETED OTHERS, AND EXPRESSED PURE SPECULATION AS TRUTH," HOOVER SAID.

"NOT ONE BIT OF EVIDENCE HAS EVER BEEN DEVELOPED TO LINK ANY OTHER PERSON IN A CONSPIRACY WITH OSWALD TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY."

AND ABOUT CRITICS' CHARGES THAT THERE WERE DISCREPANCIES IN FBI REPORTS AND THE FINDINGS OF AN AUTOPSY, HOOVER SAID THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE IN THE FORMATION, BUT "THERE IS NO CONFLICT."

THE FBI REPORTS RECORD ORAL STATEMENTS MADE BY AUTOPSY PHYSICIANS WHILE THE AUTOPSY EXAMINATION WAS BEING CONDUCTED AND BEFORE ALL FACTS WERE KNOWN, HOOVER SAID. "THE AUTOPSY REPORT RECORDS THE FINAL FINDINGS OF THE EXAMINATIONS."

HE ALSO DENIED A CHARGE THAT THE FBI HAD ALTERED COLORED FILM OF THE ASSASSINATION TAKEN BY ABRAHAM ZAPRUDER, A BYSTANDER AT THE TIME OF THE NOV. 22, 1963, MURDER IN DALLAS.

THIS IS TOTALLY FALSE," HOOVER SAID. "THE FBI NEVER HAD THE ORIGINAL ZAPRUDER FILM IN ITS POSSESSION."

HE SAID THE FBI OBTAINED A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL, UNCUT FILM AND REPRODUCED IT FOR THE WARREN COMMISSION. IT SINCE HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES ALONG WITH OTHER PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE AND FACTUAL DATA CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION IN ITS INQUIRY.

HOOVER MADE HIS STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO NEWSPAPER QUERIES GROWING OUT OF THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION. THE CONTROVERSY REACHED A NEW HIGH THIS WEEK ON THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF KENNEDY'S DEATH.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

FROM : W. D. Griffith

DATE: 11/29/66

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1 - Mr. Griffith
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SUBJECT: ROBERT BENJAMIN SMITH - MURDER

For your information we are in receipt of a current request for examination of some evidence from the Police Department, Mesa, Arizona, in the murder case involving the subject, 18 years old, who is suspected of the mass murder of five people at a beauty college and the wounding of two others. The evidence consists of two cards contained in subject's wallet, one bearing the typewritten name "Alek James Hidell" and the other being a photograph of a "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" card bearing the signature "V.T. Lee." There are obvious alterations of this photograph and it appears that Smith's typewritten name and handwritten signature have been superimposed over the partially eradicated name of Lee H. Oswald. The Mesa Police Department asks that we attempt to verify the name Lee H. Oswald is the partially eradicated name underneath the subject's name as it now appears on the photograph.

For your information the 2/21/64 issue of Life Magazine on page 78 carries a reproduction of a photograph of Oswald handing out leaflets and a reproduction of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee card bearing his typed name and written signature underneath.* From the imperfections and individual characteristics observable in the photograph submitted by the Mesa, Arizona, Police Department it was almost certainly made directly or indirectly from the Life Magazine reproduction appearing in the 2/21/64 issue. A Xerox copy of the current evidence in question and of the page from Life Magazine referred to is attached.

In view of the notoriety surrounding the mass murder with which Smith is charged, this matter is receiving immediate attention and a Laboratory report will be submitted without delay.

ACTION: None. For information.

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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* The original Fair Play for Cuba Committee card was in Oswald's wallet when arrested.

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ng? How is your and was improved by its cluny ... Field him filling orders, and remembe greeting him. Oswald repli "Good morning, Mr. Truly."

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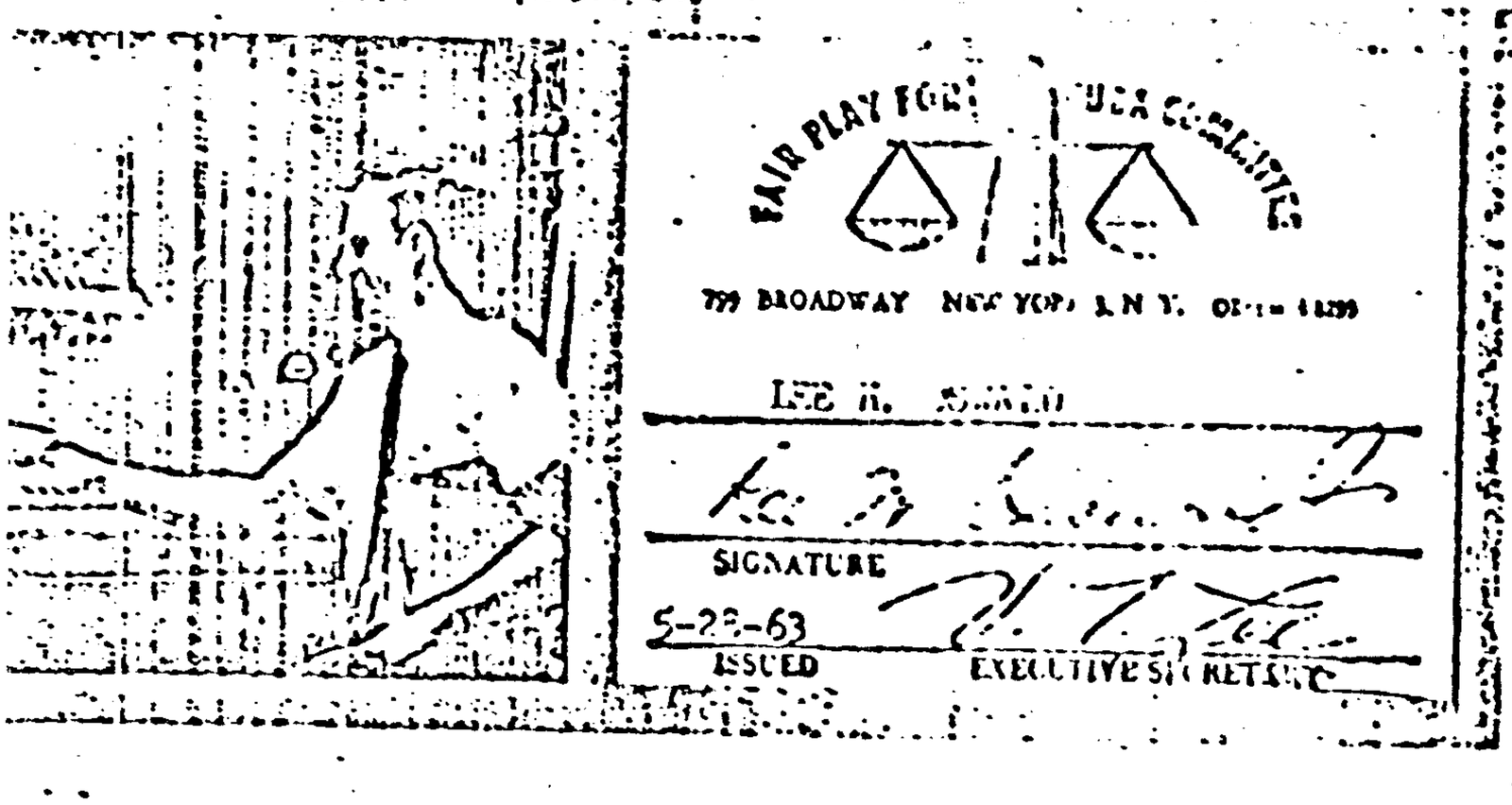

PROPAGANDIST AT 23. In August 1963 Oswald passed pro-Castro handbills on New Orleans street (*far left*). He claimed membership in Fair Play for Cuba Committee (*card at left*) which denied he was a representative.

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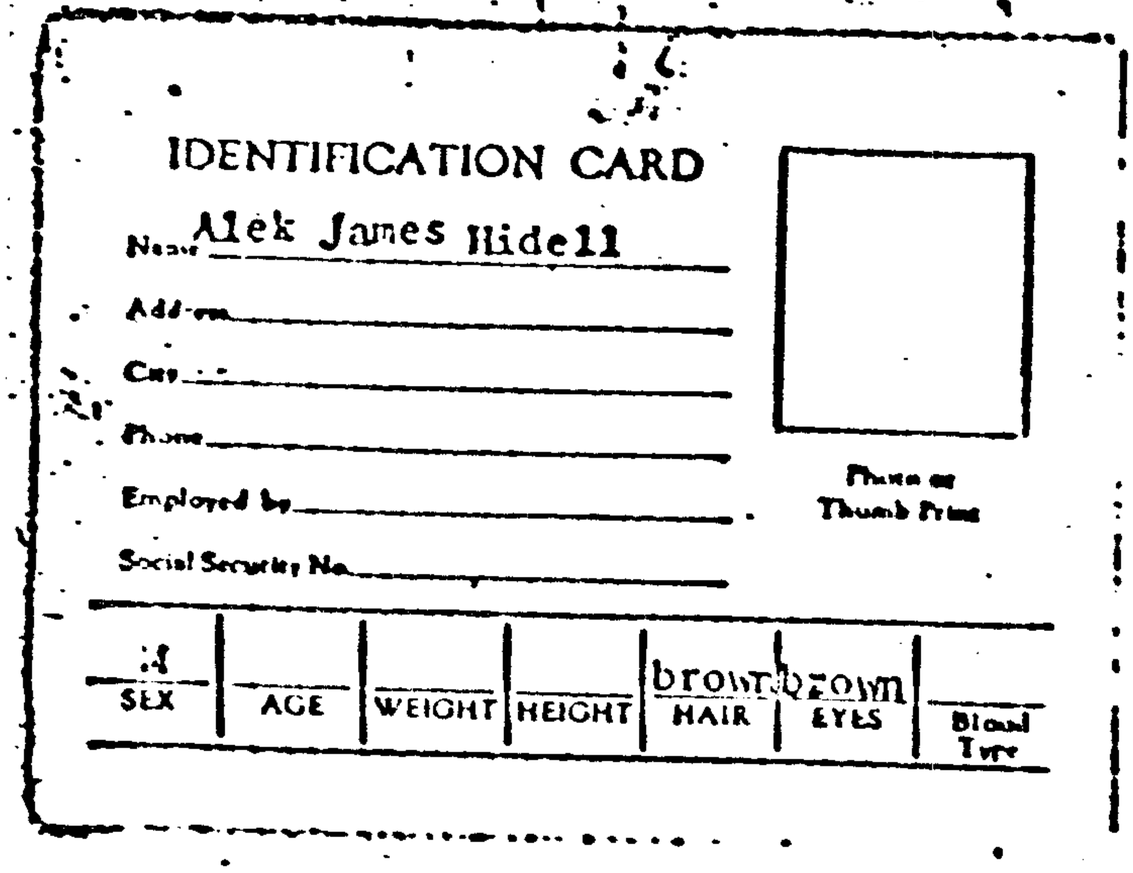

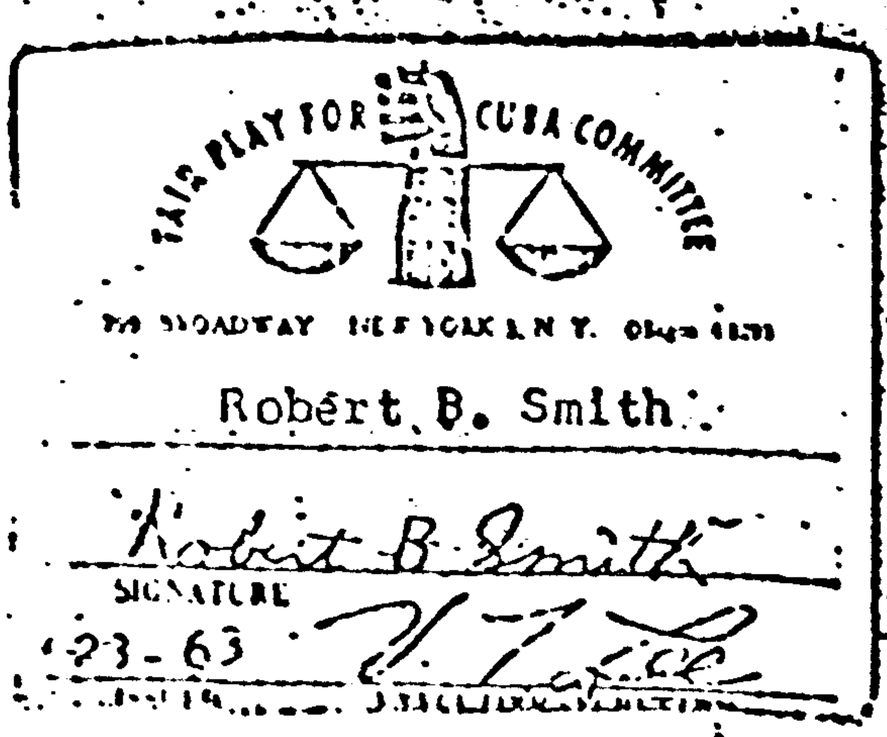

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
53 NORTH MACDONALD STREET
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November 18, 1966

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Attn: FBI Laboratory

Re: Robert Benjamin Smith - Suspect
Case 66-10545
Murder

Dear Sir:

On November 12, 1966, at approximately 8 a.m., we had a mass murder at a beauty college where seven people were shot killing five. These people were all shot in the head. An 18 year old suspect, Robert Benjamin Smith, WMA, DOB 2/10/48, was arrested and is awaiting trial. This man's father is a retired Major Robert L. Smith, HQUSAINTC & Fort Holabird, MD.

In Robert Benjamin Smith's wallet we found a card with the following:

Item #1--Fair Play for Cuba Committee. It appears that he has altered the signature, and underneath his own signature it appears to be the name Lee H. Oswald. Will you please check this.

Item #2--Card has the name of Alek James Hidell. Please check your files on this name or any other information you may be able to give us.

On November 14, we sent to your lab other evidence in reference to this same case.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

GAIL K. BRIMHALL
Chief of Police

Det. Sgt. Ray J. Gomez

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 29, 1966

To: Mr. Gail K. Brimhall
Chief of Police
Mesa, Arizona 85201

Attention: Detective Sergeant Ray J. Gomez

This examination has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: Robert Benjamin Smith - Suspect;
Murder

YOUR NO. 66-10545
FBI FILE NO. 95-133991
LAB. NO. D-521220 AX

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 11/18/66

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

Q1 Photograph of a "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" card (Your Item #1)

Q2 Identification card in the name "Alek James Hidell" (Your Item #2)

Result of examination:

Beneath the typewritten name "Robert B. Smith" and the handwritten name "Robert B. Smith" on Q1 appears the name "Lee H. Oswald."

The name "Alek James Hidell" which appears on the card Q2, was endorsed by Lee Harvey Oswald referred to in the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The submitted evidence was photographed and is returned herewith.

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (105-2909)

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

OO: Dallas

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau 11/28/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Dallas is a clipping from the Waco ~~Tribune~~ Herald, Waco, Texas, of 11/26/66, dateline Fort Worth, Texas, concerning flowers placed on subject's grave.

This is being submitted for the Bureau's and Dallas's information.

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Flowers Placed On Oswald Grave

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UPI)— A yellow chrysanthemum bouquet graced the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald Friday. On it was the message, "He has left all the world confused."

Oswald was the man named as the assassin of President John F. Kennedy. Oswald himself was slain in Dallas Nov. 24, 1963, two days after Kennedy's death.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, his mother, said the flowers were put on Oswald's grave Thursday by "a former FBI man," whom she would not identify. She said he sent a bouquet last year also.

Some 600 persons visited Oswald's grave Thursday.

The note with the flowers said, neatly typed, "Lee Harvey Oswald. Did he assassinate the President? Was he truthfully accused? Guilty. Yes? Or was he innocent? He has left all the world c o n f u s e d. (Signed) Junior."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Waco Tribune-Herald

Waco, Texas

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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911 PM 11/30/66 URGENT LAL

TO DIRECTOR (105-82555)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (105-2909)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS - R - CUBA.

REMYTEL TODAY.

MPS. MARGUERITE OSWALD APPEARED ON WOAI-TV, SAN ANTONIO, TODAY. SHE ASSERTED SHE WANTS NEW INVESTIGATION TO CLEAR UP INCONSISTENCIES IN WARREN COMMISSION REPORT.

SHE SAID WARREN REPORT HAD INACCURACIES BECAUSE THEY HAD TO EVALUATE VOLUMINOUS AMOUNTS OF INVESTIGATION AND AFFIDAVITS. SHE CITED AS EXAMPLE AN FBI AGENT INTERVIEWING SOMEONE AND TWO DAYS LATER WOULD WRITE HIS REPORT. SHE SAID THAT DOES NOT MEAN WHAT THIS PERSON TOLD THE FBI IS IN THE REPORT. SHE STATED SHE DID NOT MEAN THE FBI WOULD MISREPRESENT THE REPORT BUT THE AGENT COULD NOT REMEMBER WORD FOR WORD WHAT THE PERSON TOLD HIM.

IN EVENT FURTHER INFO DEVELOPED, SAN ANTONIO WILL ADVISE BUREAU AND DALLAS.

AM COPY TO DALLAS. RUC.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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5:47 PM 11-29-66 URGENT LAL

TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS

FROM SAN ANTONIO 292230

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS - R - CUBA.

REFERENCE BE SAN ANTONIO AIRTEL NOVEMBER 28 LAST.

INSPECTOR JACK HUTTON, SAPD, SAN ANTONIO Police DEPARTMENT ADVISED MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD WILL APPEAR ON TWO-HOUR RADIO PROGRAM 10 AM TO 12 NOON AND HALF HOUR TELEVISION PROGRAM 4:30 TO 5 PM ON WOAI-TV, TO WHICH THE LISTENING PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED TO TELEPHONE QUESTIONS FOR MARGUERITE OSWALD TO ANSWER.

PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY ALLEN DALE, WHO WILL ASK FOLLOWING TWO QUESTIONS, AMONG OTHERS:

WAS LEE HARVEY OSWALD WRITING A BOOK PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND IF SO, NATURE OF THE BOOK AND WHEREABOUTS OF MATERIAL?

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WAS LEE HARVEY OSWALD A PAID INFORMANT OF FBI?

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

cc: MR. BISHOP DEC 12 1966

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 11/29/66

San Antonio has advised that the radio program referred to in attached involves interviews of usually controversial figures and is designed to be provocative in nature. Mrs. Marguerite Oswald is typical of the individuals appearing on the program.

Allen Dale, who conducts the radio program, will later have Mrs. Oswald on a local news program on television in the evening.

Although Mrs. Oswald has demonstrated by her actions and statements that she may be mentally unbalanced, the San Antonio Office has been instructed to monitor the radio and television shows mentioned in attached and furnish the Bureau pertinent information. The program will be broadcast on 11/30/66.

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(OSWALD)
FORT WORTH--THE FLOWERS ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S GRAVE CARRIED A NOTE--"HE HAS LEFT ALL THE WORLD CONFUSED."
OSWALD'S MOTHER, MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD, SAID THE YELLOW CHRYSANTHEMUMS WERE PUT ON HER SON'S GRAVE THURSDAY BY "A FORMER FBI MAN."
THURSDAY WAS THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF OSWALD'S DEATH IN THE DALLAS POLICE STATION, TWO DAYS AFTER HE ASSASSINATED PRESIDENT KENNEDY.
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Hundreds Visit Gravesite On Oswald Anniversary

FORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 25 (AP)—A note attached to a large bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums on the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald said "... He has left all the world confused."

Hundreds of visitors filed by the grave in the Rosehill Cemetery yesterday on the third anniversary of the day that Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin of President Kennedy, was shot to death by Jack Ruby, Dallas night club operator.

The neatly typewritten note on the flowers read: "Lee Harvey Oswald. Did he assassinate the President? Was he truthfully accued? Guilty, yes? Or was he innocent? He has left all the world confused."

In a 3-hour period on Thanksgiving Day, more than 600 persons visited the grave.

Some stood, looked and said nothing. But others were quick to voice their opinions of the Warren Commission report and recent demands that the investigation of the assassination at Dallas Nov. 22, 1963, be reopened.

Some said they thought the investigation should be reopened. Others said they were satisfied with the conclusion of the Warren Commission report that Oswald acted alone.

In the crowd were two Catholic nuns. Asked why they came, one replied:

"I came to get a reflection in the heart that it doesn't pay to do something wrong and to say a prayer for Lee Harvey Oswald."

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The Baltimore Sun
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11/29/66

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

ALLEGATION FORMER FBI AGENT PLACES FLOWERS ON GRAVE OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Raupach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Morrell
1 - Mr. Sullivan

Mr. Hayes Redmon at the White House telephonically advised Mr. DeLoach today that the President desired to be advised of the identity of the former FBI Agent who had allegedly placed flowers on the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald. No former Agent involved.

It is noted a United Press International release dated 11/26/66 at Fort Worth, Texas, commented on this, stating that flowers on Oswald's grave carried a card, "He has left all the world confused." This release stated Oswald's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, said the yellow chrysanthemums were put on her son's grave Thursday, 11/24/66, by a former FBI man.

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SAC Shanklin, Dallas, was contacted concerning this matter and the following information was furnished: James Earl Johnson, caretaker of the Rosehill Cemetery at Fort Worth, Texas, who requested his identity not be disclosed, advised Mrs. Oswald had called him on November 23, 1966, stating that flowers would be delivered that day with a typewritten note signed "Junior." She requested Johnson to be on the lookout for the flowers. Johnson advised the flowers were not delivered on the 23d; however, they were delivered on the 24th, Thanksgiving Day, and they did have a typewritten note attached which was signed "Junior," which note subsequently disappeared from the flowers. Johnson also advised that the newspaper stories to the effect that 600 persons visited Oswald's grave were grossly exaggerated and he would estimate that the usual number of visitors for Thanksgiving Day did appear at the cemetery, approximately 100, and he had no knowledge of how many of these visited Oswald's grave. The caretaker advised the flowers had been delivered by Henry Goodgame, Fort Worth florist. Goodgame, on contact, advised he had received an order for the flowers to be delivered several days before Thanksgiving. He most reluctantly admitted that after learning that a press release out of California identified the sender as Harry Dean that the flowers had been ordered through a florist in Alhambra, California.

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Memo DeLoach from Rosen
Re: Assassination

Dallas ascertained through a newspaper contact in Dallas that the UPI in Los Angeles carried a story that Harry Dean, 38, Alhambra, California, had stated he was responsible for having flowers left on the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald. He stated he had a note typed by the florist to be attached to the flowers; that he left the flowers because he thought Oswald had nothing to do with the killing of President Kennedy. He also stated he was a former undercover man for the FBI and had used the code name "Junior."

Supervisor Neal McGinnis of Los Angeles advised the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Herald Examiner both carried stories on November 26, 1966, based on a UPI release from Fort Worth, Texas, to the effect that flowers had been left on Lee Harvey Oswald's grave and that a typewritten note had been attached to the flowers. The two papers had a statement indicating that according to Marguerite Oswald, the flowers had been sent by a former FBI Agent.

Supervisor McGinnis also advised that Dean had been the subject of numerous items of correspondence with the Bureau and had been interviewed on numerous occasions to try and persuade him to desist from claiming employment with the Bureau. The FBI Identification Division contains a record on Dean which reflects he enlisted in the armed services in 1945 and was absent without leave in 1946. In 1948 he was charged with the theft of a radio by the Windsor, Canada, Police Department. Disposition on this offense is not known. In 1956 he was charged in Michigan for using obscene language and was sentenced to ninety days.

Bureau files reflect a great deal of correspondence with Harry J. Dean, who did at one time in the early 1960's furnish information to the Chicago Office concerning the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. He was never an informant and was never encouraged in his activities. After he gratuitously furnished information a background check was made, at which time it was determined he was a former mental patient with a criminal record. He was told in June of 1961 that his assistance was not desired. The Los Angeles Office, since November of 1963, has periodically found it necessary to contact Dean and request that he desist from making claims concerning past relationship with the Bureau.

In 1965 we received information he was considering writing a book regarding his work with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and that it would concern the work he did for the FBI in Chicago for a year when he was a member of the Committee. The most recent correspondence concerning Dean was a reply to Senator George Murphy (R. - Calif.)

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Memo DeLoach from Rosen
Re: Assassination

on October 18, 1966, wherein Murphy asked for any information we might have which would assist in replying to a letter from Dean.

ACTION:

It is recommended the attached letter be sent to Mr. Marvin Watson furnishing the true facts concerning the allegation that a former FBI Agent had placed flowers on Oswald's grave.

K Jem

OK. I think the President actually must avoid with personal attention every bit of it. It has been a problem for three or four years and I don't see how we could do.

FBI

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (105-2909)(RUC)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
IS-R-C

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Remytel 12/1/66.

Enclosed herewith are ten copies of LHM on captioned subject matter suitable for dissemination.

The officers mentioned therein were assigned the task of observing Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD during her visit to San Antonio November 29 through December 1, 1966, while she was a guest on TV and Radio of Station WOAI in San Antonio. They were instructed to be alert for any incident which might occur, and if one did occur, they would afford her necessary protection. There were no incidents, and Mrs. OSWALD did appear on radio and TV and the Bureau has been apprised of the results.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Antonio, Texas
December 2, 1966

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On December 1, 1966, George M. Scott, Detective Investigator and Camerlin B. Posey, pre-police trainee of the San Antonio, Texas, Police Department, heard the following comments made by Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, mother of deceased LEE HARVEY OSWALD, while she was waiting for an airplane at the International Airport, San Antonio, Texas:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 2, 1966

On December 1, 1966, GEORGE M. SCOTT, Detective Investigator, San Antonio Texas, Police Department, who resides at 223 Coronet Lane, San Antonio, advised as follows:

When Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD came to San Antonio on a visit on November 29, 1966, pre-police trainee CAMERLIN B. POSEY and he were assigned the duty of observing Mrs. OSWALD during her stay and to be alert for any possible trouble. As far as he could ascertain, there were no incidents during her visit to San Antonio.

On December 1, 1966, during the time he was in Mrs. OSWALD's presence at the International Airport in San Antonio while she was awaiting her plane, she made the following remarks, which were unsolicited, which she said she could not make on the radio or television because she knew they would cut her off:

She stated that she has letters from Cuba and Russia stating that LYNDON JOHNSON was connected with the assassination of former President KENNEDY.

She also stated that President JOHNSON broke the law when he removed former President KENNEDY's body from the hospital without proper papers or autopsy by the coroner.

Mrs. OSWALD also stated that when President and Mrs. JOHNSON went before the Warren Commission to testify in connection with the assassination of former President KENNEDY, he was not placed under oath. On the other hand, such witnesses as JACQUELINE KENNEDY and J. EDGAR HOOVER were placed under oath when they testified. Mrs. OSWALD pointed out that this was done so that if President JOHNSON was not telling the truth, he could not be charged with perjury.

She also said that the President and his family do violate the law but they should be made to obey it like the

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On 12/1/66 at San Antonio, Texas File # SA 105-2909

by SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR./mkd Date dictated 12/2/66

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common people such as herself. She did not mention how she thought the President allegedly violated the law.

Mrs. OSWALD advised that the day her son was murdered, agents of the Secret Service had visited her home and took her and her daughter-in-law, MARINA OSWALD, to a town south of Fort Worth, Texas, for their own protection. SCOTT could not recall if she mentioned the name of the town. She stated that while they were driving in the car, a report came over the radio in the Secret Service car about her son, LEE HARVEY OSWALD. When she questioned the agents about this, they stated that he had been shot in the shoulder. She then asked to be taken to him, however, one of the Secret Service agents stated that such a move could endanger the life of MARINA OSWALD.

SCOTT advised that Mrs. OSWALD stated that if they could protect the life of JACKIE KENNEDY, she could not see why they could not afford protection to the mother and wife of a person like LEE HARVEY OSWALD. The Secret Service agents finally gave in, took them to the hospital, and stated that once they entered the hospital they could offer neither Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD nor the wife of LEE HARVEY OSWALD any further protection, that this would be up to the Texas State officials.

Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD was then led to her son who was dead on a slab in the hospital covered with the exception of his head. She learned that he had been shot in the stomach while handcuffed. She said that at this moment she got a message, she does not know from where, and she recalls shouting, "This boy has not killed anyone and someday the world will know."

SCOTT advised that he asked no questions of Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD since he was under instructions not to.

SCOTT advised that Mrs OSWALD left San Antonio at approximately 11:00 a.m., December 1, 1966, on Flight 68 of Braniff Airlines en route to Ft. Worth, Texas.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 2, 1966

On December 1, 1966, CAMERLIN B. POSEY, pre-police trainee for the San Antonio, Texas, Police Department, who resides at 147 Mink Street, San Antonio, advised as follows:

When Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD came to San Antonio for a visit on November 29, 1966, he and Detective Investigator GEORGE M. SCOTT, were assigned the duty of observing Mrs. OSWALD and were advised to be alert for any possible trouble. He stated that as far as trouble was concerned, her visit went off without any problems.

When POSEY accompanied Mrs. OSWALD to the airport in San Antonio at approximately 10:30 a.m., December 1, 1966, she was very talkative and in his presence made the following unsolicited remarks which he thought would be of interest to the FBI:

She advised that although she could not make these remarks on the radio or television, she thought that he would be interested in knowing. She stated that she has letters from Cuba and Russia stating that Lyndon Johnson was connected with the assassination of KENNEDY.

She also stated that when President and Mrs. JOHNSON were called before the Warren Commission to testify, that neither was placed under oath. However, when Mrs. JACQUELINE KENNEDY and J. EDGAR HOOVER were called to testify, they were placed under oath. She stated that this shows that if the President did not tell the truth, he could not be held on a charge of perjury.

Mrs. OSWALD also stated that the President and his family do violate the law, but they should not be allowed to do so, that they should be made to observe the law like common people such as herself. She did not state how she thought the President allegedly violated the law.

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She advised that if an attempt had been made on her life while she was in San Antonio, the American people would not have stood for the murder of a son and his mother as the result of the same assassination. She said any attack on her would cause a furor throughout the United States.

She pointed to a man at the counter of Braniff Airlines in San Antonio, and stated that he follows her wherever she goes. She said he always travels first class and she referred to him as a "FED". She offered no further explanation of her remarks. POSEY advised that they did not check the man since they had specific instructions to observe and make no inquiries or investigations unless there was an incident. POSEY advised that this unidentified person did enter the plane which Mrs. OSWALD boarded in San Antonio, and he did enter the first class cabin section of the plane.

POSEY described this unidentified male as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Near 60 years
Height	5'10" - 11"
Weight	165 - 170 pounds
Hair	Wore hat but gray around the edges of the head
Eyes	Color not observed, however, wore glasses similar to those worn by Barry Goldwater
Complexion	Light

POSEY advised that he did not observe the man pay any attention whatsoever to Mrs. OSWALD.

Mrs. OSWALD also remarked that fifteen persons connected with her, her son LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY prior to or about the time of the assassination of KENNEDY had been killed. She stated that the most recent person

was an individual who owned a night club in Dallas. He was dead a week before the police found him. He was a friend of RUBY's.

She continued by stating that the taxi driver who had taken her son LEE HARVEY OSWALD across town following the assassination attempt on the life of President KENNEDY, was killed later in a collision. She stated that his passenger was an important Government employee from Washington, D. C. He was not injured and just disappeared following the accident. She thought this was very peculiar.

She never did state who the fifteen persons were nor their relation to the case except the owner of the club and the taxi driver.

Mrs. OSWALD advised that the day her son was murdered, the Secret Service came to her home and told her that they were taking her and her daughter-in-law, MARINA OSWALD, then wife of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, to a small town south of Ft. Worth, Texas, for their own protection. While riding in the Secret Service car a notice came across the two-way radio about LEE HARVEY OSWALD being shot. The agent driving the car took the receiver and told the person on the radio not to repeat the news. When she inquired as to what had happened, she was informed that her son had been shot in the shoulder. She looked at the Secret Service agent for a monent, then got a feeling and said to the agent, "My son has expired." The agent did not give her a straight answer. She insisted that she be taken to the hospital where her son was. The Secret Service agent said that any such move would endanger the life of MARINA OSWALD.

Mrs. OSWALD said that she told the Secret Service agents that she thought it funny they could protect JACKIE KENNEDY with no trouble, yet they could not protect a mother who wanted to see her own son accompanied by his wife. After a short discussion, the Secret Service agents gave in and took her to the hospital where her son had been taken.

Upon arriving at the hospital the Secret Service agents told her that once she entered the hospital they could afford her no protection, and that it would be up to the Texas State officials to take over.

Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, went into the hospital and were taken to the room where her son lay dead. He was on a slab completely covered with the exception of his face. She looked at his face and turned to the attendants and said he had been crying and they agreed. She then said she got a message, she does not know from where, and she recalls shouting, "This boy has not killed anyone and someday the world will know."

POSEY advised that Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD boarded Braniff Flight 68 en route to Ft. Worth, Texas, at approximately 11:00 a.m., December 2, 1966.

On December 1, 1966, GUY HARRIS, General Manager of San Antonio Radio Station WOAI where Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD appeared as a guest, advised POSEY that Mrs. OSWALD told him that the FBI and Secret Service opens her mail and because of this she does not get all of her mail.

HARRIS stated that he challenged her on this point, stating that he felt certain that neither the FBI nor the Secret Service open her mail. She said that they must use "X-ray" and after reading it take the mail they don't want her to get.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-82555)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (105-2909)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS-R- CUBA.
ALSO KNOWN AS INTERNAL SECURITY- RUSSIA
REFERENCE MY TELETYPES
RE MYTELS NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST.

ON DEC. ONE INSTANT CAMERLIN P. POSEY, PRE POLICE TRAINEE, AND GEORGE M. SCOTT, DETECTIVE INVESTIGATOR, SAN ANTONIO PD, WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO OBSERVE MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALDS' VISIT TO SAN ANTONIO, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

ON INSTANT DATE AT SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT MRS. OSWALD MADE FOLLOWING UNSOLICITED REMARKS TO POSEY AND OR SCOTT.

SHE HAS LETTERS FROM CUBA AND RUSSIA STATING LYNDON JOHNSON WAS CONNECTED WITH ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY.

THAT WHEN PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHNSON WERE CALLED BEFORE WARREN COMMISSION, NEITHER WAS PLACED UNDER OATH. HOWEVER, WHEN MRS. KENNEDY AND J. EDGAR HOOVER WERE CALLED THEY WERE PLACED UNDER OATH. SHE SAID THIS SHOWS THAT IF PRESIDENT DID NOT TELL TRUTH, HE COULD NOT BE HELD FOR PERJURY.

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SHE STATED PRESIDENT AND HIS FAMILY DO VIOLATE THE LAW BUT THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO SO, THAT THEY

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SHOULD BE MADE TO OBSERVE THE LAW LIKE COMMON PEOPLE SUCH AS HERSELF. SHE DID NOT STATE HOW PRESIDENT ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED LAW.

SHE STATED IF ATTEMPT ON HER LIFE HAD BEEN MADE WHILE SHE WAS IN SAN ANTONIO, AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD NOT HAVE STOOD FOR MURDER OF A SON AND HIS MOTHER ON SAME SUBJECT MATTER, NAMELY ALLEGED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT.

MRS. OSWALD DEPARTED SAN ANTONIO ELEVEN AM DEC ONE INSTANT, FLIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, BRANIFF AIRLINES, EN ROUTE FT. WORTH.

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* LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM

FD 302 = REPORT OF INTERVIEW.

CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/1/66

Despite the fact that this woman is an obvious mental case, we feel that the information in attached should be made available to Mr. Watson at the White House.

We are therefore preparing a letter for Mr. Watson in which we also point out to him our past experience with Mrs. Oswald's wild statements.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-82555)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (105-2909)

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS R CUBA.

RE SAN ANTONIO AIRTEL TO BUREAU NOV. TWENTYEIGHT LAST AND SAN ANTONIO TEL TO BUREAU, NOV. TWENTYNINE LAST.

TODAY MARGUERITE OSWALD, MOTHER OF SUBJECT, WAS INTERVIEWED ON WOAI RADIO, SAN ANTONIO, FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS. SHE WILL APPEAR ON WOAI-TV PROGRAM LATER TODAY. RESUME OF RADIO DISCUSSION IS AS FOLLOWS:

MRS. OSWALD DESIRES INVESTIGATION OF ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO PROVE HER SON EITHER INNOCENT OR GUILTY. SHE CONTENDED THIS HAD NOT BEEN DONE.

SHE WAS ASKED IF HER SON WAS SENT TO RUSSIA AS UNDERCOVER FBI AGENT. SHE REPLIED IN AFFIRMATIVE AND HER REASONS WERE HE WENT TO RUSSIA WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF MARINE CORPS AND STATE DEPARTMENT. WHILE BEING PROCESSED FOR DIRE NEED DISCHARGE FROM MARINE CORPS, MARINE OFFICER SIGNED SUBJECT'S APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT TO VISIT CERTAIN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING RUSSIA. SHE IMPLIED THIS WAS

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INCONSISTENT, THAT IF HE WERE RECEIVING DIRE NEED DISCHARGE, MARINE CORPS WOULD NOT HAVE SIGNED APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT UNLESS HE WERE AGENT.

DURING RADIO INTERVIEW MRS. OSWALD SAID WARREN COMMISSION CONSIDERS SUBJECT ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. SHE SAID WARREN COMMISSION ARE HUMAN BEINGS SUBJECT TO ERROR AND MUCH OF THEIR REPORTS FROM FBI, SECRET SERVICE, ETC., HAD ERRORS ALSO.

IN ANOTHER EXAMPLE IMPLYING HE WAS AGENT, MRS. OSWALD CITED SUBJECT'S RETURN TO U.S. FROM RUSSIA. SHE CITED TESTIMONY BY THE DIRECTOR IN WHICH SHE SAID HE STATED WHEN A DEFECTOR RETURNS THEY (IMPLYING FBI) DO NOT MEET HIM AT PORT OF ENTRY BECAUSE OF PRESS AND FAMILY PRESENCE, AND THEY WAIT A DAY OR TWO TO INTERVIEW THE DEFECTOR.

SHE SAID IN SUBJECT'S CASE, HE WAS NOT MET BY PRESS UPON HIS RETURN FROM RUSSIA, AGAIN IMPLYING HE WAS AGENT.

BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION RE PICKETING TV PROGRAM.

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Any inquiry from press should be answered that statement Oswald was Oswald that Oswald was an employee FBI agent is absolutely untrue. No comment other than this should be made. K

cc- MR. SULLIVAN

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 11/30/66

San Antonio subsequently advised that Mrs. Oswald appeared on a local television station. The only additional remarks of pertinence were that the Warren report was inaccurate because of the voluminous data which had to be evaluated. She also said that an FBI Agent interviewing someone would not write a report until two days later and that perhaps the Agent could not remember word for word what had been told to him.

Mrs. Oswald, by her actions and her statements, has repeatedly proved that she is a mental case.

The Director, in his testimony, has adequately shown that Lee Harvey Oswald was not an informant of the FBI.

No further action is necessary in regard to attached.

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Date: 11/28/66

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-16814) (RUC)

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

Re San Francisco telephone call to the Bureau on 11/26/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of LHM dealing with information furnished by FRANCES IRENE HISE to the effect that JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD were known to each other in Dallas prior to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

Enclosed for Dallas are two copies of the aforementioned LHM.

SF T-1 mentioned in the enclosed LHM is [redacted] who furnished the report information to SA RAY M. ANDRESS, (SF file 105-2233).

When WALTER LINCOLN TOOZE telephonically contacted the San Francisco Office on the morning of November 26, 1966 he furnished the reported information to Night Clerk RICHARD T. HESLIN.

FRANCES IRENE HISE is one of the Subjects of [redacted] She is presently free on bond awaiting trial in connection with the charges filed before the United States Commissioner in

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May, 1966 which are mentioned in the attached LHM. She is represented by an attorney.

WALTER LINCOLN TOOZE, mentioned in the enclosed LHM, is the Subject of Bureau file 105-26300 and San Francisco file 105-2233.

San Francisco contemplates no further action in connection with this matter UACB.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

November 28, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

At 1:30 a.m. on November 26, 1966, Mr. Tooze telephonically contacted the San Francisco Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He did not further identify himself by name and admitted being quite intoxicated. He did advise that at one time he was a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a former private detective and a retired government agent.

Tooze indicated that a girlfriend of his, not further identified at this time, could verify a meeting between Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

At 3:00 a.m. on November 26, 1966, Tooze again telephonically contacted the San Francisco Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation identifying his girlfriend only as Frances stating she was a waitress at Jack Ruby's bar in Texas and had seen Oswald in the bar on several occasions. In addition, Tooze stated that Frances had seen Ruby and Oswald confiring in the office at Ruby's bar.

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On November 26, 1966, Inspector Gino Marionetti of the San Francisco Police Department telephonically contacted the San Francisco Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advising that Tooze had contacted the San Francisco Police Department furnishing information similar to that mentioned above. Inspector Marionetti indicated that he had interviewed Tooze's girlfriend, who identified herself as Frances Hise, and that he would prepare a report regarding this interview.

On November 28, 1966, Inspector Gino Marionetti of the San Francisco Police Department made available a copy of his report regarding the above mentioned interview. He indicated that Frances Hise, who was born on August 2, 1924, was residing at 507 Bush Street, Apartment 109, San Francisco and was an unemployed cocktail waitress. Inspector Marionetti noted that he had interviewed Frances Hise regarding the information furnished by Mr. Tooze. He stated that she appeared frightened and nervous about volunteering any information. In his report he indicated that she had been drinking but was not intoxicated.

According to the aforementioned police department report, Frances Hise advised she was [redacted]

She indicated that on October 23, 1963 she was in Jack Ruby's place in Dallas, Texas. She described his place as being across the street from the Dolphus Hotel on Commerce Street and next to the Colony Club in Dallas. She indicated she was talking to Ruby about employment as a cocktail waitress when a person she described as white, male, American, five feet five inches, dark hair and approximately thirty years of age came on to the premises.

Continuing, Frances Hise advised Inspector Gino Marionetti that Ruby referred to this man as "Ossie" and told him to go into the back room. He then joined this man immediately and Miss Frances Hise left the premises.

Finally in the aforementioned police report, Inspector Marionetti stated that Miss Hise advised him that there was no doubt in her mind that "Ossie" and Lee Harvey Oswald were one and the same person.

Elaborating on the above mentioned report Inspector Marionetti orally advised Special Agent John P. McHugh on November 28, 1966 that Mr. Tooze was not present during the course of the above-mentioned interview. He stated that Miss Hise offered him no explanation as to why she had not reported the aforementioned alleged meeting between Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald at an earlier date.

On May 20, 1966, Frances Irene Hise [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent Daniel J. Buckley. She advised that she is also known as Frances Hankins and Lola Rambo Jones. She stated that she was born on August 7, 1924 at Kensington, Georgia.

At the time of the above-mentioned interview she furnished her permanent residence at 5812 La Vista Court, Dallas, Texas, care of friends Mr. and Mrs. Morgan. She noted that she had served [redacted]

On May 24, 1966, complaints were filed before the United States Commissioner, San Francisco, California, charging Frances Irene Hise [redacted]

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On May 24, 1966, [redacted] and Hise were afforded an appearance before United States Commissioner Richard S. Goldsmith at San Francisco, California. At that time the matter was continued until June 2, 1966.

Records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain the following Identification Record, under Federal Bureau of Investigation [redacted] regarding Frances Irene Hise:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
[redacted]				

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On November 28, 1966, Special Agent Larry D. Newman, Secret Service, San Francisco, advised Special Agent John P. McHugh the San Francisco Police Department had on that date made available a copy of the above-mentioned report concerning the report of Frances Hise by Inspector Gino Marionetti.

Newman noted that he had located and interviewed Frances Hise at her place of residence, Apartment 109, 507 Bush Street, San Francisco, California, on November 28, 1966.

Newman advised that Frances Hise indicated that she did not wish to discuss anything pertaining to her being at Jack Ruby's or make any comment on any matter pertaining to this incident until January 16, 1967.

Newman explained that by checking the docket of the United States District Court he later ascertained that Frances Hise is scheduled to go to trial on this date in connection with the aforementioned complaint but noted that she did not indicate this when he was talking to her.

Continuing, Newman advised that on November 28, 1966 he located and interviewed the "Mr. Tooze" mentioned above.

Newman identified Tooze as Walter Lincoln Tooze and stated that he to resided at an apartment at 507 Bush Street, San Francisco. Tooze informed Newman that he was employed as Chief Purser by the Military Sea Transport Service and was presently waiting to go to sea.

According to the story related by Tooze in the early hours of the morning on November 26, 1966 he was drinking with Frances Hise in her apartment at 507 Bush Street. He stated that Hise was quite drunk and informed him that she had been working in Ruby's bar in Dallas, Texas. He noted that she informed him that Lee Harvey Oswald came into the bar and asked her if he could buy her, Hise, a drink. Later Ruby took Oswald into his office in the back of the bar according to the story Hise related to Tooze.

Mr. Newman noted that Tooze informed him that he was able to secure this information because of his investigative background. He informed Newman that he had once been associated with the Veteran's Administration where he had worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation or in connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation but he was not clear on this point.

Records of the San Francisco Police Department reflect that Walter Lincoln Tooze was born on October 9, 1913 at Dalles, Oregon.

According to the aforementioned records, Tooze

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On May 4, 1954, SF T-1, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that she had known Walter Lincoln Tooze and had observed him in a number of bars in the "tenderloin" section of San Francisco. This source indicated that on a number of occasions she had heard Tooze state that he was a retired Navy Commander, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent and was continually telling those around various bars he frequented of his years in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He further stated that his father is a Superior Court Judge in Salem, Oregon. This source noted that Tooze is a very heavy drinker.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mack
1 - Mr. Gale

DATE: 12-1-66

1 - Mr. Sullivan
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SUBJECT: REACTION OF SOVIET AND COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIALS TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Re memorandum Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson dated 11-29-66, reporting a conversation Mr. DeLoach had with Marvin Watson of the White House on 11-29-66. Mr. Watson indicated the President desired to have anything in FBI files reflecting immediate reaction of the Soviet Union following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and any reactions noted since then concerning the assassination. The President was also interested in receiving any "trends" indicating that a specific group, including the Communist Party, was back of the attacks on the Warren Commission.

During this same conversation, Mr. Watson indicated that the President had recently seen somewhere a newspaper article reporting that a member of the French Government had recently denounced the assassination investigation. Mr. Watson requested that if we could find this news clipping, we should furnish the President with what we had in our files concerning the matter. A cablegram was sent to the Legal Attache, Paris, in connection with this specific request on 11-30-66, and as soon as results of our inquiries are received, such data will be immediately furnished to Mr. Watson.

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Our files disclosed Soviet officials were shocked and concerned upon receipt of information that President Kennedy had been assassinated. We have received information from several

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sensitive sources that the Soviets were very much concerned over the assassination and, particularly, because they knew so little about President Lyndon B. Johnson and his foreign policy plans as they related to the Soviet Union. The Soviets have frequently expressed the opinion they thought the assassination was a conspiracy planned by the "ultraright." The Soviets were fearful such group planned to effect a "coup" in the United States and utilize this act to stop negotiations with the Soviet Union, attack Cuba and spread the war.

Our files indicate Communist Party officials in the United States followed the Soviet party line and also expressed the opinion the assassination was committed by individuals of the "ultraright" and that more than one individual was involved in the assassination.

From time to time articles have appeared in the Soviet press and in communist publications in this country disagreeing with the conclusions of the report of the Warren Commission. Frequently, authors of these articles quote or use data published by many of the authors who are highly critical of the Warren Commission report, including Mark Lane, Joachim Joesten, Edward Epstein, Richard Popkin, Harold Weisberg and Leo Sauvage.

ACTION:

Attached for delivery to the White House is a memorandum summarizing data in our files concerning reaction of Soviet and Communist Party officials to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Wick
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

November 29, 1966

MR. TOLSON:

Marvin Watson called me from the White House at 12:45 p. m. today to indicate

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Watson referred to the assassination of President Kennedy and stated that he would appreciate receiving, on plain paper, any "trends" which indicated that a specific group, including the Communist Party, was back of the attacks on the Warren Commission. He stated that the President in giving him these instructions had told him that he, the President, had specifically noted that a number of individuals of left-wing beliefs had made denunciations of the Warren Commission.

Watson advised that the President would also like to have anything in FBI files which would reflect the immediate reaction of the Soviet Union following the assassination and any reactions noted since then concerning the assassination. He stated the President had told him that he had seen somewhere a newspaper article reporting that a member of the French Government had recently denounced the assassination investigation. Watson stated that if we could find this news clipping we should furnish the President anything we had in our files concerning the matter.

Watson raised the question as to whether the FBI was investigating the leak of information by the Presidential Crime Commission to the "New York Times." I told him we were not, that no one had requested such an investigation. He asked if one should be conducted. I told him this was entirely up to him and the President, however, he should know that such investigations were usually a waste of time, particularly when you considered that Fred Graham of the "New York Times" to whom the information had been

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leaked, was one of Katzenbach's social acquaintances and a person who was also very familiar with Vorenberg, consequently, it would be rather impossible to get these individuals to reveal any information. Watson stated he agreed thoroughly and if the President raised the issue once again, he would try to talk him out of it.

ACTION:

1. The Domestic Intelligence Division will check files and coordinate information relative to any immediate reaction on the part of the Soviet Union concerning the assassination. This Division will also check files relative to any reaction that the Soviet Union has shown since the assassination.

2. The Crime Records Division will check news clippings concerning the French Government official who allegedly made a recent statement concerning the assassination.

3. The Domestic Intelligence Division will prepare a memorandum on plain paper concerning all these matters so that this memorandum can be furnished to Watson in connection with his request.

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RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. Lenihan

December 5, 1966

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

On November 30, 1966, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, appeared on radio and television programs in San Antonio, Texas. During her appearance on these programs, Mrs. Oswald was critical of the investigation of the assassination conducted by the Warren Commission, and she contended that the investigation of the assassination has not proved that her son was either innocent or guilty.

Mrs. Oswald also contended that her son, Lee Harvey Oswald, was sent to the Soviet Union as an undercover agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with full knowledge of the United States Marine Corps and the United States State Department.

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She also alleged that reports of the Warren Commission, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Secret Service prepared in connection with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy contained numerous errors and attributed such errors to the fact that the individuals who prepared the reports were only human beings who were subject to error.

Following her appearance on the aforementioned radio and television programs, Mrs. Oswald proceeded to the San Antonio Airport to return to Dallas, Texas. While at the airport, she made unsolicited remarks concerning the assassination to two members of the San Antonio Police Department who were assigned at the San Antonio Airport in connection with Mrs. Oswald's visit to San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Oswald told the two police officers that she has letters from Cuba and Russia stating that President Lyndon B. Johnson was connected with the assassination of

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