

Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff
Director, Legislative, Social, and
Diplomatic Records Division
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408

August 1965

Dear Mr. Eckhoff:

The Archives has previously advised me that there is no material in the name files of the Warren Commission for Carlos Quiroga, except possibly CE 1414 and CE 3119, both of which are Secret Service reports. (See my letter of March 4, 1965, and the reply dated March 21.) Quiroga is the anti-Castro Cuban who visited Oswald's home in New Orleans, indicating interest in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (iR 408), and it has seemed most unlikely to me that he would not have been interviewed by the FBI. I now believe that CD 75, pages 705-706, which are withheld, do reflect an FBI interview of Quiroga. This conclusion is based on a comparison of index references for these pages with material from other sources. (See attached page.)

Quiroga did ask the Secret Service not to reveal his name, and when his friend Carlos Bringuier testified about Quiroga's contact with Oswald, his name was not put in the record (10:39-42). Quiroga's meeting with Oswald was widely publicized in connection with the recent "investigation" in New Orleans, with his name used; also, in his just-published book, "Red Friday," Carlos Bringuier no longer conceals Quiroga's identity. Thus it would appear that the probable reason for withholding an interview of Quiroga at the Archives, to protect the confidentiality he requested, is no longer applicable.

I am, therefore, asking that you make these two pages available under section 2c of the Attorney General's letter of April 13, 1965, which provides that "all unclassified material which has been disclosed ... in substance in the ... published documents [of the Commission] should be made available to the public on a regular basis." The determination of what has been so disclosed is apparently to be made by the Archives, not by the agency of origin.

Should this request be denied, I wish to ask that the FBI reconsider its position that these pages should be withheld, and that you transmit this request to the FBI on my behalf.

I hope that you can tell me at this time whether the pages in question are in fact a report of an interview with Quiroga, with his name given; an interview with an unnamed individual; an interview with some other named person (e.g., Carlos Bringuier); or not an interview report at all.

Also, please tell me under which of the Guidelines 3A, 3B, and 3C (which together apply to all the withheld pages of CD 75) these specific pages are withheld. If CD 75 has a table of contents and/or a synopsis, please send me a copy. In case I have not done so explicitly before, I wish to request a list of the pages which become available as a result of the review scheduled for this year.

Sincerely yours,

Paul L. Hoch

Paul L. Hoch

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NOTES ON CD 75, PAGES 705-706

On the basis of this hypothetical reconstruction, I suspect that these pages reflect an interview with Carlos Quiroga.

Source material: (underlining added)

From "Red Friday," by Carlos Bringuier, pages 32, 35. Essentially the same material appears in Bringuier's testimony, 10439-42.

"On August 16th, Lee Harvey Oswald carried on another demonstration, this time in front of the Old (sic) International Trade Mart ... One of the leaflets he was handing out was brought to the Thompson Cafeteria where several Cubans were eating their lunches and one of them, Carlos Quiroga, brought it to the store for me to see ..."

(Referring to Oswald's conversation with Quiroga:)

"... Oswald said that he was studying languages at Tulane University, which later proved to be a lie. Oswald accused us, the anti-Castro Cubans, of being criminals and also showed special animosity against the Somoza regime in Nicaragua. He defended Castro's oppression of the Cuban people.... Oswald gave Quiroga ... an application to become a member of Fair Play for Cuba Committee"

- From CE 3119, p. 20 (Secret Service interview):

"Carlos [Quiroga] said he had been willing to join the Fair Play for Cuba group provided it was done with the backing of the FBI or the local police force. He said he had made this known to Lt. Martello, NCPD, who apparently forgot about it."

"He stated he was furnishing the following information in confidence for the reason his father is in prison in Cuba"

The only other index references to these two pages are "Hidell, (FNU)", "Ruby, Jack Leon," and "Rubenstein, Jack." Of course, the FBI frequently asked witnesses who had known Oswald if they knew Ruby or anyone by the name of Hidell (which may also have been on the literature Quiroga saw).

References from
Index to CD 75:

International Trade Mart (705)
Thompson's Restaurant (705)

Bringuier, Carlos (705)

Tulane University (705)

Somoza, Government of (705)

Castro, Fidel (705)
Fair Play for Cuba
Committee (705, 706)

Martello, Lt. Francis (705)

(If he said this to the
FBI, that would explain
the absence of an index
listing for Quiroga.)

Paul L. Hoch
January 5, 1969

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The Deputy Attorney General

February 9, 1970

Director, FBI *105-82555-5635*
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PAUL L. HOCH
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN FBI REPORT

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. K. M. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

Reference is made to your communication dated February 3, 1970, captioned as above.

J.J.
Mr. Hoch requests disclosure of pages 705 and 706 of Commission Document 75, which he believes report an FBI interview with Mr. Carlos Quiroga. These are pages 705 and 706 of the report of this Bureau dated December 2, 1963. This report concerns Lee Harvey Oswald and was made at Dallas by Special Agent Warren C. DeBrueys. Pages 705 and 706 do, in fact, report an interview with Mr. Quiroga. I am enclosing copies of the two pages in question for your information. You will note that Mr. Quiroga's identity is concealed by a "T" symbol.

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These two pages are presently included in that material of the Warren Commission still withheld from the public. They were withheld from the public because of Mr. Quiroga's specific statement, made at the time he was interviewed on November 27, 1963, that he was furnishing this information on a strictly confidential basis, inasmuch as his father was imprisoned in Cuba and his mother was still living there.

Our New Orleans Office is being instructed to locate and interview Mr. Quiroga to determine whether or not he still desires that the interview be kept on a strictly confidential basis. You will be immediately advised of the results of the recontact of Mr. Quiroga.

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For your information, the two pages in question were withheld from the public under Guideline 3(C) of the guidelines established in 1965 to govern the public disclosure of Warren Commission records.

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2 - New Orleans (100-16601) (Enclosures - 3)
1 - Dallas (100-10461) (Enclosures - 3)

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W.A.B.

The Deputy Attorney General

NOTE FOR SACs, NEW ORLEANS AND DALLAS:

Enclosed for recipients are the following:

One copy of Justice Department communication dated 2/3/70, captioned as above;

One copy of letter of Paul L. Hoch dated 1/24/70, addressed to Mr. R. Richards Rolapp;

One copy of letter of Paul L. Hoch dated 1/5/70, addressed to Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff.

Recipients are referred to Dallas report of SA Warren C. DeBrueys dated 12/2/63 concerning Lee Harvey Oswald. Pages 705 and 706 of this report are the pages in question in this matter.

Recipients are also referred to the seven-page New Orleans teletype to the Bureau and Dallas dated 11/28/63 at 2:10 a.m. This teletype reports the results of the 11/27/63 interview conducted by SA John T. Reynolds of Carlos Quiroga, 3134 Derby Place. This teletype relates in paragraph one that Quiroga furnished his information on a strictly confidential basis since his father was imprisoned in Cuba and his mother still lived there.

New Orleans locate and interview Quiroga. Call his attention to the 11/27/63 interview and to his request made at that time that it be kept strictly confidential. Determine from him if he still desires that it be kept strictly confidential, and if so, determine his present reasons for this.

Handle immediately so Justice Department can be promptly advised.

Copy for Dallas is for its information.

NOTE:

See memorandum W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, same caption, dated 2/6/70, prepared by TNG:mkl.

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. C. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. A. Jensen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: February 6, 1970

FROM : W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. K. M. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

SUBJECT: PAUL L. HOCH
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN FBI REPORT

This recommends advising Justice Department we are instructing our New Orleans Office to recontact Mr. Carlos Quiroga to determine if he desires that information he furnished on 11/27/63 concerning Lee Harvey Oswald continue to be kept strictly confidential. Results of 11/27/63 interview with Quiroga were furnished Warren Commission; however, were withheld from public because of Quiroga's request, based upon the fact that his father was imprisoned in Cuba, and his mother was still living there.

This issue arises because one Paul L. Hoch, in letter to Department, has requested to see the material withheld. Deputy Attorney General has referred matter to us. Hoch is the Berkeley, California, graduate student who has been making inquiries about the assassination of President Kennedy over the past five years. He is the man who wrote the Attorney General on 9/19/69 alleging "some sort of hidden relationship between" Oswald and the FBI. The Director has noted, "I dislike the humoring of a character like Hoch who is obviously a 'smear' artist."

Mr. Carlos Quiroga was one of the anti-Castro Cubans living in New Orleans who came in contact with Oswald in the Summer of 1963, when Oswald was distributing Fair Play for Cuba Committee handbills there. Following the assassination, on 11/27/63 Mr. Quiroga was interviewed for what he knew of Oswald. He told us that about mid-August, 1963, he met Oswald in an effort to determine Oswald's pro-Cuban activities and later offered to furnish the New Orleans Police Department with information about Oswald, but received no encouragement from the Police. He requested the interview with us be kept confidential because of the situation of his parents in Cuba.

The results of our interview with Quiroga were given to the Warren Commission, but because of his specific request, the report of the interview was included among the Warren Commission material withheld from the public. Before we can tell the Department whether or not this material can now be made available to the public, we must go back to Mr. Quiroga and determine if he still desires the interview to be kept confidential.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: PAUL L. HOCH
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN FBI REPORT
105-82555

ACTION:

Attached for approval is letter to the Deputy Attorney General, advising of the action we are taking, and appended thereto is a note for New Orleans with our instructions.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 2/18/70

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (105-3399) (RUC)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Re Bureau letter to Louisville, 1/19/70 and Dallas airtel to Bureau, 1/26/70.

Indices of Indianapolis Office negative regarding MARION HARRISON LAFFERTY and BOBBY JOEL SORRELL.

In view of above and as referenced Dallas airtel disclosed there was no information to indicate OSWALD was in Muncie, Indiana, in late summer of 1963 or at any time, no further inquiry being conducted.

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Date: 2/12/70

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TO: Director, FBI (105-82555)
FROM: SAC, New Orleans (100-16601) (RUC)

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS - R - CUBA

Re memorandum of Director, FBI, to The Deputy Attorney General dated 2/9/70 captioned "PAUL L. HOCH; REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN FBI REPORT," with copies to New Orleans and Dallas.

On 2/12/70 CARLOS QUIROGA, 3134 Derby Place, New Orleans, La., was contacted, at which time he advised as follows:

QUIROGA stated he recalled being interviewed by SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS of this office in November, 1963, after the assassination of President KENNEDY, at which time he furnished his information on a strictly confidential basis since his father was at that time imprisoned in Cuba and his mother still lived there. He informed that this information related to his obtaining an FPCC handbill he had acquired and subsequently contacting OSWALD at OSWALD's residence, 4907 Magazine Street, and the conversation which transpired between him and OSWALD.

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QUIROGA advised that he no longer desires this information he furnished or his identity to be kept confidential. He stated he now has no objection to his identity or the information he furnished being disclosed to anyone because his parents are no longer residing in Cuba.

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Special Agent in Charge

The Deputy Attorney General

February 19, 1970

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Director, FBI

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PAUL L. HOCH CHIEF
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN FBI REPORT

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. K. M. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

Reference is made to my letter dated February 9, 1970, captioned as above.

Mr. Carlos Quiroga was recontacted on February 12, 1970. He recalled the interview conducted in November, 1963, after the assassination of President Kennedy, when he requested that it be kept confidential because his parents were then in Cuba. He advised that his parents no longer reside in Cuba and stated that he no longer desired that the information which he previously furnished be maintained on a confidential basis. He said he no longer desired that his identity be kept confidential. Mr. Quiroga advised he has no objection to his identity or the information he furnished being disclosed to anyone.

As I noted in referenced letter, the results of the interview with Mr. Quiroga were reported on pages 705 and 706 of Commission Document 75. Your attention is directed to my letter to the Attorney General dated August 10, 1965, entitled "Public Disclosure of Warren Commission Records," and specifically to the memorandum of the same date and caption, page 11, where reference is made to pages 705 and 706 of Commission Document 75. One copy of the letter and one copy of the memorandum were furnished to the Office of the Deputy Attorney General at the time. You will note that in the August 10, 1965, letter to the Attorney General, we set out our basic position concerning the public disclosure of material emanating from this Bureau in connection with investigations of events relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. It is our view that the final decision as to the public disclosure of such material rests with the Department of Justice.

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In your communication to us concerning this matter dated February 3, 1970, you attached the original of Mr. Hoch's letter to Mr. R. Richards Rolapp plus its enclosures. These are being returned to you for your convenience in replying to Mr. Hoch.

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The Deputy Attorney General

NOTE:

See memorandum W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan,
same caption, dated 2/18/70, prepared by TNG:mkl.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/18/70

FROM : W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. K. M. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

SUBJECT: PAUL L. HOCH
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN
FBI REPORT

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

This recommends advising Justice Department that Mr. Carlos Quiroga has no objection at this time to the disclosure to anyone of his identity or of the information he furnished on 11/27/63 concerning Lee Harvey Oswald. Results of 11/27/63 interview with Quiroga were furnished Warren Commission but withheld from public at Quiroga's request, since his parents were then in Cuba.

The matter of whether the Quiroga information could be released to the public has arisen because subject, in letter to Department, requested to see the material withheld, and Department referred matter to us. Subject is the individual from Berkeley, California, who has been making inquiries about the assassination of President Kennedy over the past five years.

With the Director's approval, we advised the Deputy Attorney General on 2/9/70 that we would contact Mr. Quiroga to determine if he still desired that his identity and the information furnished by him be kept in confidence. Mr. Quiroga advised on 2/12/70 that his parents are no longer in Cuba and he has no objection now to the release to anyone of the information he furnished concerning Lee Harvey Oswald. He further advised he has no objection to revealing his identity to the public.

Concerning public disclosure of Warren Commission records, it has been our position since 1965 that the final decision as to public disclosure rests with the Department of Justice. Thus the final decision as to whether or not to release to Mr. Hoch the Quiroga information rests with the Department.

ACTION: Attached for approval is letter to the Deputy Attorney General advising him of the results of recontact of Mr. Quiroga and noting that the final decision as to whether or not to release the information rests with the Department.

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W. A. Branigan

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 4/22/70

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: PAUL L. HOCH
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN FBI REPORT UNDER
PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEDURE ACT

This recommends advising the Justice Department that we have no objection to the release of information requested by Paul L. Hoch which is a part of Page 329 of Warren Commission Document 7 which is an FBI investigative report.

This issue arises because one Paul L. Hoch in a letter to the Department has requested some material that was withheld. Deputy Attorney General has referred the matter to us. Hoch is the Berkeley, California, graduate student who has been making inquiries about the assassination of President Kennedy over the past five years. He has directed numerous inquiries to the National Archives. In a letter to the Attorney General dated 9/19/69, he wrote of "some sort of hidden relationship between" Oswald and the FBI. On a memorandum dated 10/6/69, concerning Hoch, the Director noted, "I dislike the humoring of a character like Hoch who is obviously a 'smear' artist."

The material requested by Hoch consists of results of Laboratory examination of seven magazines obtained from Mr. Adrian T. Alba, Crescent City Garage, New Orleans, Louisiana. These are five copies of "The American Rifleman," one copy of "Guns and Hunting," and one copy of "Field and Stream," that Oswald had access to prior to the

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Raupach)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Mr. Goble)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Shaneyfelt

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: Paul L. Hoch
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assassination. A coupon in one of the magazines for the Klein's store in Chicago had been torn from the magazine and the examination established that the coupon torn from this magazine was not the one used by Oswald in ordering the rifle. The examination of these magazines for indented writing was also negative.

The results of examination covered on Pages 328 and 329 of this investigative report were withheld from public disclosure because of other evidence submitted for examination along with the magazines and there appears to be no overwhelming reason why the paragraph on Page 329 covering the negative examination of these magazines could not be released to Hoch, however, the other portions of Pages 328 and 329 should continue to be withheld. The Department has previously stated that the denial of request for official records creates the possibility of a law suit against the agency which may result in a judicial interpretation adversely affecting the Government as a whole, and they believe that requests for arguably exempt records should be granted unless there is a compelling reason for non-disclosure. This is the only reason we are recommending disclosure since a suit on the basis of the content of this paragraph may be difficult to defend. Under similar circumstances, the Bureau has previously released information that has been found to no longer have compelling reasons for non-disclosure.

There is attached for approval a letter to the Deputy Attorney General advising him that we have no objection to the release of this one paragraph and further pointing out to him that if the Department decides to release this material to Hoch, the National Archives should be advised that this paragraph of Page 329 of Commission Document 7 may be released for public disclosure. There is also attached to this memorandum a copy of the letter from Mr. Paul L. Hoch and a copy of Page 329 of Commission Document 7 showing the portion to be disclosed and the portion not to be disclosed.

RECOMMENDATION: That the attached letter be forwarded to the Deputy Attorney General.

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K27 Five copies of magazine "The American Rifleman," issues of June, 1963; July, 1963; September, 1963; October, 1963; and November, 1963

K28 One copy of magazine "Guns and Hunting," issue of January, 1964

K29 One copy of magazine "Field and Stream," issue of December, 1958

K30 New Orleans Public Library card bearing known handwriting and hand printing of LEE H. OSWALD

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the pertinent handwriting, hand printing, and signatures on Q35 through Q39 were written by LEE HARVEY OSWALD, K4 and K5, whose additional known writings are designated above as K24 through Kc26 and K30.

No indented writing was found on page 61 of the June, 1963, issue of the magazine "The American Rifleman" in K27. It is noted that the murder weapon was shipped from Klein's store in Chicago on March 20, 1963, and the order blank for the weapon could not have been torn from page 59 of the June, 1963, issue of the magazine in K27.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

DATE: April 15, 1970

FROM : Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General *R.G.K.*

SUBJECT: Paul L. Hoch - Request for Information under
Public Information Section of Administrative
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Attached is a self-explanatory letter from Mr. Paul L. Hoch in which he requests access to a copy of the results of an FBI Laboratory examination which he believes is presented on page 329 of Warren Commission Document 7.

2537 Regent St. Apt 202

Would you please have this request reviewed and recommend whether it should be granted or denied. *RE: 127, CALIF. 94704*

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Regent St., Apt. 202
Berkeley, Calif. 94704
April 9, 1970

Mr. Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Kleindienst:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 25, 1970, and for making pages 705 and 706 of Warren Commission Document 75 available to me.

I would like to obtain a copy of the results of an FBI Laboratory examination which I believe to be presented on page 329 of Commission Document (CD) 7. From the index to that CD, it appears that this page relates to seven magazines which are FBI Item D-15. (The circumstances under which these magazines were obtained by the FBI from Adrian Alba in New Orleans are set forth on pages 198 through 204 of CD 7. Page 455 of CD 75 reflects a request for various laboratory studies of these magazines, and the results are presented on page 456, but only in part.)

Pages 328 and 329 of CD 7 are presently withheld at the National Archives at the request of the FBI. It is noted that "The Worker" is indexed to page 328. I expect that page 329 is withheld because it includes some material on the Worker carrying over from the previous page, and not because of the material relating to the seven magazines. If this is in fact the case, I believe page 329 should not be entirely withheld, and I would appreciate its disclosure. (A masked copy would be acceptable, of course.)

Sincerely yours,

Paul L. Hoch

Paul L. Hoch

Paul L. Hoch
2527 Regent St., Apt. 202
Berkeley, Ca. 94704



Mr. Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Justice
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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Mr. Goble)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Shaneyfelt
- 1 - Mr. Griffith

The Deputy Attorney General

April 22, 1970

Director, FBI

**PAUL L. HOCH - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
UNDER PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT**

Reference is made to your communication dated April 15, 1970, captioned as above. Mr. Paul L. Hoch has requested access to a copy of the results of an FBI Laboratory examination which he believes is presented on Page 329 of Warren Commission Document 7. This page is presently included in that material of the Warren Commission still withheld from the public.

While the entire Page 329 of Warren Commission Document 7 should not be released to Hoch, there appears to be no overwhelming reason why the last paragraph of this Laboratory report should not be released since this appears to be the only portion in which Hoch is interested at this time. It is our view that the final decision as to the public disclosure of this material rests with the Department of Justice.

If the Department of Justice determines that this last paragraph of Page 329 of Warren Commission Document 7 can be released to Hoch, the National Archives should be advised so that this material for public disclosure will be authorized.

The letter from Mr. Paul L. Hoch that you furnished is attached. You are also being furnished a copy of Page 329 of Warren Commission Document 7 showing the paragraph to be released and also showing the portion that is not to be released.

Enclosures (2)

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Note: See W. D. Griffith Memo to Mr. Conrad dated 4/22/70 - Re "Paul L. Hoch - Request for Information in FBI Report Under Public Information Section of Administrative Procedure Act. - LLS:mf:eks

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

June 17, 1970

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Bolz
- 1 - Mr. Walters
- 1 - Mr. Conrad

MARINA N. OSWALD PORTER;
ET AL. VS.
UNITED STATES
U. S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CIVIL ACTION #CA3-2252
FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

62-109010-6939

Reference is made to my letter captioned as above dated June 3, 1970, confirming a telephone conversation between Mr. Irwin Goldbloom of your Division and R. I. Shroder of this Bureau on June 2, 1970.

Mr. Goldbloom advised that in connection with the suit filed by Marina N. Oswald Porter, the Department would reply to a letter from Mr. Erich F. Klein, Jr., Attorney, who is representing Marina N. Oswald Porter. It was requested that when the Department replies to Mr. Klein's letter, that this Bureau be furnished a copy of this reply. We have not received a copy of your communication to Mr. Klein, and it would be appreciated if a copy is furnished to this Bureau for completion of our files.

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NOTE: We received a letter from Erich F. Klein, Jr., Dallas, Texas, who is representing Marina N. Oswald Porter, former wife of Lee Harvey Oswald concerning a claim made against the U. S. to recover value of evidentiary items taken from Marina and/or Lee Harvey Oswald following the assassination of President Kennedy. In Klein's letter, he stated a claim was made for loss or damage to personal property caused by negligence or wrongful acts or omissions of the employees of the FBI. The Department has been handling this entire suit and was handling the reply to Mr. Klein disclaiming any negligence or wrongful acts on our part. We wrote to the Department on 6/3/70, requesting a copy of the Department's reply. We have not received to this date a copy of the reply, and this is a follow-up letter to remind the Department we are still interested in receiving this communication.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

June 30, 1970

W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:
PAUL L. HOCH

Paul L. Hoch is the Berkeley, California, man who has been making inquiries about the assassination of President Kennedy for at least the last five years. On a memorandum dated 10/6/69 concerning Hoch, the Director noted, "I dislike the humoring of a character like Hoch who is obviously a 'smear' artist."

Deputy Attorney General has referred Hoch's current three requests for our comments and recommendations. First request deals with location and identification of enclosures to one of our letters to the Warren Commission. Archives has the letter and some of the enclosures are identified in Warren Commission Report. We have no objection to Department advising Archives of identity of all enclosures to facilitate location of them, and this is essentially Hoch's request. Second request deals with documents kept from public because they contain personal information about mental condition of a man, an innocent person, which could embarrass him. Our position remains unchanged, that these records still fall within one of the Guidelines originally established to protect the innocent. The third request deals with material in the New Orleans file on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). We recommend not giving this material to Hoch because substance is already publicly available at Archives and items are contained in investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes. We are enclosing for review by the Department pertinent serials from the New Orleans file so Department can see for itself that these are from our "raw" files.

ACTION: Attached for approval is letter to the Deputy Attorney General, commenting on information Hoch is seeking and setting forth our position.

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The Deputy Attorney General

July 1, 1970

Director, FBI

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- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. K. M. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:
PAUL L. HOCH

Reference is made to your letter dated June 19, 1970, and to our letter dated June 25, 1970, both captioned as above.

Mr. Hoch makes three requests (Forms DJ-118) for access to information relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. His letter is returned herewith.

1. He requests all enclosures which were sent with our letter dated September 21, 1964, addressed to Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the Warren Commission, concerning Sylvia Odio. This is Commission Exhibit No. 3146. Mr. Hoch quotes a letter from Mr. Mark Eckhoff of the National Archives that "We have been unable to locate the enclosures mentioned in Commission Exhibit 3146." Mr. Hoch states he does not wish copies at this time of the enclosures but requests that copies be provided to the National Archives.

The files of this Bureau reveal that our letter dated September 21, 1964, and its 44 enclosures were delivered to the Warren Commission. As noted above, the Commission identified the letter as Commission Exhibit No. 3146. The Commission published it on pages 834 and 835 of Volume XXVI of the "Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy." Several of the 44 enclosures were also printed by the Warren Commission in Volume XXVI. For instance, Commission Exhibit No. 3147 appears on pages 835-838 of this Volume. Commission Exhibit No. 3148 was printed on pages 838 and 839 of this Volume. Both of these items were enclosures to our letter of September 21, 1964.

For your assistance, I am enclosing one copy of Commission Exhibit No. 3146. I am also enclosing one copy of each of the items originally transmitted with it to the Warren Commission. There are 22 different items. Two copies

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of each were originally furnished to the Warren Commission, amounting to the total of 44 enclosures. We have no objection to your furnishing these items to the National Archives if you deem it advisable for the completion of the files of that Agency.

So far as public disclosure of these items is concerned, we note that we are unable to determine from our files whether or not these items were ever reviewed under the Guidelines approved on April 19, 1965, by Mr. McGeorge Bundy, the then Special Assistant to the President, since we do not know the Commission Document number assigned to each of these items. Upon viewing these items, the National Archives may be able to determine these numbers and also whether or not the items were reviewed from the standpoint of whether they could be placed in the public domain. Should you determine it advisable to furnish these items to the National Archives, we believe this matter should be called to the attention of appropriate personnel there. You will note that none of the items is classified.

2. Mr. Hoch requests "all FBI reports relating to Thomas Vallee (or Valle) and his arrest in Chicago on November 2, 1963, which were provided to the Warren Commission." He explains that Mr. Eckhoff of the National Archives advised by letter of March 5, 1969, that "Documents containing the name of Thomas Vallee are withheld from research at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation." Mr. Hoch states that he has five pages relating to Vallee: "CD 149, page 19*; CD 460, pages 1-2*; and CD 462, pages 1-2."

The results of the FBI investigation concerning Thomas Vallee are located in six reports which were furnished to the Warren Commission and which are now on file at the National Archives. These reports, all captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald," are:

(a) December 2, 1963, Chicago report of Special Agent Leo E. Pedrotty. This is Commission Document (CD) 47, which Mr. Hoch mentioned in his letter, speculating that it contains material relative to Vallee. The report totals 80 pages. Pages 1 (Synopsis), 1A, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 are the only pages which contain material relative to Vallee. Enclosed is one copy of each of these pages. All of them have been

The Deputy Attorney General

withheld from public disclosure, along with other pages in this report not related to Vallee, pursuant to Guideline 3C: "would be a source of embarrassment to innocent persons, who are the subject...of the material in question, because it contains...details of a personal nature having no significant connection with the assassination of the President." It is noted these pages contain information concerning Vallee's mental condition.

(b) December 5, 1963, Chicago report of Special Agent Dennis W. Shanahan. This is CD 109, an 11-page report. Pages 1 (Synopsis), 2, 3, and 4 are the only pages containing material relative to Vallee, and these pages have also been withheld from public disclosure under Guideline 3C. They contain the results of a review of the Veterans Administration files concerning Vallee. Enclosed is one copy of each of these pages.

(c) December 5, 1963, St. Louis report of Special Agent Albert J. Rushing, Jr. This is CD 117, a six-page report. Pages 1, 4, 5, and 6 are the only pages which relate to Vallee, and enclosed is one copy of each of these pages. This entire report was withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Guideline 3C. You will note the material on Vallee concerns his military records, including the information that he was discharged from the Marine Corps for a physical disability described as "schizophrenic reaction."

(d) December 10, 1963, Chicago report of Special Agent Dennis W. Shanahan. This is CD 149, a 19-page report. Page 19 is the only page which relates to Vallee, and it is available to the public. Mr. Hoch states in his letter that he has this page. He speculates that page 2 of this report also deals with Vallee. It does not, and there is enclosed a copy of it for your information. Page 2 has been withheld from the public under Guideline 3B: "might reveal the identity of confidential sources of information..."

(e) February 5, 1964, Chicago report of Special Agent Dennis W. Shanahan. This is CD 460, a two-page report available to the public, and Mr. Hoch states he has seen it.

(f) February 12, 1964, Chicago report of Special Agent Dennis W. Shanahan. This is CD 462, a four-page report available to the public. Pages 1 and 2 deal with Vallee, and Mr. Hoch states in his letter that he has seen these.

The Deputy Attorney General

You have requested our comments on whether the material Mr. Hoch has requested should be made available to him. So far as is known by this Bureau, the reasons for withholding from the public the material relevant to Vallee, that is, the reasons under Guideline 3C, are still valid. We have no information indicating otherwise. This being the case, it would appear the material on Vallee should not be made available to Mr. Hoch.

Page two of CD 149, which Mr. Hoch specifically mentions, should not be made available to him because it does not pertain to Vallee and because it falls within Guideline 3B, as noted above.

3. Mr. Hoch requests "all material in the New Orleans file 97-74...which relates in any way to" Oswald or his associates in the New Orleans Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).

Our letter to you dated December 16, 1969, classified "Secret," entitled "Request Under the Freedom of Information Act for Records Possibly Contained in the Files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation," discussed the 1A Section of New Orleans file 97-74, and we concluded that disclosure to Mr. Hoch of the records in this Section would be contrary to the public interest. Mr. Hoch now requests all material in the New Orleans file relating to the FPCC from April, 1963, to November 22, 1963, or to Oswald. We have made a careful review of these records requested by Mr. Hoch and have concluded that the substance of the material in these items is already available to the public. We think also that disclosure of them to Mr. Hoch would be contrary to the public interest. We believe compelling reasons exist for invoking the exemption provided in the Freedom of Information Act and for denying Mr. Hoch's request for these records since the items involved are contained in investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes.

The New Orleans file 97-74 contains eight items concerning Oswald in the period in question, and one copy of each is enclosed for your information as follows:

(a) Memorandum of Special Agent Stephen M. Callender to Special Agent in Charge, New Orleans, dated August 9, 1963;

(b) Complaint Form dated August 16, 1963, submitted by Special Agent Herriman D. Diven;

The Deputy Attorney General

(c) New Orleans letter to Director, FBI, dated August 23, 1963;

(d) Memorandum of Special Agent John L. Quigley to Special Agent in Charge, New Orleans, dated August 27, 1963;

(e) Characterization of FPCC with indices search slip attached;

(f) A second characterization of FPCC;

(g) New Orleans report dated October 25, 1963, concerning FPCC made by Special Agent Warren C. DeBrueys. Mr. Hoch states in his letter that he already has this report;

(h) Undated letter addressed to Mr. Lee signed "Lee H. Oswald."

You will observe that these items contain administrative notations placed thereon by personnel of our New Orleans Office. Furnishing these items to Mr. Hoch can serve no purpose and can only provoke further inquiry from him.

You will note that the New Orleans report of October 25, 1963, covers information developed in the investigation of Oswald based upon his activities for the FPCC in August, 1963, and following. This report was furnished to the Warren Commission (CD 1114) and is presently available to the public in the National Archives. The memoranda, the Complaint Form, the letter to Bureau Headquarters, and the characterizations were items leading to the report or incorporated in it. The last item, Oswald's undated letter to Lee, is also available to the public, published in full by the Warren Commission in Volume XX, pages 518-521, of the Hearings material.

In summary, of these eight items, two are already available to the public, one being the report which was prepared to cover all information developed in the investigation of Oswald, including the information in the six items which are not available to the public. It is the recommendation of this Bureau that Mr. Hoch's request for these items be denied.

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NOTE: See memorandum Branigan-Sullivan, same caption, dated 6/30/70, prepared by TNG:mkl. - 5 -

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Date: 7/10/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) (C)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: DALLAS

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 6/2/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a newspaper article appearing in the July 9, 1970, issue of "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, reflecting that WILLIAM B. WEST, III, a court-appointed special master, had valued the personal property of LUE HARVEY OSWALD at \$17,654.00. This appraisal was in connection with the \$500,000.00 being sought by MARINA N. OSWALD PORTER in connection with Civil Action #CA-3-2202.

The above information is furnished the Bureau for its information, it being noted this civil matter is being handled by Attorney ERWIN GOLDBLOOM of the General Litigation Section of the U. S. Department of Justice.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Lee Harvey Oswald's Property

Valued at \$17,554

By EARL GOLZ

A court-appointed special master here has valued Lee Harvey Oswald's personal property at \$17,554, or about \$50,000 less than sought by his former wife, Mrs. Marina Oswald Porter.

The final report by William B. West III, a former U.S. attorney here, is not binding on either Mrs. Porter or the United States government, which unsuccessfully had sought to limit the value to \$1,000.

Either the former wife of the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy or U.S. Atty. Gen. John Mitchell can ask for a jury trial to determine exactly how much compensation would be due Mrs. Porter for the 50 items placed permanently in the U.S. Archives at Washing-

ton, D.C.

The parties also can waive a jury trial and go before U.S. Dist. Judge Joe E. Estes for a determination, or they can settle the case out of court.

Judge Estes ordered the U.S. government, as defendant, to pay West \$3,100 for his efforts. West was appointed a special master by Judge Estes on Sept. 16, 1963, to appraise the property at fair market value as of Nov. 1, 1963.

The highest appraisal given by West for a single item was \$1,000 for "sheets of English writing, both sides of which appear" to be Oswald's diary.

A \$2,500 appraisal was given Oswald's 32-page typewritten dissertation outlining the political, domestic and labor life of the Russian as well as other guides to the

Russian political system. Five photographs accompanied the dissertation.

Also drawing a \$2,000 rating were several pages of Oswald's blue ink handwriting on Holland-American line stationery. A petite notebook with Russian script was worth an estimated \$1,750, West said.

West estimated that Oswald's wallet containing various identification cards, a Dallas public library card and other papers was worth \$500.

Other items and West's values included Oswald's undesirable discharge papers from the U.S. Marine Corps, \$75; a passport in the name of Oswald, \$100, and a bus transfer, bracelet inscribed "Lee," a key, ring, narrow black belt and a property receipt, all at \$200.

Not included in the items were a

Mannlicher-Carcano rifle with a telescopic sight which the Warren Commission claimed was used to shoot President Kennedy from a sixth floor window of the Texas Book Depository building.

A federal jury in Denver, Colo., on Feb. 21, 1969, had ruled that Denver oilman John J. King deserved nothing as "just compensation" for his efforts to obtain the rifle from the government. King had said he spent \$11,500 in direct efforts to acquire the rifle and the .38-caliber pistol used by Oswald to kill Dallas policeman J. D. Tippitt on Nov. 23, 1963. Ten thousand dollars of the \$11,500 went to Mrs. Porter, King had said.

King had demanded \$2 million from the government for the rifle and pistol. The jury awarded him \$500 for the pistol.

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

1D "The Dallas Morning News" Dallas, Texas

Date: 7-9-70

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Editor: Jack E. Kruger

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- 1 - Mr. J. J. Casper
- 1 - Mr. K. M. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. R. A. Frazier
- 1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

To: SAC, Los Angeles (105-15823)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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The following information was volunteered by SA John J. Heidtke, New Agents Class 16, who has been assigned to Butte as first office, following a lecture during which questions were asked concerning captioned case. SA Heidtke stated that in 1966 when he was working in law enforcement in Covina, California, he had occasion to contact Mr. Dan Cotterman of the magazine "Gun World."

Incidental to this contact, Mr. Cotterman related the following: During the Summer of 1963, he received a letter from a man whose last name he recalls as Oswald. The writer inquired about the most effective ammunition for hunting with a 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano rifle. Cotterman recalls that he replied to the letter, giving the requested information. Subsequent to the assassination of President Kennedy, Cotterman looked for the incoming letter, since he believed it was from subject, but was unable to locate it.

SA Heidtke stated he was in Cotterman's office and noted the desk was piled high with papers. He said he could understand why Cotterman could not find the letter. SA Heidtke furnished this for information.

Bufiles reveal that in January, 1965, Cotterman corresponded with the Bureau about an article dealing with guns which appeared in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, and we replied to his letter thanking him for his interest.

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Re: Lee Harvey Oswald

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Cotterman's letter showed him to be Associate Editor, "Gun World," Gallant Publishing Company, Inc., Covina, California. Bufiles contain no reference to Cotterman in connection with this case.

You are instructed to interview Cotterman concerning the above and furnish the results in LHM form under the above caption. Handle promptly.

NOTE:

SA Heidtke furnished this information to SA T. N. Goble of the Soviet Section. In the interest of thoroughness, we should talk to Cotterman. He might still have Oswald's letter and could possibly later publish it. We cannot afford to be placed in the position of not having taken the step of talking to Cotterman, even at this late date.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 9/3/70

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

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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OO: Dallas

Re Bureau airtel, 8/18/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies are enclosed for Dallas.

Los Angeles indices contain no pertinent information identifiable with HARRY DANIEL COTTERMAN.

No further investigation being conducted by Los Angeles.

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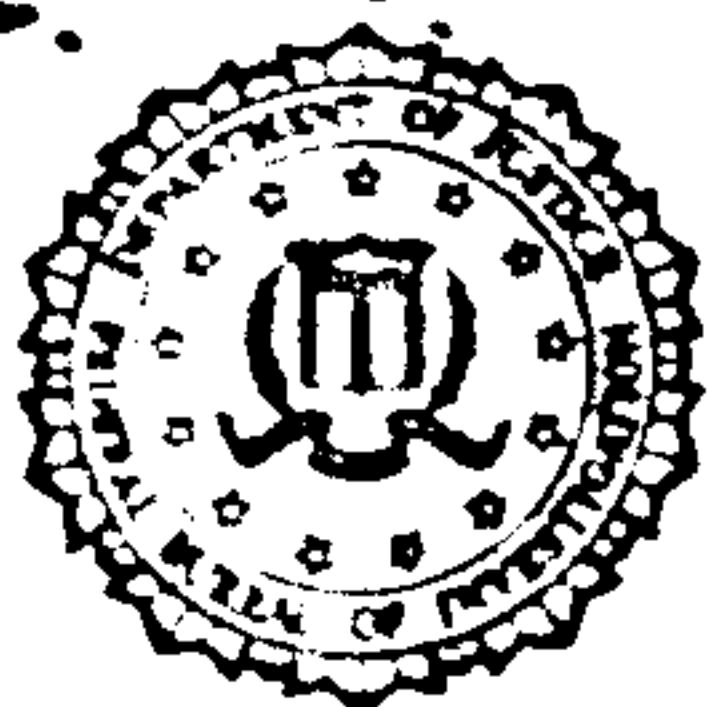
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

September 3, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On September 2, 1970, Harry Daniel Cotterman, 615 North Hillside Street, La Habra, California, advised that he was an associate editor of "Gun World" magazine in the summer of 1963 and one of his tasks was to review incoming mail from readers, answer it, and select the more interesting letters for publication in the "Letters to the Editor" section. Cotterman stated he recalls receiving a letter from someone with the surname Oswald in the summer of 1963, which letter inquired about the adaptability of a Japanese made scope, make unrecalled, to a 6.5 Mannlicher-Carcano rifle. The letter also inquired about the effectiveness of this rifle for deer hunting. He stated the name Oswald stuck in his mind because, as a child, his father would refer to him as "Oswald" when he became angry and that the name "Oswald" was something of a family joke as a result. He stated that the assassination of President Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald immediately refreshed his memory concerning the above letter and he searched for it without success, indicating that the magazine maintains a file of all letters published but not necessarily of all incoming letters. He stated he probably should have come forward with the above information but, lacking the letter, he felt that he would be regarded as just another misguided citizen contributing to an already overwhelming number of stories about Oswald. He stated he recalls that in answering the letter, he wrote that the Japanese scope would be unsuitable for the above rifle.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of 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.

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10/9/70

1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

Airtel

To: SACs, Dallas (100-10461) (Enclosures - 5)
New Orleans (100-16601) (Enclosures - 5)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Enclosed for each recipient is one copy of a letter from the Deputy Attorney General dated 10/2/70, captioned "Freedom of Information Act," with its four enclosures.

JS
Weisberg makes two basic requests in his 9/28/70 letter and form and his 9/15/70 letter. (1) "All information about and FBI Reports of interviews with Ronnie Caire, questioned for Warren Commission."

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Bufiles contain only one reference to Ronnie Caire. His name appeared in the enclosure to New Orleans' airtel, dated 7/20/67, submitted to the Bureau under the "Assassination" caption, New Orleans file 89-69. Two copies of this airtel and the enclosures were furnished to Dallas, Dallas file 89-43. Recipients will note that the LHM submitted with this airtel contains a transcript of an interview between New Orleans' District Attorney Jim Garrison and Carlos Quiroga, conducted on 1/21/67. The reference to Ronnie Caire appears on page 10 of this transcript and is a comment by Quiroga that Sergio Arcacha Smith worked for Ronnie Caire at one time. *T*

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New Orleans is directed to review its files for all information about Ronnie Caire.

Recipients note that Weisberg states in his 9/15/70 letter, paragraph two, that Oswald had Caire's office address masked in his address book. A review of the information which was in Oswald's address book fails to indicate what Weisberg is referring to. Dallas is instructed to furnish its observations on this point.

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Airtel to SACs, Dallas
Re: Lee Harvey Oswald
105-82555

For information of recipients, a review of — Dallas reports in the Oswald case reveals that a Raymond J. Caire, owner of Caire's Shell Service Station was interviewed on 11/27/63. This interview is reported on page 115 of Dallas Report of SA DeBruyeys dated 12/2/63. Further, in the same report on page 530 there is set out the results of an interview with one David Diaz, a student at Louisiana State University in New Orleans. Diaz furnished information concerning a group of 16 persons who visited Mexico City, 8/20-26/63. Included in this group was one Anabel Caire, a student at Louisiana State University. Bufiles contain no information that either of these two people is related to Ronnie Caire.

(2) In paragraph five of his 9/15/70 letter, Weisberg writes that the FBI discovered a fingerprint on a leaflet which Oswald had distributed. Weisberg asks if the fingerprint was that of anyone connected with the Assassination investigation. New Orleans is directed to review its files for information regarding this Weisberg request.

Recipients handle promptly so results may be furnished to the Deputy Attorney General.

NOTE:

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.

DATE: Oct. 2, 1970

FROM : Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General *RK*

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act

Lec Harvey Oswald

Attached hereto are copies of a request from Mr. Harold Weisberg for information concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

Would you please have this request reviewed and send me your comments so that I can make an appropriate disposition.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Brennan	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Soyars	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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September 23, 1970

Mr. Harold Weisberg
Editor Press
Route 3
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have your letter of September 15 in which you request certain information regarding the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

As you know, it is necessary for you to submit the Form DS-118 together with the required fee, when requesting information of this nature from the Department. I am enclosing a copy of the form for your use.

Sincerely,

R. Richards Tolson
Special Assistant to the
Deputy Attorney General

105-72555



L. C. & Harold Weisberg

Coq d'Or Press ROUTE 8, FREDERICK, M.D. 21701

Code 301/473-8186

9/15/75

Mr. Richard Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General
The Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kleindienst,

Because of your recent request to Mr. Fensterwald, I assure you that the subject of this letter is not in litigation and I would prefer that it not reach that stage. I wrote you because, under the law, you are the person I am required to address.

Ronnie Coire, then of New Orleans, was an associate of Sergio Marchese Smith and others who figured in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Lee Harvey Oswald also applied to him for a job. Coire's office address masked in his addressbook. Coire and Marchese ran an anti-communist, fund-raising organization that used an address Oswald also used. Marchese is the New Orleans head of an organization established, directed and financed by the CIA.

Coire's office address was then the Sigoli Building, 511 Camp Street, New Orleans. His home address was 516 Dumaine Street. The address his organization ("The Crusade to Free Cuba"), Oswald and Marchese all used is 544 Camp Street, which is identical with a side entrance used by the FBI to mask this address, 551 Lafayette Street.

Coire claims to have been interrogated for 100 hours. The National Archives says it has no single FBI report or even reference to him. I request copies of all relevant data. I presume it should have been denied the Warren Commission and would prefer to believe it is misfiled somewhere.

Coire's home address is less than two short blocks from Decatur and Decatur, where Oswald picketed the carrier Wagon in the early summer of 1963, a rather intriguing coincidence, in view of the foregoing. In the course of this investigation, which was not for law-enforcement purposes, the FBI obtained a copy of the leaflet Oswald then distributed, identified a fingerprint on it as not Oswald's, and, if it ever told the Warren Commission whose fingerprint it was, I have been able to find no record of it. I therefore ask if this fingerprint was that of anyone in any way connected with the assassination investigation. I would like to know whose it is, for there are also those who should have been connected with the investigation and appear not to have been.

Should you desire that I submit forms, of course, I will. However, I do hope these unessential formalities can be dispensed with unless there is disagreement between us.

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Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg



Lillian Harold Weisberg

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Code 301/473-8186

9/28/70

Mr. R. Richards Rolapp
Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Rolapp,

In accordance with your letter of 9/23, I enclose herewith the completed DJ-118 for, re? Ronnie Caire and my check.

Your letter says "it is necessary for you to submit the DJ-118 form. Is this really the case? Or is it that you can require it and so elect? I do not for a moment doubt you can do this. What I am asking is merely does the Department make this requirement universal? Is with such writing as the current Whitehead book, with the Overstreets and with others who write what is pleasing to officials?

Using this form makes me feel it will be necessary to go to court. That, I assure you, I would like to avoid. Hence my initial suggestion that we dispense with unnecessary formalities.

May I use this occasion to remind you of a number of unanswered letters, not included in what are so forthrightly described as responses by Mr. Lindquist and Mr. Ruckelshaus in their letters to Mr. Fensterwald? I would appreciate getting responsive answers.

For your information, I have accepted Mr. Ruckelshaus' suggestion and written Judge Curren about what I believe to be perjury by your Mr. Lindquist. I did not tell him the Department's official spokesman described his order as "bullshit", although, if I had, I would have been doing no more than accommodating Mr. Ruckelshaus.

I do thank you for the promptness of your reply and for your thoughtfulness in enclosing the form.

Sincerely,

Lillian Harold Weisberg
Lillian Harold Weisberg

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20530

REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO OFFICIAL RECORD
UNDER 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 28 CFR PART 16

See instructions for payment and delivery of this form at bottom of page

NAME OF REQUESTER <u>Arnold Oswald</u>		ADDRESS (street, city, state and zip code) <u>Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701</u>	
DATE <u>9/23/70</u>		NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED <u>one each</u>	OFFICE AND CITY WHERE RECORD IS LOCATED (if known) <u>Washington, New Orleans</u>

DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE COPIES? YES NO
IF YES, SO INDICATE (no more than 10 copies of any document will be furnished).

DESCRIPTION OF RECORD REQUESTED (include any information which may be helpful in locating record)
All information about and FBI reports of interviews with Ronnie Cairo, questioned Warren Commission. Further details in letter of 9/15/70. His then address was 616 Dumaine St., office, Cigoli -1dg (Camp & Canal) New Orleans. He was associate and friend of Sergio Arcacha Smith. His office is marked in Lee Harvey Oswald's notebook. Oswald applied to him for a job. The organization he and Arcacha created also used address Oswald used. He claims to have been interviewed for about 100 hours.

LITIGATION: DOES THIS REQUEST RELATE TO A MATTER IN PENDING OR PROSPECTIVE LITIGATION? YES NO

FILL IN IF IN PENDING LITIGATION →	COURT (check one)	DISTRICT	NAME OF CASE	DOCKET NUMBER
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[Handwritten Signature]
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FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ONLY

THIS REQUEST IS:

GRANTED

DENIED

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A MINIMUM FEE OF \$3.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS REQUEST
OTHER CHARGES ARE AS FOLLOWS. (do not write in this box)

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FOR EACH ONE QUARTER HOUR SPENT IN MONITORING REQUESTER'S EXAMINATION OF MATERIAL \$ 1.00

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FOR ATTESTATION UNDER THE SEAL OF THE DEPARTMENT \$ 3.00 EACH

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Payment under this section shall be made in cash, or by United States money order, or by check payable to the Treasurer of the United States. Postage stamps will not be accepted.

This form may be delivered to any of the offices listed in 28 C. F. R. 16.2 or mailed to:
Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530

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The Deputy Attorney General

October 9, 1970

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. K. M. Raupach
1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Reference is made to your letter dated October 2, 1970, and to its attachments which pertain to a request from Mr. Harold Weisberg for information concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

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We have instructed our Dallas and New Orleans Offices to review their files for all information concerning Ronnie Caire and when the results are received and have been analyzed, you will be furnished our comments.

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The Deputy Attorney General

October 28, 1970

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. K. M. Raupach
1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Reference is made to our letter dated October 9, 1970, and to your letter dated October 2, 1970, which relate to a request from Mr. Harold Weisberg for information concerning the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mr. Weisberg's formal request (DJ-113) asks for "all information about and FBI reports of interviews with Ronnie Caire, questioned for Warren Commission. Further details in letter of 9/15/70." In the September 15, 1970, letter, after furnishing some information about Ronnie Caire, he makes a second request. He writes that the FBI discovered a fingerprint on a leaflet which, he asserts, Lee Harvey Oswald distributed. He asks for information as to whose fingerprint this was and indicates he is aware that the FBI determined that it was not the fingerprint of Oswald.

Concerning the first request, the files of this Bureau and the files of our Dallas and New Orleans Offices contain no information that Ronnie Caire was interviewed by the FBI concerning the assassination of President Kennedy or concerning Oswald. (Files were also reviewed for the variations of the name, that is, Ronny Caire and Robert James Caire.)

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The files of our New Orleans Office reveal that on November 17, 1961, an individual, who identified himself as Ronnie Caire, Ronnie Caire Advertising Agency, 704 Cigali Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically contacted that office and advised that he had been approached by Sergio Arcacha, a representative of the Cuban Revolutionary Front, Room 6, 544 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, to conduct an advertising campaign for this organization for the purpose of building public support and raising money.

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The Deputy Attorney General

According to the caller, his purpose in contacting the FBI was to determine if this organization was legitimate and recognized by the United States Government. The caller was advised that the FBI could not comment regarding this organization or the individual mentioned.

Shortly after receipt of this inquiry, on December 2, 1961, a New Orleans newspaper, the "Times-Picayune," reported that a two-month "crusade to free Cuba" had begun in the New Orleans area. The objective of the "crusade" was to raise money to educate the people of New Orleans to the danger represented by a communist-oriented Cuba. Sergio Arcacha was listed as one of the organizers and a Robert J. Caire was listed as the Public Relations Chairman.

The files of this Bureau reveal further that the Ronny Caire Advertising Agency, Inc., was registered with the Registration Section of the Department of Justice in 1962. This agency was located at 704 Cigali Building, New Orleans 12, Louisiana. Officers were listed as Robert James Caire, President and Treasurer, and Mrs. Robert James Caire, Vice President and Secretary, according to the registration information. This agency represented the New Orleans Chapter of the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front, 544 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for publicity and fund raising.

The only other reference to a Ronnie Caire located in the files of this Bureau appears on page ten of the enclosure to a memorandum prepared at New Orleans, Louisiana, on July 20, 1967, entitled "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas." This memorandum was disseminated to the Criminal Division, Civil Division and Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice on July 27, 1967. The enclosure in which the reference appears is a transcript received from one Carlos Bringuier of an interview between New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison and Carlos Quiroga. The reference to Ronnie Caire was made by Garrison who asked Quiroga when Sergio Arcacha worked for Ronnie Caire, to which, Quiroga replied that it was in 1962, after Arcacha went to Miami. No other mention is made of Ronnie Caire.

The Deputy Attorney General

In his letter of September 15, 1970, Mr. Weisberg stated that Oswald had Ronnie Caire's office address "masked" in his address book. The files of this Bureau contain no information relating to this statement.

With regard to Mr. Weisberg's request for information concerning Ronnie Caire, it is the recommendation of this Bureau that the request be denied because the information concerning Ronnie Caire is contained in investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes.

Regarding the second request made by Mr. Weisberg, which concerned the fingerprint on the leaflet, Weisberg appears to be referring to the incident reported by a member of the New Orleans Harbor Police, Mr. Girod Ray. This incident was investigated by this Bureau and the results were furnished to the Warren Commission. Your attention is directed to page 803 of Volume XXII of the "Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy." In June, 1963, Patrolman Ray was on duty on the New Orleans riverfront near where the aircraft carrier U.S.S. "Wasp" was berthed. A Naval officer aboard the ship requested Patrolman Ray to approach a man, who was in the vicinity of the aircraft carrier, distributing leaflets concerning Cuba. Patrolman Ray talked with the man and asked him to stop distribution of the leaflets. The patrolman obtained several of the leaflets from the man. Subsequently, Patrolman Ray believed the unknown man was Lee Harvey Oswald. He based his identification on observations of Oswald on television and of photographs of Oswald which appeared in the press.

The two leaflets which Patrolman Ray obtained from the man were examined by the FBI for latent fingerprints. One such fingerprint was developed on each leaflet. In view of the belief of Patrolman Ray that the man who distributed the leaflets was Lee Harvey Oswald, these two latent fingerprints were compared with the fingerprints of Oswald. It was determined that these two latent fingerprints were not identical with the fingerprints of Oswald. The two fingerprints were not compared with the fingerprints of any other individual.

The Deputy Attorney General

It is the recommendation of this Bureau that Mr. Weisberg's second request be denied since information concerning these fingerprints is contained in investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes. This request might also be denied on the grounds that it was not contained in the formal request (DJ-118) submitted by Mr. Weisberg.

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FBI

Date: 10/19/70

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

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: Director, FBI (105-82555)
FROM: SAC, New Orleans (100-16601) (RUC)

[Handwritten initials]

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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ReBuairtel to Dallas and New Orleans 10/9/70.

New Orleans files reveal the following information relating to ROBERT JAMES CAIRE who is probably identical to the RONNIE CAIRE mentioned in reBuairtel:

On 11/17/61, an individual who identified himself as RONNIE CAIRE, Ronnie Caire Advertising Agency, 704 Cigali Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically advised that he had been approached by SERGIO ARCACHA, a representative of the Cuban Revolutionary Front, Room 6, 544 Camp Street, New Orleans, La., to conduct an advertising campaign for the Cuban Revolutionary Front for the purpose of building public support and raising money. He informed that the purpose of contacting the FBI was to determine whether this group was legitimate and recognized by the U. S. Government.

He was informed that this office could not make any statement regarding the organization or the individual mentioned;

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however, it was suggested that he might want to contact the local office of the State Department, as well as the office of the U. S. Attorney in New Orleans, to determine whether he would be required to register.

There appeared in the New Orleans Times Picayune newspaper dated 12/2/61 an article which announced that a two-month "crusade to free Cuba" was begun in the New Orleans area. The aim was to raise money to educate New Orleanians of the danger that Communist-orientated Cuba presents to the United States. This article lists SERGIO ARCACHA as one of the organizers of this crusade and the article further lists one ROBERT J. CAIRE as public relations chairman for the crusade.

Bulet to New Orleans dated 11/2/62, captioned, "RONNY CAIRE ADVERTISING AGENCY, INC.; REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA," enclosed a photostat of an abstract prepared from a registration statement filed by the Ronny Caire Advertising Agency, Inc., with the Registration Section of the Department.

The enclosed photostat of the abstract reveals that the Ronny Caire Advertising Agency, Inc. is located at 704 Cigali Building, New Orleans-12, Louisiana. The officers are listed as ROBERT JAMES CAIRE, president and treasurer, and Mrs. ROBERT JAMES CAIRE, vice president and secretary. The abstract indicates that this firm is representing the New Orleans chapter of the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front, 544 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, to publicize and raise funds.

New Orleans files do not reveal that ROBERT JAMES CAIRE was ever contacted or interviewed in captioned matter.

New Orleans files reveal no additional information regarding RAYMOND J. CAIRE not already known to the Bureau.

In regard to the fingerprint on a leaflet OSWALD had distributed, which is mentioned in referenced communication, the following observations are being set forth:

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In paragraph five of WEISBERG's letter to Deputy Attorney General KLEINDIENST dated 9/15/70, WEISBERG indicates that OSWALD picketed the carrier "Wasp" and indicated that during this picketing OSWALD distributed leaflets. The FBI obtained a copy of the leaflet and identified a fingerprint on it as not being OSWALD's.

Investigation relating to this incident was conducted and the results set forth in New Orleans LHM 7/22/64.

This investigation revealed that a member of the New Orleans Harbor Police had observed an unknown individual distributing leaflets about Cuba on the New Orleans river front near where the carrier "USS Wasp" was berthed during June 1963. This patrolman was requested by a naval officer aboard the ship to contact the unknown individual and request him to stop distributing the leaflets. The harbor patrolman obtained a couple of the leaflets from this individual and felt sure that this person was LEE HARVEY OSWALD and he based this identification on the fact that he had observed OSWALD on television and his photographs in the newspapers.

These two leaflets were submitted to the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division by New Orleans airtel 7/28/64. By airtel to New Orleans dated 7/31/64 the Bureau advised that one latent fingerprint had been developed on each of the leaflets submitted; however, the two latent fingerprints were not identical with the fingerprints of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

FBI

Date: 10/13/70

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)(C)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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OO: DALLAS

Re Bureau airtel to Dallas and New Orleans dated 10/9/70.

A complete review of Dallas files in connection with captioned matter and the related assassination investigation reveals no information concerning RONNIE CAIRE or RAYMOND J. CAIRE not already known to the Bureau as indicated in the referenced airtel.

For the information of the Bureau, Cover Pages I - JJ of the report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 4/15/64, bearing above caption, contain the results of investigation in Russia by CIA concerning notations which appear in OSWALD's address book.

Pages 672 - 701 of the report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63 bearing above caption, contain the names, addresses, and/or telephone numbers from the address book of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

A complete review of a photograph of OSWALD's address book available at Dallas fails to reflect any information indicating RONNIE CAIRE's office address is in this address book. It would appear that WEISBERG's claim that CAIRE's office address is "masked" in this address book is a statement that only WEISBERG can clarify. In the event WEISBERG can

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