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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT EARL GOLZ, REPORTER, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, DALLAS, TEXAS (A DAILY NEWSPAPER), CAME INTO POSSESSION OF DOCUMENTS THREE YEARS AGO FROM PAUL ROTHERMEL, FORMER SPECIAL AGENT, FBI, AND FORMER CHIEF OF SECURITY, FOR HUNT OIL COMPANY, DALLAS, TEXAS. GOLZ TOLD [REDACTED] HE HAS A DOCUMENT DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1963, FROM ROTHERMEL TO H. L. HUNT (NOW DECEASED) WHICH STATES ROTHERMEL WAS TOLD BY A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT THERE WOULD BE VIOLENCE ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE TO BE TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. THE COMMUNICATION FURTHER STATES ROTHERMEL REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO DALLAS POLICE DEPT., AND THE FBI.

[REDACTED] REPORTED GOLZ HAS, OVER THE YEARS, WRITTEN STORIES OF POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORIAL PLOT TO ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT. THAT GOLZ WILL, IF THE STORY IS WRITTEN, TRY TO TIE IN H. L. HUNT, TEXAS NOW DECEASED, INTO GATHERING INFORMATION ABOUT THE THEN UPCOMING

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VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT. [REDACTED] HAD NO INFORMATION WHEN ROTHERMEL SUPPOSEDLY REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO THE DALLAS POLICE DEPT. OR FBI, NOR INFORMATION AS TO THE IDENTITY OF ROTHERMEL'S RELIABLE SOURCE.

GOLZ IS OF THE OPINION, ALTHOUGH NEVER PROVEN, THAT H. L. HUNT MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY IN CALIFORNIA, WHO IN TURN WERE ALLEGEDLY FINANCING TRAINED ASSASSINS, INCLUDING AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF EUGENE BRADY (POSSIBLY BRADLEY), <sup>CALIF</sup> WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE VISITED MR. HUNT A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION. Texas

[REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF GOLZ WRITES THE STORY INCLUDING THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND [REDACTED] SPECULATED THAT IF THE STORY IS WRITTEN IT WILL POSSIBLY APPEAR IN THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 6-13, 1975.

REVIEW OF DALLAS INDICES AND ALL INDICATED REFERENCES FAILS TO DISCLOSE ANY RECORD OF ROTHERMEL HAVING FURNISHED INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THERE WOULD BE VIOLENCE ALONG THE KENNEDY PARADE ROUTE. NOR HAS ANY INFORMATION BEEN LOCATED IN DALLAS FILES TO SUBSTANTIATE ANY OF THE OTHER ABOVE INFORMATION.  
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AFTER OCTOBER 10, 1975 IN THIS REGARD, IT WILL BE NOTED THAT IN  
1963 ROTHERMEL WAS [REDACTED] OF THE DALLAS OFFICE.

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conference, + DL is waiting until  
permissions to handle. JM.*

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 10-2-75

FROM : Legal Counsel *JMA*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

On 9-30-75 Deputy Associate Director - Assistant to the Director James B. Adams met with Chairman Peter Rodino, House Committee on the Judiciary, and Chairman Don Edwards, House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, to brief the Chairmen on certain allegations that have been made regarding the Bureau's investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Also present at the meeting were: Inspector John B. Hotis, Earl C. Dudley, Jr., Chief Counsel, House Judiciary Committee, and Alan Parker, Chief Counsel, House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

Mr. Adams reviewed the allegations concerning the alleged destruction of a note left by Lee Harvey Oswald with a receptionist of the Dallas FBI Office prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. He said the Bureau has conducted a thorough investigation in this matter and has interviewed all of the alleged participants. Mrs. Nan Fenner, who was the receptionist at the time, said she was given a letter by Oswald which was to be delivered to SA James P. Hosty, Jr. Oswald had been the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau and the case was assigned to Mr. Hosty. Mrs. Fenner said the envelope was not sealed and she noted the contents of the letter. She said it contained a threat to blow up the FBI and Dallas police departments "if you don't stop bothering my wife." SA Hosty denies the letter contained a threat saying it stated only if he (Hosty) did not stop bothering Oswald's wife he would take action and report the matter to the proper authorities. Kenneth C. Howe, who was Hosty's immediate supervisor at the time,

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Adams - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
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- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Mintz - Enclosure
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said that he found the note from Oswald in Hosty's workbox some-  
time after the assassination and immediately referred it to J. Gordon  
Shanklin, who was SAC of the Dallas Office. Mr. Shanklin has stated  
under oath he has no knowledge of such note.

Mr. Adams said the Bureau has completed its investigation  
in this matter and a report will be submitted shortly to the Department  
of Justice for prosecutive opinion. (This report was submitted to the  
Attorney General by letter dated 10-1-75.) Until that determination is  
made, Mr. Adams said, he thinks it would be inappropriate for Congress  
to hold public hearings on the matter. Chairman Rodino agreed, saying  
he would give the Department a reasonable period of time to make its  
decision. He said it is essential, however, that the allegations be resolved  
and that hearings will be held by the full Judiciary Committee or by  
Mr. Edwards Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

Mr. Adams also discussed the allegations made by  
William S. Walter, former clerical employee of the Bureau, who  
claims that a teletype was sent to all FBI Field Offices alerting them  
to the possibility an attempt would be made to assassinate President  
Kennedy on 11-22-63. Mr. Adams pointed out that this allegation was  
thoroughly investigated by the Bureau in 1968 and no evidence was  
developed to support it. A comprehensive review has been made of all  
FBI files and there is no record of any such teletype. He said that when  
Mr. Walter was first interviewed in this matter by the SAC of the  
Jacksonville Office, he denied having made this statement or having seen  
such a teletype. He later changed his story and told other officials he  
had seen such a teletype and had probably notified his Special Agent in  
Charge. Mr. Adams said that a polygraph examination of Mr. Walter  
was inconclusive although one examiner stated that there was some  
indications of deception. He said it is not possible at this time to deter-  
mine whether this is a hoax or whether Mr. Walter sincerely believes  
that such a teletype exists. He said Mr. Walter may have in mind a  
teletype that was sent to all Field Offices after the assassination requesting  
that all logical sources be contacted in this matter and the Bureau be  
promptly advised. Mr. Adams also pointed out that the supposed text  
of the teletype was not consistent with the terminology normally employed  
in such Bureau communications. He said, for example, that the terms

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AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS**

CIs and PCIs were used instead of the normal wording "all logical informants and sources." He also said that no mention would have been made of FD-302s or letterhead memorandum and the Bureau would have instructed that any information substantiating this threat would be provided the Bureau telephonically and with appropriate dissemination made.

With regard to the charge that Mr. Hoover lied under oath to the Commission when he stated that Jack Ruby was not an FBI informant, Mr. Adams pointed out that three letters were sent by the Director to the Warren Commission in this matter. The letters indicated that Ruby was contacted on nine occasions by Agents of the Dallas Office to determine whether he was willing to furnish information to the Bureau regarding criminal matters. These contacts were discontinued when Ruby failed to provide any useful information. As to Ruby's alleged involvement in the union killing in 1939, Mr. Adams said that these allegations were made a matter of record in the Warren Commission Report. He showed an exhibit in the Commission Report to Mr. Parker which is an FBI investigative insert containing information that a review of the records of the Chicago Police Department did not reflect any reference to Jack Ruby or Jack Rubenstein or to the murder of Leon Cook. The Commission exhibit also contains the results of a check of the records of the newspaper morgue of the Chicago Tribune by the FBI in 1963. The article states that much of the information about this matter came from Jack Rubenstein on 12-9-39.

At the close of the meeting, Chairman Rodino expressed concern over the Department's failure to respond to his letter of June 25th to the Attorney General concerning the verification and access procedures used by GAO in its study of the Bureau's domestic intelligence activities. The Chairman said it is essential the matter be resolved and in the absence of any word from the Department his Committee may issue subpoenas for the necessary documents.

Prior to the briefing, Inspector Hollis contacted Doug Marvin, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, to determine whether

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any reply to the Chairman's letter would be forthcoming. Mr. Marvin said they had decided not to respond to the letter since it would be a moot question after GAO had completed its study. He later furnished a draft of a proposed response (copy attached) which would be available as a contingency in the event a subpoena is issued. Mr. Marvin asked for our informal views on this latest compromise proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Intelligence Division review the proposed letter to Chairman Rodino regarding access and verification procedures by GAO.

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# Memorandum

TO : MR. JENKINS

DATE: 10/8/75

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FROM : D.W. MOORE, JR.

SUBJECT: DAN RATHER, CORRESPONDENT  
 [REDACTED]  
 SANFORD SOCOLOW  
 CBS NEWS  
 VISIT WITH THE DIRECTOR, 10/6/75

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With regard to CBS' request to the Director authorizing CBS to interview Shanklin, Hosty, Fain and deBrueys, I contacted [REDACTED] this morning indicating to him that the Attorney General felt in view of the on-going investigation presently being conducted permission was therefore denied at this time for such interview by CBS.

[REDACTED] indicated the President of CBS News, Richard Salant, was a very close friend of Attorney General Levi and that Salant may call Levi and appeal to him to allow CBS to interview Fain and deBrueys. [REDACTED] indicated that they respected the position taken with regard to the on-going investigation in Dallas but felt that the interviews of Fain and deBrueys were totally unrelated to our interviews being conducted in Dallas. He said he had hoped that we could allow such interviews of Fain and deBrueys because CBS has certain information that would obviously not be presented in the best light for the FBI. I asked [REDACTED] if he could indicate to me what information CBS has. He said in confidence that they (CBS) have a source who he identified as a former FBI informant, who was known to deBrueys and that this source has indicated that Oswald was an FBI informant and that after the assassination of President Kennedy, deBrueys told his source that if he (the source) said anything to the Warren Commission that he (deBrueys) would "kick his a--". [REDACTED] indicated that this obviously would not present the FBI in the best possible light. [REDACTED] indicated if the FBI was able to make some statement in this regard it would obviously put us in a much better position.

With regard to Fain, [REDACTED] indicated their information is that in August, 1963, Fain debriefed Oswald upon his return to the United States from Russia and that they merely were desirous of contacting Fain in order to establish this fact.

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 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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 Mr. Gallagher  
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DAN RATHER, CORRESPONDENT

He concluded by saying that he feels that if the FBI could permit these interviews of deBrueys and Fain it would obviously be to the FBI's advantage rather than leaving open questions to that which he indicated above.

He asked if Mr. Kelley would be disturbed if Salant contacted the Attorney General. I indicated I certainly did not think so but it would obviously be Mr. Salant's prerogative as to whether he would attempt to intercede by contacting the Attorney General.

I asked [redacted] when CBS proposed to air the commentary on President Kennedy's assassination. He indicated CBS was most desirous of doing so as soon as possible, however, it would be a minimum of 5 weeks before such public airing would take place. He thanked me for our prompt reply and indicated that CBS wants to present the entire issue in the best light possible which, in fact, precipitated their contact with Mr. Kelley.

I gathered from my conversation with [redacted] that if approval were given for them to interview deBrueys and Fain that they would present to us the questions which they propose to ask. [redacted] did not indicate this but I gathered from inferences that this might be possible.

I discussed [redacted] conversation with Mr. Callahan indicating to him the possibility of Salant contacting the Attorney General. Mr. Callahan, in turn, contacted Deputy Attorney General Tyler indicating to him the fact that Salant may contact Attorney General Levi for his approval for CBS to contact Fain and deBrueys.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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JOHN W. WATSON, TEX.  
LEO J. RYAN, CALIF.  
JOHN COFFERS, W. MICH.  
TOMMY H. MACDONALD, MASS.  
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MICHAEL HARRINGTON, MASS.  
ANDREW MAYNARD, N.J.

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS  
SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM B-349-B-C  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

October 8, 1975

Mr. Michael M. Uhlmann  
Assistant Attorney General  
Legislative Affairs  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Uhlmann:

Pursuant to this Subcommittee's oversight jurisdiction over the Justice Department, I hereby request that Mr. Robert Fink, a Professional Staff Member of this Subcommittee, be briefed by Deputy Associate FBI Director James B. Adams, on the FBI's investigation into the allegations made by former FBI clerk, William S. Walter.

I am particularly interested in Mr. Fink being supplied with a copy of a 1968 FBI investigation relevant to Mr. Walter, as well as a copy of an FBI teletype message sent from Washington to all field offices on the evening of November 22, 1963, at, I believe, 9:22 P.M. EST, to the effect that the assassination of President Kennedy may have been a conspiracy.

I wish this briefing to be conducted no later than Thursday, October 16, 1975. If Mr. Adams is not available during this time, his deputy, Mr. Paul Mack, who I understand is knowledgeable about this matter, shall be acceptable. He should telephone Mr. Fink directly, to establish a mutually convenient time.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Bella S. Arzig*  
BELLA S. ARZIG  
Chairwoman

*10-16-75*  
*[Signature]*

# Memorandum

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1 - Mr. Bassett - Enc.  
1 - Mr. Gallagher - Enc.

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DATE: 10-10-75

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

1 - Mr. Mintz - Enc.  
1 - Mr. Hotis - Enc.  
1 - Mr. Daly - Enc.

SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM CONGRESSWOMAN BELLA S. ABZUG, SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
OCTOBER 8, 1975

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By letter dated 10-8-75 from Congresswoman Bella Abzug addressed to Mr. Michael M. Uhlmann, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, it is requested that Assistant to the Director James B. Adams or in his absence, Executive Assistant to Deputy Associate Director Paul Mack brief Robert Fink, a staff member of captioned Committee, concerning the allegations made by former FBI clerk William S. Walter relating to an alleged teletype pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Chairwoman Abzug also requests a copy of the Bureau's investigation concerning the aforementioned teletype message conducted in 1968 as well as a copy of a teletype message sent from "Washington" to all field offices on the evening of 11-22-63.

Fink has previously contacted Bureau employees of the New Orleans Office concerning this matter in an attempt to conduct interviews of Bureau employees.

With regard to the documents requested, most of this information has previously been made available to William S. Walter pursuant to an FOIA request. It does not appear likely that we will successfully be able to resist making the documents available to captioned Committee nor does it appear likely we can successfully resist a briefing concerning this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That Legal Counsel Division telephonically contact Fink and make arrangements to comply with Chairwoman Abzug's request for a briefing as it is set forth in her letter of 10-8-75.

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(2) General Investigative Division obtain the communications requested in the aforementioned letter and prepare the necessary communication to be routed through the Department to captioned Committee.

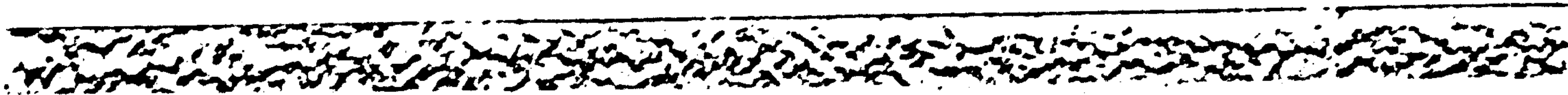
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*A* THOMAS J. HARRINGTON  
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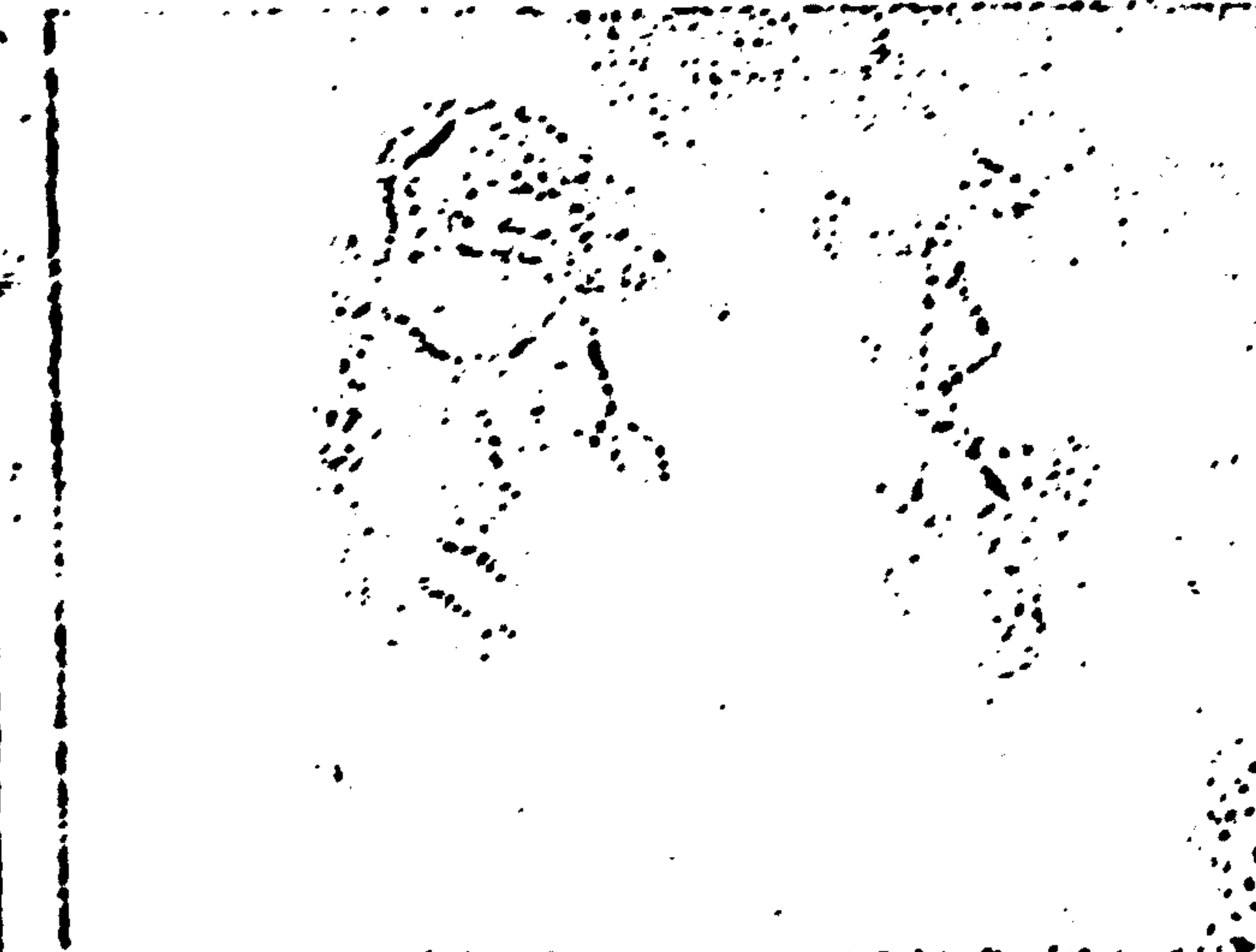
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**Q. When does Henry Kissinger plan to leave the government, or does he intend to stay on indefinitely?**  
—Victor Rosen, New York City.

**A.** No one knows at this point, most probably including Kissinger. In many ways Dr. K has become a captive of his own power, publicity, prestige and creature comforts. Should Ford and Rockefeller be elected in 1976 there is a good chance that Kissinger will stay on. He has so structured things that no Kissinger replacement is waiting in or out of the State Department wings.

**Q. What's happened to Miss Vicki, the wife of Paul Winickinger, Tiny Tim's mother?** —Helen Justice, New York City.

**A.** Miss Vicki recently returned to Camden, N.J., after a stay in London. She plans to resume her career as a go-go dancer in order to support her daughter, Tulip, 4. Miss Vicki, 27, says she has no plans to divorce Tiny Tim, Tulip's father. "He doesn't want a divorce, and neither do I."

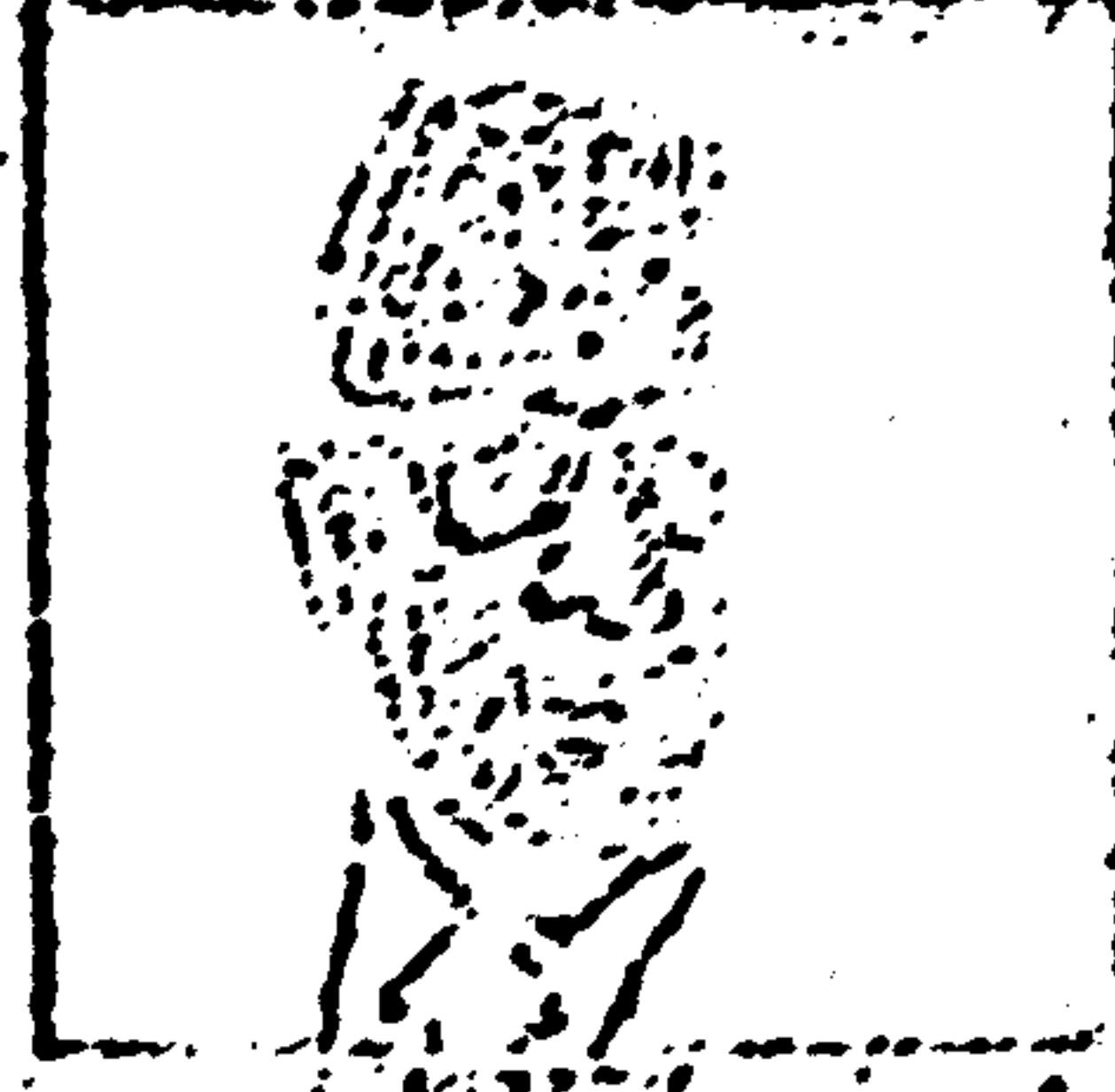


MISS VICKI WINICKINGER AND DAUGHTER TULIP

**Q. Is fluoride in water good for people or does it cause cancer?** —Angie Hicks, Memphis, Tenn.

**A.** Many scientific authorities declare that fluoride strengthens the structure of dental enamel, helping to prevent decay. It is particularly effective in the children of whom it is most being feared. Opponents of fluoridation say it is a by-product of a chemical plant, a cause of parathyroid disease.

**Q. How much leader to the right did Gerald Ford...**



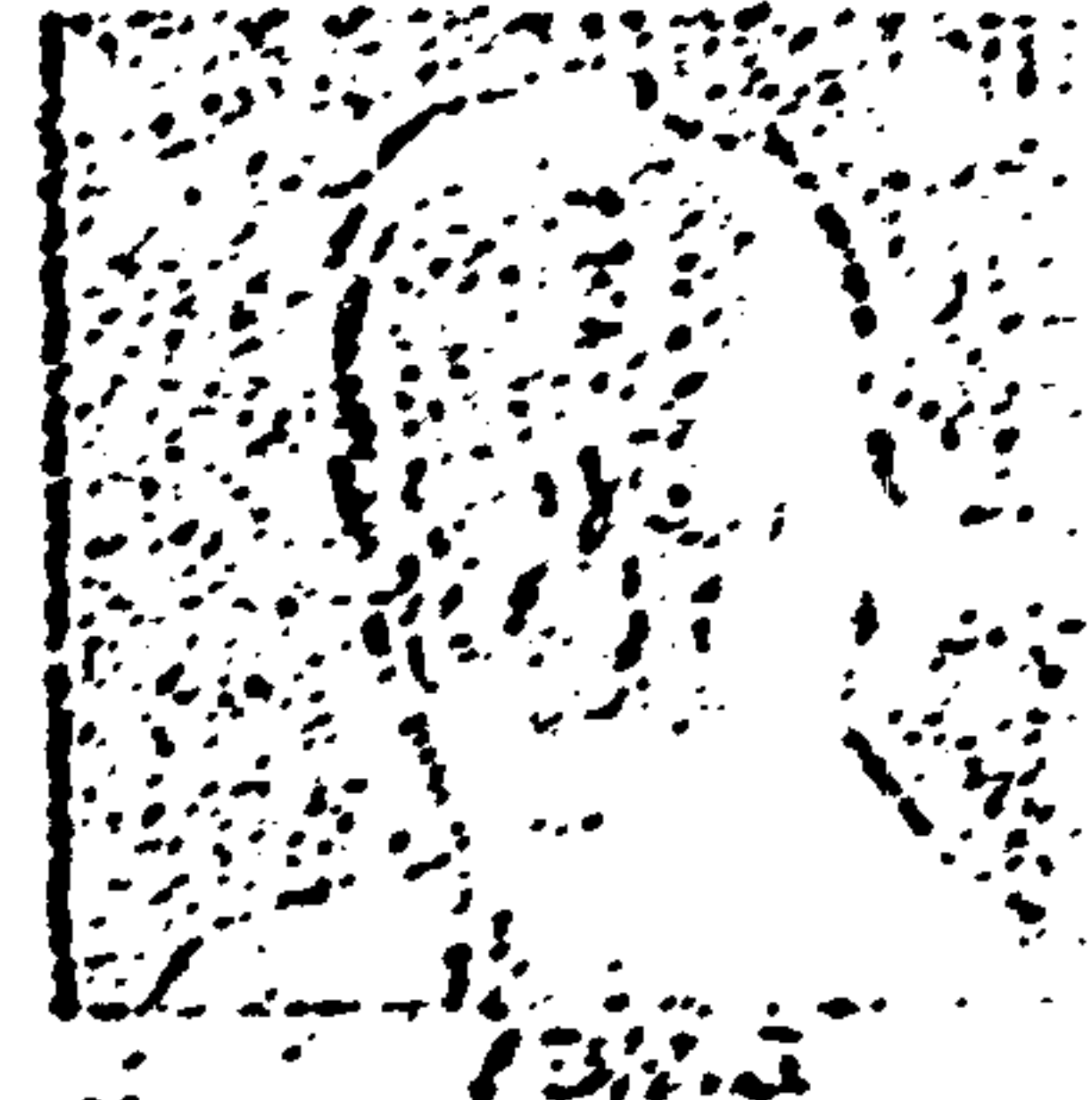
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**Q. I have been told by someone who should know that the FBI is in serious trouble because of the lack of assassination coverage. I want to inform that Clarence Kelley, Director of the FBI, is highly regarded, and that the Bureau is actually led by three officials named Callahan, Jenkins and Adams. Any of this level has more say than even in the FBI hierarchy, who are Chief—S.S., Kansas City, Mo. A. William P. Callahan is associate Director of FBI. Thomas Jenkins and James C. Adams are deputy associate directors of the FBI. All three are subordinate to Clarence Kelley in position but not knowledge, influence or experience. The FBI, I believe, is in trouble for destroying a memorandum delivered to the Director by J. Edgar Hoover and for destroying the FBI subsequently, which is the information from the Warren Commission investigation.**

**Q. I would be interested in knowing how long it took Supreme Court Justice William Douglas to reach current office here. Thank you.** —Linda, Los Angeles, Calif.

**Q. In your opinion what was Corbin's role...**

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
INFORMATION AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS  
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- DATE: 10/14/75
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
- 1 - Mr. Hotis
- 1 - Mr. Daly

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*Memorandum of [unclear] John [unclear]*

On 10/14/75, Inspector John B. Hotis and SA Paul V. Daly of this Division met with Timothy Ingram, Staff Director, and Eric Hartshorn, Staff Member, of captioned Committee to discuss their recent request for testimony by this Bureau. It was explained to Hartshorn and Ingram that the Bureau would prefer to have a clear understanding as to the exact topic of testimony so that the Bureau might be able to properly respond to questions asked during the proposed hearing.

Hartshorn and Ingram agreed and stated it was their understanding that at the meeting between the Director and Chairwoman Bella S. Abzug on 10/9/75 that the hearings would concern the Bureau's record systems. In an effort to amplify this topic, Ingram stated the Committee was primarily interested in the "official and confidential" files which were maintained in former Director J. Edgar Hoover's Office and the "Do Not File" memoranda system.

They indicated they did not specifically intend to discuss or ask questions relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy's investigation but stated that this might come up since it involves the destruction of memoranda or Bureau files which they consider analogous to questions arising out of the "Do Not File" system.

While they did not commit themselves at this point, they did indicate it may not be necessary for the Director to testify but rather for a Bureau representative familiar with the record systems appear before the Committee at the outset.

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They envisioned the Committee's review of this area as taking a series of hearings, the first of which they believe would take place on October 28th, and they indicated it might be necessary for the Director to testify at a later hearing and it might also be necessary for the Committee to inquire into the allegations of the destruction of documents at Dallas pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Regarding the aforementioned destruction of documents, Ingram indicated that the necessity for having hearings on this particular matter would be determined by what is covered in the hearings before the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary. Ingram stated that the Committee did not want to "replow old ground."

Ingram stated that a letter had been prepared addressed to the Bureau which was to be signed by Chairwoman Abzug containing other requests for information from the Bureau and he indicated the letter would give the Bureau a better feel for the thrust of that Committee's interest in Bureau operations. Ingram indicated he was not thoroughly familiar with the contents of her letter and did not elaborate as to its contents.

He requested that, if possible, a briefing be given to him on Friday, October 17th, preferably in the afternoon concerning the Bureau's record system. He stated the briefing did not need to be detailed but merely to give him an overview that it may be necessary for a more detailed briefing at a later date.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the Files and Communications Division arrange for a briefing for Timothy Ingram, preferably the afternoon of 10/17/75, concerning the Bureau's record system.

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RECOMMENDATIONS - OVER

Legal Counsel Mr. Adams  
RE: HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
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(2) That the Legal Counsel Division will advise the Committee regarding the time and place of their requested briefing.

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ADDENDUM BY LEGAL COUNSEL, 10/14/75, JAM:mfd

Timothy Ingram telephonically contacted Inspector John B. Hotis and advised he had conferred with Chairwoman Abzug subsequent to this Bureau's meeting with him. Chairwoman Abzug stated that Director Kelley had agreed to make Agent personnel available for interview by that Committee including SA James P. Hosty. In this regard, Chairwoman Abzug's letter of September 30, 1975, requested that her staff be allowed to interview Bureau personnel, including SA Hosty.

When I received this information from Inspector Hotis, I spoke with the Director and <sup>he</sup> advised me that he had not agreed with Mrs. Abzug to make available the Agents for testimony or for interview. He said that he would approve the testimony of Bureau officials concerning policies and procedures in file retention and destruction and that he had emphasized that limitation to Mrs. Abzug, and in addition he had referred to the Department's ongoing inquiry into the substance of the Dallas matter. I suggested to the Director that we should await the formal letter of request from Mrs. Abzug's Committee to determine precisely the scope of the request they are making and he agreed.

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# Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. [unclear]
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Mack

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DATE: 10/16/75

TO : MR. CALLAHAN

FROM : MR. J. B. ADAMS *JBA*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

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On 10/15/75, Christine Niedermeier, telephone 225-2076, advised she is the Legislative Assistant for Congressman Christopher J. Dodd (Conn.), who is a member of Congressman Edwards' Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights. She stated according to information available to her Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams is scheduled to testify before that committee on 10/21/75 regarding the assassination of President Kennedy. In that connection, she stated she had two questions which she would like answered for Congressman Dodd in preparation for the above testimony. The questions are (1) is the "Do Not File" procedure (which has recently received some publicity in connection with hearings held by other congressional committees), contained in the FBI training manual and, if so, was the "Do Not File" procedure involved or implemented in the destruction of the Oswald note delivered to the Dallas FBI Office? (2) Did William S. Walter, the clerk of the New Orleans Office, receive a lie detector test and, if so, did he fail the test? Was the lie detector test a psychology stress evaluation test?

She indicated that she may have additional questions to pose prior to the hearings and would be in contact with FBIHQ regarding these questions. She stated she would like a response as far as the above two questions are concerned.

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In answer to these questions, the so-called "Do Not File" procedures are not contained in FBI training or other manuals. With respect to the second part of that question, while the "Do Not File" procedures were not involved in the destruction of the Oswald note, it is felt we should not respond to this part of the question pending resolution of the overall matter by the Department of Justice. 3 OCT 20 1975

Regarding William S. Walter, the FBI did not give him a polygraph test, however, according to the "Dallas Times Herald" 10/1/75, it was reported that Walter underwent a polygraph examination by one William B. Burnham apparently at the behest of the "Dallas Times Herald" and this article indicated that Walter's polygraph charts contain

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Memorandum for Mr. Callahan  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

criteria indicative of deception but the examiner took the position that the polygraph examination was inconclusive.

ACTION:

Ms. Niedermeier be advised that the "Do Not File" procedures are not set forth in FBI training or other manuals and comments regarding the destruction of the note are being held in abeyance pending Departmental determination of that matter. Ms. Niedermeier should also be advised that the FBI did not afford Walter a polygraph examination, however, according to the "Dallas Times Herald" he was given a polygraph examination, the results of which were inconclusive.

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*Ms. Niedermeier advised  
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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS  
SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM B-349-B-C  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

October 8, 1975

Mr. Michael M. Uhlmann  
Assistant Attorney General  
Legislative Affairs  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Uhlmann:

Pursuant to this Subcommittee's oversight jurisdiction over the Justice Department, I hereby request that Mr. Robert Fink, a Professional Staff Member of this Subcommittee, be briefed by Deputy Associate FBI Director James B. Adams, on the FBI's investigation into the allegations made by former FBI clerk, William S. Walter.

I am particularly interested in Mr. Fink being supplied with a copy of a 1968 FBI investigation relevant to Mr. Walter, as well as a copy of an FBI teletype message sent from Washington to all field offices on the evening of November 22, 1963, at, I believe, 9:22 P.M. EST, to the effect that the assassination of President Kennedy may have been a conspiracy.

I wish this briefing to be conducted no later than Thursday, October 16, 1975. If Mr. Adams is not available during this time, his deputy, Mr. Paul Mack, who I understand is knowledgeable about this matter, shall be acceptable. He should telephone Mr. Fink directly, to establish a mutually convenient time.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Bella S. Abzug*

BELLA S. ABZUG  
Chairwoman

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM CONGRESSWOMAN BELLA S. ABZUG, SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OCTOBER 8, 1975

- 1 - Mr. Adams - Enc.
- 1 - Mr. Bassett - Enc.
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher - Enc.

DATE: 10-10-75

- 1 - Mr. Mintz - Enc.
- 1 - Mr. Hotis - Enc.
- 1 - Mr. Daly - Enc.

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By letter dated 10-8-75 from Congresswoman Bella Abzug addressed to Mr. Michael M. Uhlmann, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, it is requested that Assistant to the Director James B. Adams or in his absence, Executive Assistant to Deputy Associate Director Paul Mack brief Robert Fink, a staff member of captioned Committee, concerning the allegations made by former FBI clerk William S. Walter relating to an alleged teletype pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Chairwoman Abzug also requests a copy of the Bureau's investigation concerning the aforementioned teletype message conducted in 1968 as well as a copy of a teletype message sent from "Washington" to all field offices on the evening of 11-22-63.

Fink has previously contacted Bureau employees of the New Orleans Office concerning this matter in an attempt to conduct interviews of Bureau employees.

With regard to the documents requested, most of this information has previously been made available to William S. Walter pursuant to an FOIA request. It does not appear likely that we will successfully be able to resist making the documents available to captioned Committee nor does it appear likely we can successfully resist a briefing concerning this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That Legal Counsel Division telephonically contact Fink and make arrangements to comply with Chairwoman Abzug's request for a briefing as it is set forth in her letter of 10-8-75.

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Legal Counsel (Mr. Adams Memo)  
Re: Request from Congresswoman Bella S. Abzi

(2) General Investigative Division obtain the communications requested in the aforementioned letter and prepare the necessary communication to be routed through the Department to captioned Committee.

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TO: President Gerald Ford

FROM: Assassinations Research Group, University of California at Davis

RE: An invitation to attend a presentation of information about the JFK assassination and the assassinations of Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and the attempted assassination of Governor Wallace

Fellow citizen,

We invite you to attend our program concerning the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy, and related political assassinations. The program which will be presented twice on Saturday, October 11, will be a fair and scholarly presentation. It is our primary intention to demonstrate to those in the campus community that there exist serious doubts about the purpose and conclusions of the report by the Warren Commission.

The Assassinations Research Group, due to extensive research, concedes beforehand that we believe the following five (5) points are true:

1. The late President John F. Kennedy was killed by a cross-fire in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963.
2. Therefore, there was a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy and Lee Harvey Oswald; if he did, in fact, participate, he could not have accomplished the act alone.
3. That, more importantly, certain members of the Secret Service, FBI, CIA, Justice Department, the Warren Commission and staff, are suspect of complicity in a conspiracy to alter the evidence and the truth about the events and circumstances of the assassination.
4. These revelations of a criminal conspiracy were the beginning of the steady flow of deceit from the government about events such as the Vietnam War and Watergate. Understanding the events and circumstances surrounding the JFK assassination will do much to put recent U. S. history into perspective.
5. Finally, in accordance with our constitutional democracy and in regard to the demand of the people, the case should be reopened for an adversary investigation conducted by an impartial Congressional Committee and open for public scrutiny resulting in eventual purgation.

Our program will include several films, an audio-visual presentation, and lectures by two critics of the Warren Report. We invite any qualified researcher or investigator who believes and wishes to present supportive arguments in behalf of the Warren Commission Report, or the conclusive findings of other government agencies, to appear during our program. Please feel free to contact us or recommend such an individual to us.

For further information about the program or about seat reservations, please call or write us.

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"Kennedy, the Man and President" -- a short film about the assassination victim.

Audio-visual presentation, including the Zapruder Film, by Dennis DeSilva from the Committee for Another Look (CAL) of Berkeley.

Supportive arguments for the Warren Commission Report and findings of government agencies, if submitted.

A lecture by Mr. J. C. Louis of the Assassination Information Bureau from Cambridge, Massachusetts, on the assassinations or attempted assassinations of Bobby Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Fidel Castro, George Wallace, Gerald Ford, and the CIA and Senate investigations.

"Executive Action" -- a movie taken from the book written by Mark Lane, the original and most prominent voice expressing displeasure with the official version of the lone assassin. The movie is a probable scenario of the events of the assassination of JFK.

The last Presidential election which was not impaired by an assassin's bullet was 1956, 20 years ago. JFK was assassinated in 1963, his murder brought Lyndon Johnson to the position in 1964. RPK's assassination in 1968 made possible Richard Nixon's narrow victory. The crippling of Governor Wallace in 1972 paved the way for Nixon's re-election landslide. The official explanation in each case was the lone-gun mad-assassin theory. It is time this theory is dispelled and the American people face the truth about what really happened on November 22, 1963.

Sincerely,

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT

JOHN F. KENNEDY

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

DALLAS, TEXAS

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- October 16, 1975
- 1 - Mr. O'Connell
- 1 - Mr. Cooke
- 1 - Mr. Nettles
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Wannall

Reference is made to the October 8, 1975 letter from Congresswoman Bella S. Abzug, Chairwoman of the Government Information and Individual Rights Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, to Assistant Attorney General Michael M. Uhlmann (attached), which was forwarded to this Bureau for handling.

There are attached two memoranda and two sets of material responsive to the requests contained in the referenced letter for a copy of the 1968 FBI investigation relevant to allegations made by former FBI clerk William S. Walter and a copy of the FBI teletype message sent from FBI Headquarters to all field offices on the evening of November 22, 1963.

Arrangements for a briefing of Subcommittee Staff Member Robert Fink are being made separately.

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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosures 3)  
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## The Attorney General

**NOTE:** This concerns allegations made in 1968 and in recent weeks by former New Orleans Office clerical employee William S. Walter that a teletype was sent from FBIHQ to all field offices during the early morning hours of 11/17/63, stating that a militant revolutionary group might attempt to assassinate President Kennedy during his trip to Dallas, Texas. By memorandum 10/10/75, Legal Counsel advised that it does not appear likely that we could resist making documents available to the Subcommittee, or briefing the staff members in view of most of the material previously being made available to William S. Walter pursuant to an FOIA request (Memo attached). Format of this reply and excisions have been coordinated with Elmer W. Larson, Jr., of the Senstudy Unit of the Intelligence Division. Material being delivered with the LHM are letters from the Director to the Department of Justice and LHMs sent to the Department of Justice relative to the 1968 investigation.

- Mr. Callahan  
November 3, 1975

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Adams
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- 1 - Mr. Wannall

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS TEXAS**

Reference is made to your conversation on November 1, 1975, with Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams of this Bureau regarding the circumstances of a telephone surveillance which was conducted in 1964 on Marina Oswald, wife of Lee Harvey Oswald. During this conversation you told Mr. Adams that former Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach had indicated to Deputy Attorney General Harold R. Tyler, Jr., that he thought Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren, who was head of the Presidential Commission investigating the assassination, had requested the telephone surveillance himself. You also indicated there might be something in the files of the Department of Justice which would relate to the authorization for this surveillance.

Attached for your consideration is an internal memorandum of this Bureau dated October 31, 1975 (and its 12 attachments), which sets forth information in FBI files concerning a telephone surveillance and microphone surveillance on Marina Oswald in 1964. Briefly, telephone coverage was discussed between J. Edgar Hoover and J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the Presidential Commission on February 24, 1964. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy approved the coverage on February 25, 1964. Coverage was shortly thereafter established at the residence of Marina Oswald at Richardson, Texas, but was discontinued after a short period of time. Microphone coverage at her residence was effected by the FBI under general authority then existing, and was not specifically authorized by Attorney General Kennedy. No indications have been found of electronic surveillance being conducted at Marina Oswald's hotel while she was in Washington, D. C.

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The Attorney General

May I suggest that your staff review Departmental files for any information regarding this matter.

Additionally, if you desire this matter to be further explored, I recommend that the following individuals be interviewed:

1. Former Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach;
2. J. Lee Rankin, the General Counsel of the Presidential Commission;
3. Retired Inspector James Malley, who was liaison officer with the Commission;
4. Retired FBI official William <sup>C.</sup>Sullivan, who was Assistant Director in charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division in 1964; and
5. Other FBI personnel who were assigned to FBI headquarters in 1964 and who were involved in the supervision of this case.

Enclosures - 13

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Encs. - 13)
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Encs. - 13)  
Criminal Division

NOTE: Dissemination of FBI internal memorandum of 10/31/75, to the Department authorized by Deputy Associate Director Adams.

**Tap on Marina Oswald's Room  
Reported by Ex-F.B.I. Official**

**He Says Warren Commission  
Was Not Told of Action  
After Kennedy Death**

By JOHN M. CREWDSON  
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29—The Federal Bureau of Investigation tapped the telephones and bugged the living quarters used by Marina Oswald after the assassination of President Kennedy. It failed to report either the fact of the surveillance or its product to investigators for the Warren Commission, according to a former F.B.I. official.

The official, who was closely involved with the investigation conducted by the bureau in the wake of the assassination, said that the electronic surveillance was instituted on the Russian-born Mrs. Oswald shortly after her husband, Lee Harvey Oswald, was identified as the principal suspect in Mr. Kennedy's murder.

The surveillance, the former official said, continued for "some months" after the death of Mr. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, and the killing of Oswald himself two days later by Jack Ruby, a Dallas nightclub operator.

But the former official said that, to the best of his recollection, the surveillance never produced any information that apparently bore directly on Oswald's motives or that supported the suspicions held by some F.B.I. officials that he had been involved in a conspiracy against the President's life. It was those suspicions, the former official said, that prompted the bureau to initiate its electronic "coverage" of Mrs. Oswald.

The F.B.I. said in a statement this afternoon that it had "conducted an electronic surveillance of Marina Oswald's residence from Feb. 20, 1964, to March 12, 1964, based upon written approval of the Attorney General of the United States."

The Government contended then that in "national security" cases court permission was not required. The late Robert F. Kennedy was Attorney General at that time.

The bureau did not deal with its reported failure to inform the Warren Commission of the eavesdropping effort, and a spokesman said he would be unable to go beyond the statement.

**Not in Testimony**

None of the volumes of testimony or evidence published by the Warren Commission contain any hint that commission lawyers were told by the F.B.I. of its surveillance of Mrs. Oswald, which the former official said took place in and around the Dallas area where she and her husband lived.

The former official's assertion was supported by key commission counsel and investigators, who said in telephone interviews that they could not remember having been told that Mrs. Oswald's conversations had been monitored.

David W. Belin, a lawyer from Des Moines, Iowa, who served as an assistant counsel to the commission, said that if the former official's account was accurate, "it strikes me as horrible" that the commission was left uninformed.

His sentiments were shared by Albert Z. Jenner Jr., also a former assistant commission counsel and now a Chicago lawyer, who said that whether the surveillance of Mrs. Oswald had come out "positive or negative," the panel should have been allowed to weigh whatever information was gleaned.

The commission, named for Earl Warren, the late Chief Justice who acted as its chairman, was set up by President Johnson within a week of Mr. Kennedy's death with instructions to determine the circumstances that surrounded the assassination.

The commission's report was initially headed and subsequently defended by most of those who prepared it as a definitive assessment of all of the evidence in the hands of Federal agencies and others that related in any conceivable way to Mr. Kennedy's death.

The former F.B.I. official's account of the withholding of the wiretap and bugging data on Mrs. Oswald, however, is just the most recent indication that the evidence made available to the commission was less than complete.

Last week, for example, the F.B.I. acknowledged that one of its agents had destroyed, within hours of Oswald's death, an allegedly threatening letter he had received from Oswald less than a month before Mr. Kennedy was shot.

Joseph A. Bail, a third lawyer who served as an assistant counsel to the Warren Commission, said today in a telephone interview from his Long Beach, Calif., office that he, too, was certain he never had been told about the electronic surveillance of Mrs. Oswald.

If he had been, Mr. Bail said, he "would never have permitted" the F.B.I. to use such techniques in its investigation on behalf of the commission.

Mr. Bail added, however, that he did recall having been told that the bureau had bugged the hotel room that Mrs. Oswald occupied on her visit to Washington to testify before the commission.

That bugging was also confirmed by the former official, who said that it had produced nothing apparently related to the investigation at hand.

The bureau denied in its statement this afternoon that it had conducted electronic eavesdropping on Mrs. Oswald at her Washington hotel.

The disclosure that the surveillance of Mrs. Oswald continued at least through February, 1964, the month in which she testified before the commission, raised questions about the locations where the F.B.I. placed bugging devices and tapped telephones referred to by the former official.

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February 24, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
 MR. BELMONT  
 MR. ROSEN  
 MR. SULLIVAN  
 MR. EVANS  
 MR. DE LOACH

Honorable J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy, called and stated these matters in regard to Mrs. Marina Oswald and James Herbert Martin, et cetera, are developing very rapidly and the Bureau has been very good about getting reports to the Commission. He stated the thing he wanted to ask me about seemed to be something he felt he ought to take up with me directly. He stated the problem is that Marina Oswald is now living at the Ford's and presumably the Commission is going to want her back one of those days and he, Rankin, presumed I knew about the Nixon matter, too, because I had written them about it. Mr. Rankin stated he would hate to have her just run out on us, which is always a possibility, particularly down in Dallas, and he was wondering about a stake out on her which would watch her and see who is visiting her for a while. Mr. Rankin stated he hated to recommend it or urge it in view of the expense involved. I asked him how long he would anticipate it remaining on, and Mr. Rankin stated he thought it would be according to my judgment.

I told Mr. Rankin that we plan to interview her today, that we had wanted to do so last week but the lawyer for Robert Oswald was up here in Washington and asked us before he left Dallas if we would postpone any interview with Mrs. Marina Oswald until he got back from the hearing up here in Washington as she was exhausted. I stated I would surmise that he would be back there this morning as I thought Robert Oswald finished up with the Commission last Friday. I stated we will want to interview Robert, too, as we are interested in the Nixon angle that developed and also the affair she had with Martin; that we planned to conduct the interview of her today if she is available and also of Robert Oswald if he is available. Mr. Rankin stated they asked Robert Oswald why he did not tell them about it and he said he felt the Commission would probably know about that, but in all his answers were generally very good.

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February 24, 1964

Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Rosen, Sullivan, Evans, DeLoach

I stated the thing in the Nixon matter which does not exactly ring sound with me is knowing the background of Lee Harvey Oswald and his makeup temperamentally, et cetera, how the wife would be able to lock him in a bathroom all day without his kicking the door down because he gave evidence of having a violent temper. Mr. Rankin commented also that he had beat her up on occasion. I stated that is the only angle of that story which did not seem to hold water. I stated she never mentioned it to us at any time nor did Robert Oswald mention it to us and that is why we wanted to question her again because we have not talked to her since she appeared before the Commission and, of course, Robert Oswald was here in Washington. I stated it is a fact that Richard Nixon was in Dallas sometime in 1963, and Mr. Rankin stated it was November 21st, the day before the assassination. I stated Nixon was invited to receive some award and had to cancel out and he got down to Dallas just the day before the assassination and the question is, was it at that particular time, as Mrs. Oswald's story purports, that she locked Lee Oswald in the bathroom. I stated that did not make sense to me.

I stated we can, of course, stake out the place where Marina Oswald is now living and find out who is going in and out to see her at this new place, but my question is, approximately how long does Mr. Rankin anticipate waiting. Mr. Rankin stated he would leave that to my judgment. I stated I would think if we can interview her today, if the new lawyer allows us to do so and we have no objection if he wants to be present even, and also Robert Oswald, that as soon as we finish those two interviews and get the facts and unless there are some other angles, that particular angle will then be pretty well bottled up and we could get the information to the Commission certainly by the middle of this week. Mr. Rankin stated that would be very helpful as they have Martin coming voluntarily before the Commission on Thursday so if he could get that information before that, it would be helpful. I stated we can do that and in the meantime we can put the surveillance on Marina Oswald.

Mr. Rankin stated that one thing the new lawyer, McKenzie (phonetic), did was to bring the contracts with both Robert and Marina and while they have the usual provisions, he also has the right to disclose anything in regard to this matter he should learn irrespective of the client-lawyer relationship, and McKenzie assured Mr. Rankin and the Commission he would make full and complete disclosure of anything he discovered, so Mr. Rankin thinks we will get full cooperation from McKenzie. I stated this fellow John M. Thorne is contending he is her lawyer.

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Mr. Rankin stated he has copies of letters from Thorne to Martin and in one he is terminating Martin's relationship and there is another one to Mrs. Marina Oswald from Thorne in which he protests the termination of his employment and one from Martin to both Thorne and Mrs. Oswald saying he can't be fired. I stated I thought he had issued a statement this morning that he is still her "contractual lawyer," that while she has a right to hire as many advisors as she sees fit, he is still her "contractual lawyer."

Mr. Rankin continued that in Martin's letter he says he has sold various interests such as TV rights to Tex-Italia Film (phonetic) and her memoirs to a magazine of Hamburg, Germany, and he has sold the picture rights, et cetera. Mr. Rankin stated Thorne's letter says they have entered into contracts involving an excess of \$150,000, so it can be seen what is involved. I commented this is just a nasty shakedown, notwithstanding her character; that these two individuals are doing everything in their power to make as much money as they can out of her and this applies to the other fellow in New York connected with Lee Oswald's mother.

Mr. Rankin stated that while working on this, he would like me to keep an eye on this thing to see whether it looks at all like this going to bed was possibly with any idea of trying to get rid of Martin and Thorne. I stated that was within the realm of possibility. Mr. Rankin stated it looks like Marina Oswald was pretty quick to do that, but on the other hand, Robert Oswald, from the reports, is pretty straight laced and Mr. Rankin thought if she did not want to get rid of them, he would not have tolerated this. Mr. Rankin stated he thought maybe she got in with Oswald over in Russia that way and maybe other things have happened over here, as Mr. Rankin stated it looks like from our reports it is possible something went on before they came up to Washington although the Secret Service did not think there was any opportunity, but he was certainly looking at her any chance he had. I stated there was plenty of opportunity here in Washington, as according to the Secret Service, Martin and she stayed up to view television until the early hours in the morning and the Secret Service man was in the corridor, so what went on in the room nobody knows. I stated it is those angles we hope to explore with her today. Mr. Rankin stated with Martin chasing her and doing all those things with his wife around, he can imagine what he did when he was free from his wife. I stated he had no compunction so far as his wife was concerned as they were open and above board with the wife in the house. I stated it is an unfortunate thing, but what worries me is the possibility of a leak getting out on this as to the background of the Oswald woman and Martin, et cetera, because those people are talking around down there in Dallas, but it would be unfortunate to have it get out before the Commission

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ties it down here as to these activities and anybody else who may have knowledge of it.

Mr. Rankin asked if I didn't think that business about her being willing to be Martin's mistress was a strange thing, and I stated I did; that it shows certainly the complete lack of any character and the thing that also impressed me was, if you look at the picture of Mrs. Marina Oswald when this happened and the picture of her afterwards, it is almost like two different people, as in the second picture of her she is not unattractive, but the first picture in Dallas, when this occurred, shows her as sloppy and unattractive; but somebody got hold of her and got her fixed up and that probably put ideas into her head also. I stated there is no question this fellow Martin was making love to her, and the thing about buying a house and divorcing his wife, although I did not know if he was serious, was a proposition and, of course, he was probably counting upon her money to buy the house. I stated there was no force, but complete willingness upon her and his part, and this just makes her out as a pretty questionable character. I stated that kind of thing if it gets out before it is called down and the Commission reaches a conclusion as to what and what not to believe, would be bad. I stated why she did not tell us about this Nixon matter, I did not know as she told us about the General Walker matter. I stated my reaction to this business about locking Lee Oswald in the bathroom is that there is something fishy here because she just would not be able to do this because he had beat her up on occasion, was nasty to her, had a bad disposition, and could have gotten out by breaking the window or kicking the door down and she would have been perfectly helpless and, further, she left out what he did then, as I don't think he would have taken it calmly. I stated it is a fact Nixon was there the day before the assassination and it will be a sensational story because he is a former Vice President and very anti-communist and General Walker is anti-communist and then the President of the United States was there. I stated it is such a thing that you could enlarge on it and have some sensational stories, just like the story of Dorothy Kilgallen about the FBI furnishing assistance to Ruby, that upon reading the article, you could see it does not support the headline, but you have down there in Dallas these "bleeding hearts" and "eccentrics" like Kilgallen, who will blow everything up as much as they can. I commented I had also wondered where Life Magazine got that photograph of Lee Oswald with the guns, but I understand they got it from the Dallas Police Department. I stated my first knowledge of it was when my attention was called to it by the Hearst people who had an

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advance copy as one of them called me and wanted to know who was giving it out and how it could be copyrighted. If Mrs. Oswald sold it, that is one thing, but if the Dallas Police gave it to Life, it was public property, and I advised the Hearst people they ought not to stir anything up on it, as we did not know whether the Dallas Police gave it out or if Mrs. Oswald sold it and if she sold it, it would be subject to copyright, but if given out by a law enforcement agency, it would not be subject to copyright.

Mr. Rankin stated he understood from my letter that the Nixon affair really seemed to originate from Martin who had been told that by Marina Oswald. I stated also Marina told it to Robert when he went to the grave with her, so it came from those two sources. I stated I did not think we got it from Martin but from Robert. Mr. Rankin stated that Martin the same day told Robert, but did not say how long he had known it. I stated the original information as I recall, was from Robert who was told it by Marina and also by Martin as she told Martin about it. I commented that why they did not tell the Commission, I did not know. I asked if Robert Oswald was questioned as to that aspect, and Mr. Rankin stated he was and he said he thought the Commission knew it. I stated they are going too much on assumption all the way through. I stated that is what worries me as it spreads out and gets to be a web almost. I stated we have been checking carefully in Mexico City and have additional agents down there and every one we run out fizzles out, but the average Mexican in my opinion is a psychological liar as they have visions probably of getting money or being brought up for testimony, but so far there is no confirmation of the various angles, but we have added men in Mexico to try to get that cleaned up within the next week or ten days, but something more comes up every day.

Mr. Rankin stated in connection with the stake out, to use my own judgment, but before terminating it, to let him know. He stated again he did not want to run up too much expense. I stated if we can get the interview today we will get that and we may want to talk to this lawyer that she now has and as soon as we get that we will have the facts which will be sent in by wire. I stated we will then get it to him, Mr. Rankin, and I thought the Commission may then want to consider getting her back quickly and getting it on record, because in the meantime she is going to be writing articles and books and she is bound to include this Nixon thing in it and if the Commission does not have it nailed down, it will become known. I stated Lee Oswald was not an individual who appeared to discuss things with his wife other than the Walker situation. I stated that did occur and while we are not able definitely to swear that the same gun was used

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In the Walker case as in the assassination, because of the mutilation of the bullet, there are many similar marks and you certainly could draw the conclusion it was the same gun, but it is one of those instances where you can't say you are 100% sure.

Mr. Rankin stated there was one other thing - McKenzie told him that they had made a suggestion to the Lords that Decker Ford be her new manager. I stated everybody is going to move in on her and there will probably be some others move in from other parts of the country, and being the character she is they need only to invite her out and entertain her a little and she would probably go because she is her own free agent now.

Mr. Rankin stated he thought it well to check from a stake out what kind of people are visiting her when she does not know she is under surveillance. I stated we can also consider getting a telephone tap in there because there can't be any trial so any information would not be excluded in a trial, but if somebody were going to be tried it would be a different thing. I stated we will get on it right away.

12:15 PM

I called Mr. Joseph Sizoo in the Domestic Intelligence Division and advised him of Mr. Rankin's call and his desire to have, if possible, a stake out of the place where Mrs. Marina Oswald is now living and he is very anxious to know who may be going in and coming out of that place seeing her in view of the turmoil about her seduction and also I think we ought to consider placing a technical on the phone where she is now living. I also stated that Dallas should be advised that we want to get Mrs. Oswald interviewed today, that we had held off because of the request of her new lawyer and I understand from Rankin he seems to be a pretty decent fellow, that we ought to see her today and get the details of the Nixon thing.

I stated the Commission wants to bring her back here before them and they will just as soon as we get this information from our interview with her. I stated I thought we ought to interview Robert Oswald also as to the Nixon thing because she told him about it when he went out to the grave with her. I stated the first person she told was Martin who was her business manager and who had relations with her. I stated Martin is under subpoena to be back here before the Commission so I doubt if we can interview him or if we did whether he would say anything, but I think we should interview her and Robert and have

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Dallas wire that in at once as we ought to get this material to the Commission not later than Wednesday so our manpower will not be tied down with surveilling her and to also try to get a technical in. I told Mr. Sizoo it will run until they subpoena her back before the Commission as I suggested to Hankin it ought to last only as long as it takes us to get the information to the Commission. I stated she did not tell the Commission anything about it, that Robert did, but she did not and they want to nail it down and this so-called seduction that took place at the hotel, but we ought to get details of that from her today and get any other details we can from Robert and then we ought to get that by letter to the Commission not later than Wednesday. Mr. Sizoo stated it would be a discreet surveillance unknown to her to see who comes and goes to see her. I stated also if she comes out, where she goes, that it required discretion. I told Sizoo to also see that Dallas has sufficient manpower for the physical surveillance of her and the people coming to the house ought to be followed to see who they are. I stated her new lawyer, McKennie, has suggested this man she is living with now become her business agent. I stated what the Commission is concerned about is this sudden development as to her seduction and Hince, as it may leak out. I told Sizoo to get hold of Dallas and to get started on it right away. Mr. Sizoo stated he would.

Very truly yours,

~~E. H. H.~~

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Marina Oswald, wife of Lee Harvey Oswald, is currently residing at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Declan P. Ford, 14057 Brookcrest, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford have telephone service under telephone number AD 9-5642.

We have received a request from the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy for a technical surveillance regarding Marina Oswald. Accordingly, it is requested that you authorize installation of a technical surveillance at the Ford residence where Marina Oswald is currently residing or at any other address to which Marina Oswald may move in the future.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

APPROVED *P. J. Murphy*  
DATE 2/25/64

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 299 Maryland Avenue, N. E.  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to our discussion of February 24, 1964, at which time you requested this Bureau conduct appropriate investigation to determine the contacts and activities of Mrs. Marina Oswald.

We have determined that Marina Oswald has rented a home at 629 Beltline Road, Richardson, Texas, which is located approximately eighteen miles from Dallas, Texas. We have learned Marina Oswald probably will not move into this rented house until sometime during the weekend of February 29 or March 1, 1964, inasmuch as she has not yet purchased sufficient furniture. She had an appointment with her attorney, Mr. William A. McKenzie, to go to Fort Worth, Texas, February 26, 1964, for the purpose of picking up some money donated to her in that city.

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Our coverage of Marina Oswald on February 24, 1964, disclosed her only contacts, with the exception of our Agents who interviewed her on that day, were with her attorneys, Mr. William A. McKenzie and Mr. Henry Baer, who is Mr. McKenzie's law partner.

Our coverage of Marina Oswald on February 25, 1964, disclosed she visited a furniture store and an appliance store in Richardson, Texas, at which time she was accompanied by her small child and Deelan K. Ford. No contacts were observed by

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Marina Oswald on February 25, 1964, from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Her attorney, Henry Baer, appeared at the Ford residence at 2:09 p.m. and departed the residence at approximately 5:45 p.m.

At approximately 3:47 p.m. a man and woman driving an automobile registered to Mr. Isaac Don Levine, R.F.D. 1, Waldorf, Maryland, visited the Ford residence. This couple remained at the Ford residence until approximately 11:10 p.m., February 25, 1964. We have previously been in contact with Mr. Levine at which time he told us that he planned to interview Marina Oswald concerning a possible contract to write a book concerning her. Page 1346 of "Who's Who in America," Volume 32, 1962 - 1963, contains a biographic sketch of Isaac Don Levine.

Our coverage of Marina Oswald on February 26, 1964, revealed she left the residence of Deelan Ford approximately 12:50 p.m. accompanied by her small child and Mrs. Ford. The party then proceeded to the office of Marina's attorney, William A. McKenzie, Fidelity Union Life Building, Dallas, Texas. Thereafter, Marina, her child, Mrs. Ford and an unknown individual who is believed to be Mr. McKenzie entered an automobile registered to Mr. McKenzie and proceeded to Fort Worth, Texas. After parking their car, the group proceeded to Room 707, Medical Arts Building, Fort Worth, Texas, which is occupied by Dr. Louis A. Saunders, Executive Secretary for the Fort Worth Area Council of Churches.

At approximately 4:45 p.m., February 26, 1964, Marina Oswald and her party entered the automobile registered to Mr. McKenzie and proceeded to Grand Prairie, Texas. The individual believed to be Mr. McKenzie then proceeded to the office of attorney John M. Thorne in Grand Prairie, Texas, where he remained until approximately 6:55 p.m. Thereafter, the group returned to Dallas, Texas. Marina Oswald, her child and Mrs. Ford then left the individual believed to be Mr. McKenzie and returned to the Ford residence.

The above is being furnished for your information.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

**NOTE:**

Rankin spoke with the Director 2/24/64 and requested Bureau step up our coverage of Marina Oswald. He stated the Commission contemplates bringing Marina back to Washington for further testimony before the Commission as soon as this Bureau completed its interviews with her concerning the sex angle and Nixon matter. We have furnished the Commission results of our inquiries concerning both of the latter matters.

Date: 2/20/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-37111) (RUC)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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ReWFOairtel 2/19/64 with enclosed LHM concerning MARINA OSWALD's stay at the Hotel Willard, and Bureau telephone call 2/20/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Dallas one copy of a LHM setting forth information originally set out in reairtel. Its inclusion in LHM form is per request of reButel call.

As indicated in reWFOairtel, [redacted] no furnished material on a confidential basis. His identity is to be protected.

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Telephone calls of parties not being checked out per Howard Willard of Commission. Ref to Rm. main 2/28/64 file 1

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**LEE HARVEY OSWALD**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA**

In letterhead memorandum dated February 19, 1964 at Washington, D.C. and captioned as above, there is set forth information obtained from WF T-1 on February 19, 1964 concerning the stay of Marina Oswald at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C., during the period when she testified before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. It will be recalled that a Mr. Jim Martin, described as her business manager, and a Mr. John W. Thorne, described as her lawyer, accompanied Marina during her stay at the hotel.

In addition to that information, WF T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, also advised that Martin and Thorne, according to records, made the following long distance calls:

Mr. Jim Martin  
February 4, 1964

1. A ten minute call to Dallas, Texas, telephone number 327-1188, dialed directly.
2. A 15 minute call to Dallas, Texas, approximately between 11 p.m. and midnight, telephone number 327-0188.

February 6, 1964

1. A 19 minute person-to-person call to a Purdy in New York City, at approximately 3:20 p.m., telephone number 986-8700.
2. A five minute call to Dallas, Texas, at approximately 6:23 p.m., telephone number 327-0188.

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3. A person-to-person call to Wanda Martin, Dallas, Texas, at approximately 7:35 p.m., telephone number 327-0188.

February 7, 1964

1. A 12 minute person-to-person call to a Perdy, New York City, at about 3:50 p.m., telephone number 986-8700.
2. A 16 minute call to a Ted Purdy, New York City, at approximately 11:25 p.m., telephone number 755-9647.

February 8, 1964

1. A six minute person-to-person call to a Ted Purdy, New York City, telephone number PL 5-9647.
2. An eight minute call to Dallas, Texas, telephone number 327-0188.
3. A 14 minute person-to-person call to a Speagleburg in Easthampton, New York, at approximately 11:12 a.m., telephone number 324-4180.

Mr. John M. Thorne  
February 4, 1964

1. A five minute call to Grand Prairie, Texas, telephone number 362-2608.
2. A 14 minute call to Grand Prairie, Texas, at approximately 11:19 p.m., telephone number AN 4-1889.

February 5, 1964

1. A six minute call to Grand Rapids, Texas, at approximately 6:28 p.m., telephone number AN 2-2608.

**LEE HARVEY OSWALD**

February 6, 1964

1. A four minute call to Grand Prairie, Texas, after 6 p.m., telephone number AN 2-0035.
2. An eleven minute call to Grand Prairie, Texas, subsequent to the previous call, telephone number AN 4-1889.
3. An eight minute call to Minneapolis, Minnesota, at approximately 11:11 p.m., telephone number 377-9176.

February 7, 1964

1. A seven minute call to Grand Prairie, Texas, telephone number AN 4-1889.

February 8, 1964

1. A four minute call to Grand Prairie, Texas, at approximately 11:09 a.m., telephone number 262-2608.

WF T-1 advised that he had no record of any long distance calls made by Mrs. Marina Oswald while at the hotel.

WF T-1 also said that Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, the mother of the accused assassin, also stayed at the Willard Hotel during her recent stay in Washington, D.C. According to registration number E5400, her entry was recorded as 6:27 p.m. on February 9, 1964, her departure recorded as 2:23 p.m. on February 17, 1964. Mrs. Marguerite Oswald appeared to have a number of well dressed Negro men visiting her room during her stay. WF T-1 said he did not know who they were or what they represented, but suggested they may have been associated with Negro civil rights groups. WF T-1 said her bill was paid by her New York lawyer whose name he could not recall.

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Mrs. Oswald originally was assigned to room 731, then subsequently moved to room 512 at end of testifying period.

WF T-1 said that he mentioned to Marina Oswald and to Martin that Mrs. Marguerite Oswald was expected to arrive and stay at that hotel starting that day. He gathered from the unfavorable response that he received that Marina Oswald and her mother-in-law did not get along well and that Marina disliked Oswald's mother.

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WF T-1 said Marguerite hardly gave the appearance of a bereaved person. She appeared to be in bright spirits and he had heard that she indicated she expected to get about \$25,000 for rights to a contemplated book on her experiences.

WF T-1 also advised that registration E4284 in the name of Claude Davis, Charlotte, North Carolina, indicated that he was a Secret Service employee; that he originally occupied room 304, then room 735. WF T-1 said that no in time was recorded but that he felt Davis was with the Secret Service detachment with Marina Oswald when she arrived and was assigned a room nearby her suite on the same floor at first. He felt subsequent assignment to room 735 was in relation to the protection of Mrs. Marguerite Oswald. The departure time on the reverse was stamped as 7:53 a.m., February 9, 1964.

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WF T-1 further said that registration E4283 in the name of Carl Hardy, Seattle, Washington, indicated that he was a Secret Service employee; that he occupied 304 originally, then moved to room 732. Again no in time was indicated for Hardy. WF T-1 said he believed Hardy was part of the Secret Service detachment guarding Marina Oswald when she arrived and was assigned a room nearby her suite on the same floor at the outset. He felt the subsequent room assignment may have been in connection with protection of Mrs. Marguerite

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Oswald, since room 732 was nearby hers. The stamped date of departure on the reverse of the registration form was 9:27 a.m. on February 13, 1964.

WF T-1 said that registration E4282 was in the name of Allen/Dickerson, Louisville, Kentucky. WF T-1 said he believed Dickerson was a Secret Service employee; that he occupied room 643. WF T-1 believed Dickerson was assigned to the protection of the mother. Stamped departure time for Dickerson was 2:30 p.m., February 13, 1964.

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TO : Mr. Gallagher

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FROM : B. H. Cooke

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
 DALLAS, TEXAS

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
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- 1 - Mr. Wannall

SYNOPSIS: On 10/30/75, "New York Times" article attributes information to ex-FBI official to effect that FBI tapped Marina Oswald's telephones and bugged her living quarters in Texas and at hotel in Washington, D.C. Stated no information developed regarding motives of Lee Harvey Oswald or supporting suspicions that Oswald was involved in a conspiracy which the ex-official said prompted the coverage. Two former Warren Commission staff members stated they could not remember ever being told of the coverage but another said he recalled being told of bugging at Marina Oswald's hotel room. Files reflect J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of Warren Commission, expressed concern to Director Hoover on 2/24/64, about Marina Oswald running out before further testimony obtained. He asked about a stakeout on her. Director Hoover suggested a telephone tap could also be considered. Approval for tap obtained from Attorney General Kennedy on 2/25/64. Microphone coverage approved internally 2/27/64. Telephone coverage established at residence in Richardson, Texas, 2/29/64. Microphone coverage established there 3/2/64.

Coverage resulted in uncovering of negotiations between Marina Oswald and her attorney which was considered undesirable. No significant results obtained along lines of purpose of coverage. Inspector J. R. Malley discussed discontinuance with Rankin on 3/6/64, and he said there was no objection. Coverage removed 3/12/64. The pertinent information that was obtained was furnished to Warren Commission when received. Report covering coverage was prepared but not sent to Warren Commission since if it was made part of public record it would be readily apparent the information came from technical coverage. No indications found of bugging of Marina Oswald's hotel room. A Washington Field Office letterhead memorandum was sent to Warren Commission which contained information regarding long-distance telephone calls obtained from [REDACTED] which could be mistaken for telephone tap.

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DETAILS: The 10/30/75, edition of the "New York Times" newspaper carries an article by John M. Crewdson on page 34 entitled "Tap On Marina Oswald's Room Reported by Ex-FBI Official." Information in the article, attributed to an unnamed former FBI official, says the FBI tapped Marina Oswald's telephone and bugged her living quarters after the assassination of President Kennedy. The article states the coverage continued for some months but to the best of the recollection of the ex-official, no information was developed which bore directly on Lee Harvey Oswald's motives or supported suspicions held by some FBI officials that Oswald was involved in a conspiracy against the President's life. These suspicions prompted the Bureau to initiate its electronic coverage of Mrs. Oswald, according to the ex-official. Also according to the official, the FBI failed to report either the fact of the surveillance or its product to investigators for the Warren Commission.

The article set forth interviews of two Warren Commission staff members who said they could not remember having been told of the coverage. Another staff member said he recalled having been told that the FBI had bugged the hotel room that Mrs. Oswald occupied on her visit to Washington to testify before the Commission.

The bugging of the hotel room was also confirmed by the ex-FBI official who said it produced nothing apparently related to the investigation at hand.

The FBI is quoted as saying that it had "conducted an electronic surveillance of Marina Oswald's residence from 2/29/64, to 3/12/64, based upon written approval of the Attorney General of the United States." The article says the FBI denied having conducted electronic eavesdropping on Mrs. Oswald at her Washington hotel (A copy of the newspaper article is attached, numbered one).

The General Investigative Division has developed the following information regarding this matter. On 2/24/64, Director J. Edgar Hoover prepared a memorandum relating to a conversation he had on that date with J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the Warren Commission. Mr. Rankin expressed concern that Mrs. Oswald might run out on the Commission before they had an opportunity to get her back for further testimony. He said he was wondering about a stakeout on her which would watch her and see who is visiting her for a while. According to the memorandum, Mr. Hoover suggested a telephone tap could be considered in addition to the

stakeout since there would not be a trial so any information would not be excluded (A copy of Mr. Hoover's 2/24/64, memorandum is attached. The comments regarding a telephone tap are on page six. Filed in 105-126032-66, numbered two).

On 2/24/64, a memorandum was prepared for the Attorney General stating the FBI had received a request from the President's Commission on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy for a technical surveillance regarding Marina Oswald. The Attorney General was requested to authorize installation of a technical surveillance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Declan P. Ford in Dallas, Texas (where Marina Oswald was living at the time), or at any other address to which Marina Oswald may move in the future. Attorney General Robert Kennedy signed his approval to this memorandum on 2/25/64. (A copy of this Attorney General approval is attached. Filed in National Security Electronic Surveillance File maintained by the Intelligence Division, numbered three).

By memorandum from Mr. Sullivan to Mr. Belmont 2/27/64, microphone surveillance was requested and approved for the residence of Mrs. Oswald, 629 Beltline Road, Richardson, Texas. She had rented this residence and was expected to move there from the Ford residence on the weekend of 2/29 to 3/1/64. (Copy of 2/27/64, memorandum attached. Kept in Special File Room, 105-82555-2400, numbered four).

On 2/28/64, the Director sent a letter to Mr. Rankin which referenced the discussion of 2/24/64, in which Mr. Rankin requested the FBI to conduct appropriate investigation to determine the contacts and activities of Marina Oswald. Information was set forth in the letter which came from a physical surveillance which was instituted after the 2/24/64, discussion. (The 2/28/64, letter to Rankin attached, 105-126032-80, numbered five). No installations were made at the Declan Ford residence since Marina Oswald was moving from there shortly after the approvals were granted. They were made at Mrs. Oswald's new residence in Richardson, Texas. The telephone surveillance was established at 4:35 p.m., 2/29/64. The microphone installation was completed and placed in operation at 4:30 p.m., 3/2/64. (See attached 3/2/64, Dallas airtel enclosing two FD-142s both captioned "Recommendation For Installation of Technical or Microphone Surveillance." Kept in Special File Room, 105-82555-2363, numbered six).