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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-16-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

On 3-13-64, [REDACTED] furnished Inspector Kemper of your office a copy of a letter he had received that day from captioned individual. [REDACTED] office had received previous correspondence from this individual requesting assistance in processing his claim for disability as a result of military service. In the letter received by [REDACTED] on March 13th, [REDACTED] stated in part, "my old buddy Lee Oswald told me last summer on a bus to Mobile, that when he went out of this world, he wanted the whole world to know it, I think he got his wish. that money I give him as a loan from one friend to another, well I probly never will see it any damn way, but I got enough pleasure Nov. 22 about dinner time, just watching television."

[REDACTED] office also furnished a copy of a letter, dated 3-11-64, from Dr. J. W. Giles, Director Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama, which indicated that [REDACTED] was admitted to that hospital in September, 1961. He was characterized as being schizophrenic and having a history of "irresistible urge to destructiveness and uncontrollable temper, now in remission. [REDACTED] was readmitted to this hospital briefly in late 1962, and was also in the Montgomery VA Hospital briefly in 1963. The letter indicated that he is receiving a nonservice-connected pension of \$85 a month for arthritis. It is noted that this letter from [Giles] was initiated on the basis of allegations against the Tuskegee Hospital made to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles contain no reference to [REDACTED]. We conducted an applicant-type investigation regarding Hilliard Grady Ward, Jr., [REDACTED] in 1957 in connection with his employment with the Atomic Energy Commission at Clarksville, Tennessee. This investigation disclosed no unfavorable information. Copies of [REDACTED] letter and the letter by [Dr. Giles] are attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That attached airtel be sent to SAC, Mobile, instructing that [REDACTED] be immediately interviewed concerning his statements regarding Oswald and that records of VA Hospitals at Tuskegee and Montgomery be reviewed for information reflecting on [REDACTED] mental stability.

Enclosures (3)
 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (3)
 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (3)

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo

RE: [REDACTED]

(Recommendations continued)

2. That upon receipt of the results of this investigation, someone in your (Mr. DeLoach's) office contact [REDACTED] to advise him of the information obtained.

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Dear [redacted]

MAR 13 '60

I received your letter today that you mailed March 9 and it says the same thing that you said I received way over a month ago by Senator Hill. Now about these statements I submitted, I'm sure my father, my mother, and brother [redacted] who first gave my claim back in 1961, when they advised me to Proyer could have submitted these statements long before I finally associated some of the boys of Tranquility out of me that I take for. They had been leaving it up to [Mr. Paul Little] who is a service officer here in Montgomery. He had been telling my mother and brother [redacted] that he had passed my case several times and they had been down and down over 2 1/2 years now. Now the VA letter I wrote you and Senator Hill back in December 67, the VA sent a letter saying that the VA would be to submit statements to support my claim, well that would like to me my own nerves were down from before, I just don't know, but I do think if they just check some of the women in my recent letter to you the other day, that I think it will prove some facts concerning my service connected compensation.

I'm been writing Senator Niel and you and also
won over the President Lyndon B. Johnson
and he also referred my letter to him back
in December to the U.S. down here and they
said about the same thing, that my illness
was first shown in '65, which is not true.
I would swear and I'm sure my people
who own my claim but in '65 would have
wrote you a long long time ago about this
matter, but [Mr. Pattle] has been talking
my mother and brother Tommy who own
my claim that he had been appealing this
after time for over 7 1/2 years. I'm going
to tell you one thing [REDACTED]

I'm getting sick more and more each day
from worrying so damn much like I've been
ever since they carried me to Logans back in
'65 about my security I know I'm entitled to
and I'm also going to tell you something else
and I don't give a damn who see this or
who you tell, your secretary, I know any
damn body, I don't give a damn, this hell with
it and that is a certain hospital, along with
me worrying about my confinement, but
mainly the hospital, that I may have
mentioned in my letter the other day.

just might have put your del. President (3)
in his damn grave. I want to go into no
details, I'd be a damn fool if I did, but you
can take that part of it or leave it, I
don't got a damn, like I say when you worry
you just get more sick and sometimes
when you see things that you're not
right, well it just makes ^{you} a little sicker too.
I can tell you this much though, [My old
buddy Les Oswald told me last summer
on a bus to mobile, that when he went out
of this world, he wanted the whole world
to know it, I think he got his wish. That
morning I give him a a loan from one friend
to another, well I probably never will see
it any damn way, but I got enough pleasure
Nov 22 about dinner time, just watching
television.] and I can tell you something
else [redacted] that damn hospital
I mention in my letter, the VA hospital that is
about put a damn brother of a former President
in his damn grave last year right here
in Montgomery Ala, right at the foot of
State Capital steps. I guess maybe God
must have been using a loud speaker that
day, or maybe I just had a heart and felt

good after I had somebody back to keep them
from doing something bad. It was too bad
I guess that I won't in & allow up there
in there on that 6th floor of the boat club
to hold the same party back again, I may
not win could have had a big heart that
day who know, so I close this letter

[redacted] and ask you again
very kindly, if you couldn't make the
VA work speed up my benefits I know I'm
entitled to. What you and Congressman
George Andrews and Senator Jester Hill
and proper VA officials do about that damn
hospital is your damn business, but I
would like to say that I do believe that if you
would take that recommendation I mention
in my letter the other day, about building
another hospital somewhere for decent white
folks and a lot of decent Negro folks, who
are sick that want to get better, instead
of worse, the things like that happen.

A week after my birthday in November
1963, don't have to happen. You know a
man that's already sick, well it's not
so hard to brainwash him, and I can tell
you something else [redacted]

What I've told you in this letter, well Mr. ^(S)
Bobby Kennedy and President Lyndon B
Johnson and the Warren Commission, haven't
released these facts, and probably never will,
but they draw from a couple of tape
recordings in a certain laundrette about
2^o clock in the morning of Dec 27, 1963, right
here in Montgomery and from a letter to
his daughter Lynda while she was a student
at Tulsa in Tulsa, that brought them tape
recordings here and of course some of the
investigation are still here in town, and
probably may even open this letter and read it
before it comes to you. Like I say I don't
give a damn, what can it prove. I appreciate
all you and Senator Hill have done for me
and are continuing to do for me from the
bottom of my heart. Well I guess you
and your secretary will probably laugh
and say he's pulling something out of his, well
like I say eh, man you worry, the sucker you
get, and will close now
Sincerely
[Redacted]

Montgomery Ala
36106

I'd appreciate ~~you~~ having you get the
letter

P.S. I also wrote ^{to my} ~~the~~ ^{boy} and told
him my ^{was} ~~was~~ sick and didn't mean
no harm to him and also wrote his
wife Maria and told her what
her husband done, wasn't his fault
because the World is sick, and gets
more sicker each day that goes by

P.S. Am enclosing picture taken while
at Sault Ste Marie in ¹⁹⁵⁶ ~~1956~~, just to
show you how happy I used to look,
I don't have none of me today, but I
guess I do look pretty sad now
that I'm standing behind bars

Director, FBI

3/17/64

Legat, Rome (62-168) (RUC)

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

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3/17/64.

The information in the attached memorandum was furnished on the evening of 3/16/64 by the [redacted], which classified the information SECRET and which advised there was no objection to its dissemination to the President's Commission.

Nine 8" x 10" photographs of the C14 rifle are enclosed for the Bureau. Also enclosed is an Autostat of one page which is the manifest for shipment #3376 which departed Port of Genoa, Italy, on 9/28/60. The manifest discloses rifle C14 was included in this shipment.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Washington, D. C.
March 17, 1964

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

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The following information was furnished by a confidential source abroad on March 16, 1964:

1. Rifle C14 was manufactured by the Fabbrica Armi Esercito Terni - di Terni (the Army Arms Plant of Terni, Italy).
2. The number C2766 which appears on the barrel of the C14 rifle is the serial number of the rifle.
3. The C14 rifle is the only one of its type which bears serial number C2766.
4. It was not possible to definitely establish how many of this type of rifle were sold. It was established, however, that the Carlo Riva Machine Shop of Brescia, Italy, shipped rifles of the same type to Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., 404 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y., telephone number Wisconsin 4-4490. Rifle C14 was one of the rifles in a lot of 5200 so shipped. This shipment, numbered 3376, was shipped from the Port of Genoa, Italy, on the ship "Elettra Fassio" on September 28, 1960.

Concerning the shipment of these rifles to Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., there is presently a legal proceeding by the Carlo Riva Machine Shop to collect payment for the shipment of the rifles which Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., claims were defective.



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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.

The owner of the Carlo Riva Machine Shop, during a visit made to the United States in December of 1960, verified that about 7,000 of the rifles shipped to Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., were in the possession of a company owned by Louis Feldsott of Yonkers, New York.

There follows a detailed description of the markings and numbers which appear in the photographs of the C14 rifle, serial number C2766:

Photograph 1. Depicts one of the weapons 91/38 modified by the Carlo Riva Machine Shop and sold to the Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., of New York.

Photograph 2. The number C2766 is definitely the serial number of the rifle. The letters "SD" mean the inspector of the rifle.


Photograph 3. 1940 is the year of manufacture. The inscription "MADE ITALY" was placed on the rifle by Carlo Riva Machine Shop at the request of Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc. The crown emblem means the rifle was tested by the Army Arms Company.

Photograph 4. 1940 is the year of manufacture. "MADE ITALY" is the inscription Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., wanted inscribed on the weapon prior to shipment. The crown R. E. Terni means the rifle was manufactured and tested by the Army Arms plant of Terni, Italy. "CAL.6.5" indicates the caliber of the rifle.

Photograph 5. The crown and TNI means the barrel of the rifle was inspected by an official of the Army Arms plant of Terni, Italy.

Photograph 6. It was not possible to establish what the letters "AG-47-2" mean; most probably they indicate the quality of steel used to manufacture the rifle and the letters remained after the rifle was completed.

Photograph 7. "Rocca" indicates the name of the designer or artisan of the rifle who manufactured and furnished the bolt cocking piece. Rocca, in fact, is named Giuseppe Rocca, who owned a machine shop in Lumezzane, Brescia, Italy. The shop is no longer in existence.



Photograph 8. P.G indicate the initials of the designer who during the period of manufacture of the rifle furnished the bolt handle.

Photograph 9. The number 40 indicates the year of manufacture while the mark on the extreme right of the photograph is the inscription made by the person who inspected the breech.

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 3-16-64

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY
VISUAL AIDS

Referenced memo Gauthier to Callahan 3-14-64. The source for the photographs used in preparing the below mentioned brochures are as follows:

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B. Texas School Book Depository, Dallas, Texas

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley) (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad (Sent Direct)

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1 copy each brochure
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for [unclear] per
[unclear] [unclear]

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3- [unclear]

Memo Gauthier to Callahan
Re: Visual Aids
3-16-64

C. Bus and Taxi Exhibits

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RECOMMENDATION:

None; for information only.

Handwritten initials and date:
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March 26, 1964

[Redacted]

BY COMAIPS SERVICE
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Raupach

Honorable C. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

[Redacted]

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of February 22, 1964, concerning the C14 rifle, a 6.5 millimeter Italian Service Rifle, Serial Number 23763. U

Enclosed are two copies of a "Secret" memorandum, also photographs prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory and a copy of one page of the shipping manifest, number 3375 relating to the C14 rifle. U

This completes your request and upon removal of the classified enclosure this communication becomes unclassified. U

Sincerely yours,

- Enclosure (2)
- 1 - 62-109060
- 1 - Mr. R. A. Frazier
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Foreign Liaison

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE:

By letter dated February 28, 1964, the President's Commission requested information concerning rifle C14 utilized in the assassination. The Commission desired to know at what plant the rifle was manufactured, was serial number C2766, appearing on the rifle, the only rifle of this type bearing this number, and how many other rifles were likely to have had this number. Least, Rome obtained this information from the [redacted] classified Secret. [redacted] had no objection to this information being disseminated to the Commission. The data furnished indicates C14 rifle is the only one which contained serial number C2766. One page of the shipping manifest, bearing this serial number plus nine photographs utilized in the identification of the rifle prepared by the Laboratory, are also being submitted to the Commission.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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| Miss Holmes | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy | ✓ |

FBI DALLAS

8-09 PM CST URGENT 3-8-64 LJH

TO DIRECTOR 105-32,555

FROM DALLAS 100-10,461 1-P.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS ~~IS~~ ^{INTERNATIONAL SECURITY - RUSSIA} R - CUBA.

PHOTOGRAPH OF FRAZIER-S CAR AND DETAIL MEASUREMENTS OF FIRST FLOOR TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY (TSBD) AND EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT COMPLETED MARCH SEVEN, 'SIXTYFOUR. DIAGRAM OF FIRST FLOOR TSBD WITH PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING REAR ENTRANCE TO FLOOR, DIAGRAM RELATING PARKING LOT AREA TO TSBD WITH PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING PARKING LOT AND TSBD, CLOSE-UP VIEW OF FRAZIER-S CAR IN PARKING LOT POSITIONED BY FRAZIER APPROX. SAME PLACE CAR WAS PARKED AT TIME OSWALD LEFT CAR ON MORNING NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO, LAST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION ON MARCH NINE, NEXT. DETAIL MEASUREMENTS OF REMAINING FLOORS INCLUDING BASEMENT COMPLETED MARCH EIGHT, INST. DATA FURNISHED EXHIBITS SECTION VIA AMSD, WHERE DRAWINGS WILL BE COMPLETED SOON AS POSSIBLE. NECESSARY TECHNICAL DATA CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF CHARTS, DIAGRAMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS RELATING TO PAINE, RANDLE-FRAZIER HOMES LOCATED IRVING, TEXAS, SCHEDULED FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION ON MARCH NINE, NEXT BY INSPECTOR GAUTHIER AND DALLAS AGENTS KNOWN TO INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED. TWO DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED TO

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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R. J. [Signature]

K. [Signature]

[Signature]

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COMPLETE WORK IN IRVING AND ANOTHER FOUR DAYS TO COMPLETE
CHARTS IN EXHIBITS SECTION. ASSIGNMENT WILL BE COMPLETED
AND AVAILABLE TO COMMISSION BY MARCH SIXTEEN, SIXTYFOUR.

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

APR 10 1964

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3/9/64

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This matter refers to the request received from the Commission 3/4/64. The Commission desired various photographs of the Texas School Book Depository Building and plat of the first floor to be available 3/9/64 in connection with the proposed examination of Buell Wesley Frazier and Fannie Mae Randle. Diagrams and exhibits being prepared to be delivered to Commission

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**PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY**

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MAR 16 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: Assassination of President Kennedy

As of December 27, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised that the paper bag marked Q-10 was not the same type of paper as was used in specimen K-52. Q-10 is identified as the brown wrapping paper in the shape of a long bag which was found near the window from which the shots were fired. K-52 is a replica paper sack made from paper and tape available in the shipping room of the Texas School Book Depository. The report states "it was determined that the paper and tape used for specimen K-52 is different from the paper and tape used for the Q-10 paper bag that was previously submitted in this case." (Gemberling, 1/7/64, "FBI Laboratory Examinations," page 47.)

To the contrary, the supplemental report of the FBI, dated January 13, 1964, at page 4, says

"The FBI Laboratory examined the brown wrapping paper in the shape of a long bag which was found near the window from which the shots were fired. It was determined that the wrapping paper and the three-inch manila tape used to construct the bag were the same as that used by the Texas School Book Depository." - K2(D-1)

We are in doubt. Please submit a report in writing from the laboratory to the tests made and the conclusions drawn.

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J.C. [unclear]*

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