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Date 3/26/64

Mr. JAMES W. FOSTER, Patrolman, Traffic Accident Squad, Dallas Police Department, advised that on November 22, 1963, he was assigned a station on the railroad overpass over Elm, Main and Commerce Streets in Dallas as a station for coverage of the motorcade taken by President KENNEDY. Patrolman FOSTER stated he arrived at this station at approximately 10:15 AM on this date and immediately took up a point on the railroad overpass overlooking the triple intersection. He stated his instructions were not to permit anyone on the overpass and that he worked the east side of the overpass and Patrolman JAMES C. WHITE of the Dallas Police Department was assigned to work the west side of this overpass.

Patrolman FOSTER stated he did not permit anyone on the overpass except about nine Union Terminal Company railroad employees that appeared to be working in the area and moved to the east edge of the overpass shortly prior to the arrival of the Presidential motorcade. Patrolman FOSTER stated he was in a position directly above the south edge of Elm Street at the time the Presidential motorcade arrived. Just as the vehicle in which President KENNEDY was riding reached a point on Elm Street just east of the overpass, Patrolman FOSTER heard a noise that sounded like a large firecracker. He stated his attention was directed to President KENNEDY and he realized something was wrong because of the movement of the President. Another report was heard by Patrolman FOSTER and at about the same time the report was heard, he observed the President's head appear to explode and immediately thereafter, he heard a third report which he knew was a shot. Patrolman FOSTER stated that because of the distance from the place where the shot appeared to come from, he felt the third shot struck President KENNEDY as he heard the sound of the second shot that was fired. He stated the shot sounded as if they came from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository Building, Houston and Elm Streets. Patrolman FOSTER stated he did not see where the shots came from or who fired them.

Immediately after President KENNEDY was struck with a second bullet, the car in which he was riding pulled to the curb, the motorcycle escorts started maneuvering and scattering, a man which he recognized to be a Secret Service agent jumped on to the rear of the President's car and pushed Mrs. KENNEDY down and then climbed into the car, and then Patrolman FOSTER heard

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some unidentified person shout "get out of here", and the President's car sped away.

Patrolman FOSTER stated he immediately surveyed the area where he was stationed overlooking the triple overpass and observed that a freight train had passed headed in a southerly direction and he could not see the west side of the overpass where Patrolman WHITE was stationed. The only other persons on the railroad overpass at this time were the railroad employees standing near Patrolman FOSTER. Patrolman FOSTER then moved from the overpass onto Elm Street in order that he might receive further instructions from his superior officers.

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Mr. JAMES C. WHITE, 2803 Klondike, Dallas, Texas, advised that he was a patrolman of the Dallas Police Department and on November 22, 1963, was assigned to a station on the triple railroad overpass at Elm, Main, and Commerce Streets for coverage of the motorcade route taken by President KENNEDY on that date. Patrolman WHITE stated his station was on the west side of the overpass looking down onto the parade route and just prior to the arrival of the motorcade and President KENNEDY, a freight train passed moving in a southerly direction and blocked his view of the east side of the overpass and buildings to the east of the railroad. He advised that at the time the President was shot, he heard a noise which was possibly the shots fired which killed President KENNEDY, but at the time he thought this noise was caused by torpedoes used by the railroad in directing the movement of freight cars. He advised that by the time the freight car had cleared the track and he was able to move to the east side of the overpass, the vehicle carrying President KENNEDY had left the area for Parkland Memorial Hospital and other policemen had proceeded to secure the scene. Patrolman WHITE stated he was unable to furnish any additional information that might shed any light on this matter.

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ReButel to Dallas 3/19/64 requesting Dallas to endeavor to identify the newspaper source with respect to article appearing in the DALLAS TIMES HERALD newspaper on 12/9/63 alleging that a live round of 6.5 ammunition had been found on the person of LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the time of his arrest.

Enclosed herewith are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum containing interviews with Mr. CHARLES DAMERON, Managing Editor, DALLAS TIMES HERALD newspaper, and Captain WILL FRITZ, Homicide Bureau, Dallas Police Department, which completely negate the allegation contained in the above referenced issue of the DALLAS TIMES HERALD newspaper.

The interviews with Mr. DAMERON and Captain WILL FRITZ were conducted by SA VINCENT E. J. DRAIN.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Dallas, Texas
March 23, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

The following investigation was conducted concerning an article appearing in the DALLAS TIMES HERALD newspaper on December 9, 1963, on Page 19, alleging that a live round of 6.5 ammunition had been found on the person of Lee Harvey Oswald at the time of his arrest on November 22, 1963, by officers of the Dallas Police Department. This article indicated that such information had come from a source who was not identified. The article inferred that the information relating to the finding of this live round of ammunition was in the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On March 20, 1964, Mr. Charles Dameron, Managing Editor, the DALLAS TIMES HERALD newspaper, advised that the story which appeared in the DALLAS TIMES HERALD of December 9, 1963, on Page 19, captioned "Live Shell Reported Found on Oswald" was material obtained from the Dallas Police Department. He stated there was no particular source involved other than Captain Will Fritz of the Homicide Bureau. Mr. Dameron stated he had checked on the information contained in this article and found that the live round of 6.5 ammunition was not taken from the person of Oswald, but was found at the crime scene where the shooting of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald had allegedly occurred.

Mr. Dameron stated that in the confusion during that period, the newspaper had reported that the live round of 6.5 rifle ammunition had been taken off Oswald when he was arrested, rather than reported that it was found at the crime scene. Mr. Dameron advised that the DALLAS TIMES HERALD had no information which would indicate that more than one live round of 6.5 rifle ammunition was recovered by the Dallas Police Department. He stated Captain Will Fritz of the Homicide Bureau of the Dallas Police Department could further clarify this matter.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On March 20, 1964, Captain Will Fritz, Homicide Bureau, Dallas Police Department, advised that one live round of 6.5 rifle ammunition was found in the chamber of the rifle at the time he examined the rifle at the crime scene where Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly shot President Kennedy. He stated the rifle was recovered not far from the window in the Texas School Book Depository which location was believed to have been used by Oswald at the time he shot President Kennedy.

Captain Fritz stated there was only one live round of 6.5 ammunition recovered and that no live round of 6.5 ammunition was recovered from the person of Oswald at the time he was arrested. He stated that the DALLAS TIMES HERALD newspaper had contacted him concerning this, and that they had reported the live round of 6.5 ammunition was recovered from Oswald's person when it should have been reported that this live round of 6.5 ammunition was actually recovered from the gun that Oswald was believed to have used in the shooting of the President. Captain Fritz stated the Dallas Police Department had recovered only one round of 6.5 ammunition and this was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the night of November 22, 1963.

March 27, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Rogge

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 17, 1964, relating to an article appearing in the December 9, 1963, issue of the "Dallas Times Herald" indicating that a live round of 6.8 millimeter ammunition was found on Lee Harvey Oswald at the time of his arrest.

Enclosed for your assistance are two copies of a self-explanatory communication from our Dallas, Texas, Office dated March 23, 1964, setting out the results of our investigation into this allegation.

No further action is being taken in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (2)

1 - 62-109080 (Assassination of President Kennedy)
1 - 62-109080 (President's Commission)
1 - Mr. C.D. DeLoach
1 - I.W. Conrad

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NOTE:

Bankin in above letter advises Commission has been closely following newspaper material so that Commission will be in position to be familiar with various speculations appearing in the press which have been proven false. They admit that based on evidence presently available it has no reason to believe the above allegations are true. However, so that they may be in a position to deal with the article's contents at some future time, the request was submitted. Investigation by Dallas completely repudiates erroneous story in Dallas paper.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 3/27/64

FROM : R. H. Jevons

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

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

Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, a member of the staff of The President's Commission, telephoned on the afternoon of 3/26/64, and inquired as to whether or not we had finished the Laboratory examinations of the bullets and cartridge cases involved in the murder of Officer J. D. Tippit (Officer Tippit was reportedly shot by Oswald.). My memorandum of 3/26/64, covered the results of these examinations.

Mr. Eisenberg was advised that the firearms examinations and the qualitative analysis (analysis for presence of chemical elements) of the bullet alloys had been completed; however, a quantitative analysis (determination of percentages of the chemical elements) had not been finished. Eisenberg replied that he did not desire the quantitative analysis of the alloys at this time; however, if this aspect proved to be of probative value, he would later request that this be done. The Commission was advised of results of the examinations by letter of 3/27/64.

ACTION:

For information.

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- 1-Mr. Belmont
- 1-Mr. Rosen
- 1-Mr. Sullivan
- 1-Mr. Malley

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TO : Mr. Conrad *[Handwritten initials]*

DATE: 3/27/64

FROM : W. D. Griffith *[Handwritten signature]*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Today a letter dated 3/26/64 was received from The Commission requesting translation of "enclosed letter and questions from Paul Sites to Marina Oswald." There were no enclosures received with this letter and pursuant to Mr. Belmont's request I contacted Mr. Eisenberg at The Commission today and advised the enclosures were not received. He stated he would look into the matter immediately.

At the time of this call Mr. Eisenberg requested that the Laboratory expert who had examined the paper bag believed to have been used by Oswald in transporting the rifle from his home in Irving, Texas, to the Texas School Book Depository should be at The Commission at 1:30 P. M., Monday, 3/30/64 for discussion concerning his examination. The expert who handled this examination is SA James C. Cadigan and Mr. Eisenberg was advised that Cadigan would be at The Commission at the time requested.

Mr. Eisenberg also requested that three color sketches prepared by Government pathologists depicting the course and direction of the bullets that struck the President be delivered to The Commission before 1:00 P. M., Monday, 3/30/64. He requested that color photographs of these original exhibits also be delivered to The Commission at that time. I assured him this would be done.

RECOMMENDATION: None. This is for information.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley) *[Handwritten initials]*

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Cecil J. McWatters, a bus driver employed by the Dallas Transit Company, testified before the Commission on Thursday, March 12, 1964.

He stated that on November 23, 1963, he had identified a number 2 man in the line-up at the Dallas police station as a man who had been on his bus on November 22, 1963. He now advises us that he was mistaken, that the young man he was thinking of is a "teen-ager" named Milton Jones. Mr. McWatters has seen this boy on the Marsalis bus several times since the date of November 22, 1963. The boy gets off the bus, which goes south on Marsalis, in the vicinity of Brownley. He lives within two blocks of the bus line, attends school half days, and has a part-time job.

The Commission would appreciate your conducting an appropriate investigation to identify and interview the person described by Mr. McWatters.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)

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RE: HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS DASH R DASH CUBA, ATTENTION
CRIMINAL SECTION.

COMMISSION BY LETTER MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST ADVISED
CECIL J. MC WATTERS, BUS DRIVER, DALLAS TRANSIT COMPANY,
TESTIFIED BEFORE COMMISSION MARCH TWELVE LAST AND STATED ON
NOVEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST HE IDENTIFIED NUMBER QUOTE TWO
UNQUOTE MAN IN LINEUP AS MAN WHO HAD BEEN ON HIS BUS ON
NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO LAST. MC WATTERS ADVISED COMMISSION HE
WAS MISTAKEN AND THAT THE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS THE SUBJECT OF
HIS TESTIMONY IS A QUOTE TEENAGER UNQUOTE NAMED HILTON
JONES. ACCORDING TO COMMISSION, MC WATTERS HAS SEEN THIS
BOY ON MARSHALL'S BUS SEVERAL TIMES SINCE ASSASSINATION. THE
BOY ALLEGEDLY GETS OFF THE SOUTHBOUND BUS IN VICINITY OF
BROWNLEY AND LIVES ABOUT TWO BLOCKS OF BUS LINE, ATTENDS
SCHOOL HALF DAYS, AND HAS PART TIME JOB. COMMISSION REQUESTS
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW THE
PERSON DESCRIBED BY MC WATTERS.

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TRANSMIT TO SAC DALLAS
RE: SA HARVEY OSWALD

YOUR ATTENTION DIRECTED TO SA GEMBERLING-S REPORT
NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST, PAGE THREE FOUR SIX, WHICH IS AN
FD THREE ZERO TWO DATED NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE SIXTYTHREE,
REFLECTING INTERVIEW OF MC WATTERS WHEREIN HE STATES HE
WENT TO DALLAS PD ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST AND PICKED A
MAN OUT OF THE LINEUP WHO WAS IDENTIFIED AS OSWALD. HE
EMPHASIZED HE COULD NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY OSWALD AS BEING
THE SAME PERSON ON HIS BUS.

DALLAS IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION,
BEARING IN MIND PRIOR INTERVIEWS OF MC WATTERS, INSURING
ALL PERTINENT DATA DEVELOPED AS TO JONES IDENTITY, LOCATION
ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST, IF HE WAS ON BUS AND WHICH ONE
ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST, ETC. HANDLE PROMPTLY. ENDEAVOR
TO HAVE RESULTS IN BUREAU AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

MC WATTERS SHOULD NOT BE REINTERVIEWED.

NOTE:

FD-302 submitted by Dallas indicates he identified
Oswald tentatively on 11/22/63 and not on 11/23 as Commission
alleges. Other Dallas investigation has established that
Oswald has admitted being on a bus shortly after leaving
his employment at the Texas School Book Depository Building
but left this bus because of the traffic snarl. Mrs. Mary
Blodges, a former landlady of Oswald, was interviewed on
11/23/63 and said she saw Oswald on a Marsalis bus on
11/22/63. This matter will be closely followed at the
Bureau and when the results are obtained they will be
furnished to the Commission.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 3/26/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

At 9:20 a. m. this morning, in the absence of Inspector Malley, SA Scatterday received a telephone call from Mr. Howard Willens of the President's Commission with regard to the material requested by the Commission in connection with the killing of Officer Tippit, as pointed out in memorandum from Mr. Gauthier to Mr. Callahan on 3/24/64. The Commission had originally requested this material by April 1, and subsequently requested it to be delivered to the Commission by 9:00 a. m. on March 26, 1964.

The purpose of Mr. Willens' call was to ascertain when he would receive the Tippit material which he had requested by 9:00 a. m. this date. He was advised the matter would be checked on and he would be called back. A check with the messenger service reveals this material was delivered at 6:35 p. m. on the evening of 3/25/64 and was received for by Mr. Willens' secretary, Adele Lippard.

Scatterday tried to contact Mr. Willens at 9:30 a. m. to point out the fact that this material had been delivered to the Commission on the evening of March 25, at 6:35. Mr. Willens' secretary advised he was temporarily out of his office. Word was left for Willens to call as soon as he returned. As of 11:00 a. m. he has not returned the call. When he does call it will be pointed out to him that the material which he requested was in his office last night.

ACTION: For information.

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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