

January 17, 1964

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

1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Stokes

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 10, 1964, requesting the original documents contained in three metal boxes which were referred to on page 828 in the report in the Jack Ruby case of Special Agent Manning C. Clements, dated November 30, 1963, at Dallas, Texas.

We have been advised that the material you desire is in the possession of the Dallas Police Department. This material will be obtained and forwarded to you when it is received.

In addition to this material, we are in possession of copies of four handwritten letters in the Russian language dated May 16, July 14, July 21 and August 24, 1963, directed to Mrs. Marina Oswald from Mrs. Ruth Paine. These letters were found by the Dallas Police Department among the possessions of Mrs. Oswald subsequent to the assassination. Enclosed are two copies each of translations of these letters.

In addition, we have learned that subsequent to the assassination, Mrs. Marina Oswald was in receipt of an undated letter in the Russian language believed to have been dispatched by Mrs. Paine. Two copies of a translation of this letter are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

Incoming notes from our 12/2/ Dallas report in Oswald case that Mrs. Paine admitted corresponding with Marina Oswald in Russian. It notes that according to our 11/30 report in Ruby case the Dallas Police were in possession of three metal boxes containing personal correspondence of Mrs. Paine. Apparently, in the belief that copies of Paine's letter to Mrs. Oswald would be among the documents in the metal boxes (such is not the case) the Commission asked that we obtain the original Paine documents. Dallas has obtained them and is sending them. Memo Branigan to Sullivan 1/15/64 in Oswald case stated that when received we would re-review the documents, photograph them for record purposes and forward the originals to the Commission. We do have in our files translations of five letters sent by Mrs. Paine to Mrs. Oswald and as these are undoubtedly the documents Commission is interested in, we are enclosing copies of full translations.