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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to report in the Lee Harvey Oswald case of Special Agent Gerard James Horton dated December 19, 1963, at San Francisco, California, setting forth the allegation of Robert Edmond Gallant, an inmate of the Santa Clara Prison Farm, San Jose, California, that he saw Oswald in Mexico City on July 12, 1963.

On January 7, 1964, Robert Edmond Gallant was afforded a polygraph examination at the Santa Clara County Jail by a Special Agent of our San Francisco Office. In the opinion of the examiner, the emotional responses recorded by the polygraph were not the responses of a normal person telling the truth, but were indicative of an emotionally unstable individual. Gallant was vague and rambling in his speech, made general statements unsupported by specific examples, and manifested the symptoms of paranoia; namely, fixed suspicions and delusions of grandeur. In this respect, Gallant claimed that all political leaders in Mexico were communists, that he was a doctor of electronic engineering, a general in a secret Mexican army, and an associate of a Mexican millionaire.

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In view of these observations, the results of the polygraph examination were inconclusive. It was the opinion of the examiner, however, that Gallant's allegation that he saw Oswald in Mexico City in July, 1963, was untrue.

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Our investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald has established that on Friday, July 12, 1963, he was employed at the William B. Reilly Company plant in New Orleans from 8:27 a.m., to 5:01 p.m., and on that date was paid his salary for the week ending July 13, 1963.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Believed advisable to furnish Commission with results of our polygraph exam of Gallant who made wild allegation that he learned from an agent he operates in the Cuban Embassy, Mexico City, that on 7-12-63 Oswald was at the embassy seeking visa. He also alleged that his agent pointed out Oswald to him in Mexico City 7-12-63. Results of polygraph have been discussed with Mr. Bell Herndon of the Lab who agrees with language of report.