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THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

Since the tragic assassination of our late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy on November 22, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, this Bureau has forwarded to the President's Commission in excess of 12,800 pages of investigative results broken down as follows:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Pages</u>
Investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald and related matters	8650
Jack L. Ruby, Civil Rights investigation	4200

In addition, our Laboratory has furnished the Commission with over 2400 photographs.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

1. At the present time the General Investigative Division has a total of nine pending requests from the President's Commission, the oldest dated February 21, 1964, and the most recent dated March 4, 1964. The status of each of these in chronological order is set out below.

By letter dated February 21, 1964, the President's Commission requested investigation to establish how the photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald carrying a rifle and pistol came into the possession of various news media. This photograph received considerable nationwide publicity as a cover for "Life" magazine. Dallas was immediately requested to run this matter down and by communication dated March 3, 1964, this material was furnished to the Bureau and is in the process of being assembled for transmission to the Commission.

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ENCLOSURE

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2. By letter dated February 21, 1964, the Commission submitted a three-page request for technical and other related information concerning the rifle used in the assassination. This request is very extensive and requires the obtaining of original documents of numerous items such as shipping documents, invoices, bills of lading, etc. This was immediately relayed to the field for expeditious attention. This request requires technical examination by our Laboratory as well as extensive work by our Dallas Office. The technical data has now been assembled and the numerous documents are being obtained, some of which are already in the possession of the Bureau. This matter is being closely followed and when all items are obtained they will be promptly furnished to the Commission.

3. By letter dated February 24, 1964, the Commission referred to us two matters which necessitated leads being covered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to interview a reporter for the "Milwaukee Journal" concerning the alleged signature of Oswald on a register at the "Fox and Hounds" restaurant, and research work by our Dallas Office concerning a photograph which appeared in "The Saturday Evening Post" in which an individual was observed who resembled Lee Harvey Oswald. Both of these matters have been handled and a current letter to the Commission under the date of March 9, 1964, has been prepared.

4. By letter dated February 28, 1964, the Commission requested still additional information relating to the rifle used in the assassination. This particular request necessitates leads be covered by our Legal Attache in Rome with the Italian Munitions Industry. Prior to referring this matter to the Legal Attache considerable research was necessary at the Bureau in order to facilitate the Legal Attache's handling of this request. By communication dated March 6, 1964, this matter was referred to the Legal Attache in Rome requesting expeditious handling.

5. By letter dated March 2, 1964, the Commission requested we obtain copies of Immigration and Naturalization Service records of Jack L. Ruby's parents, Joseph and Fannie Rubenstein. It also requested we obtain all available records of toll calls made by Ruby, his three brothers and four sisters and twelve persons known to have been in contact with Ruby between September 26, 1963, and November 22, 1963. This is currently being afforded expeditious handling by the field.

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6. By letter dated March 3, 1964, the Commission asked for copies of all records of interviews with Jack L. Ruby or other persons who referred to Ruby prior to November 23, 1963, in all FBI files. This is currently receiving expeditious handling by the field.

7. By letter dated March 3, 1964, the Commission requested a transcript of all radio transmissions from local and state police capable of being received in Dallas, Texas, from 12:20 p.m., November 22, 1963, until 6:00 p.m., November 24, 1963, as related to the assassination of President Kennedy and related matters. This matter has been referred to the field for expeditious handling.

8. By letter dated March 3, 1964, the Commission referred to us an allegation made by Marina Oswald's former business manager, Mr. James Herbert Martin during his testimony before the President's Commission on February 27, 1964, relating to an alleged telephone call made from Atlanta, Georgia, to Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack L. Ruby. This matter has been resolved by the field and the letter to the Commission under date of March 9, 1964, has been prepared.

9. The Commission by letter dated March 4, 1964, requested the production of numerous items of evidence as well as various diagrams and sketches in connection with the contemplated testimony of Buell Wesley Frazier and Linnie Mae Randle before the Commission on March 11, 1964. This request has necessitated the sending of a crew from our Exhibits Section to Dallas to prepare detailed sketches to comply with this request. This matter is being followed closely and afforded expeditious attention.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

This Division has seven pending special requests of the President's Commission for investigation in this matter. The earliest of these requests is January 13, 1964 and the latest request is March 3, 1964. Set out below is a chronological summary of each of the seven pending requests furnishing the status of each:

1. By letter dated January 13, 1964, the Commission requested this Bureau to initiate a full scale background, intelligence investigation of Michael Paine and his wife, Ruth Paine. Marina Oswald was residing at the Paine residence at the time of the assassination. We have initiated such investigation and have furnished the Commission reports setting out results of such investigation to date. Our investigation of the Paines is continuing.
2. By letter dated February 12, 1964, the Commission requested this Bureau initiate a full scale background investigation of George and Jeanne De Mohrenschildt, acquaintances of Marina and Lee Harvey Oswald. Such investigation was instituted and we are reviewing summary reports just received on these individuals and will furnish them to the Commission in the immediate future.
3. By letter dated February 12, 1964, the Commission made inquiry into certain facets of our investigation relating to Oswald's trip to Mexico between September 26, 1963 and October 3, 1963. The Commission was particularly interested in the manifest of the Transportes Frontera Company and identities of passengers of this bus during the above period. This necessitated extensive investigation in Mexico and at the border. Our letter of February 25, 1964 furnished the Commission results of our inquiries to that date and informed the Commission that further details would be furnished as developed. We are affording this phase of our investigation close and continual attention on a priority basis.
4. On February 24, 1964, Mr. J. Lee Rankin, during meeting with the Director, orally requested that this Bureau conduct appropriate investigation of

Marina Oswald to determine her contacts and activities. Appropriate instructions were issued to the Field and results of our coverage are being immediately sent to the Commission on a day-to-day basis.

5. On February 25, 1964, Mr. Rankin orally requested of Inspector J. R. Malley that this Bureau make arrangements to have talks or meetings at which Mark Lane appears recorded by any means. We have issued appropriate instructions to the Field and transcripts and tapes where available relating to Lane's speeches and meetings are being furnished to the Commission as received from the Field.
6. On February 26, 1964, Mr. Howard Willens of the Commission orally requested Inspector Malley to obtain recordings of all of Marguerite Oswald's appearances. The Field has been so instructed and recordings and transcripts of her appearances are being furnished the Commission as obtained.
7. By letter dated March 3, 1964, the Commission requested investigation of six different items resulting from Marina Oswald's testimony before the Commission. The six items included:
  1. Locate two thick books on history of the United States carefully read by Oswald
  2. Determine whether the rifle of Oswald's did or did not have a mounted scope when shipped to him by the seller
  3. Conduct investigation in vicinity of Love Field in Dallas in attempt to find practice range where Oswald may have fired his rifle
  4. Make handwriting examination of a note that may have been used by Marina Oswald and a friend, Mr. George Bouhe. The note was not enclosed from the Commission and we so informed the Commission by letter dated March 6, 1964.

5. Conduct handwriting examination to definitely determine if Oswald was right or left handed. We answered this request in our letter to the Commission dated March 6, 1964.

6. Ascertain whether the 15 power telescope and hunting knife furnished to the Commission belonged to the Paines, and if not, attempt to trace their origin.

We have issued appropriate instructions to the Field in connection with the above-listed items and as soon as the investigation is received at the Bureau it will be forwarded to the Commission.