

September 10, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of September 3, 1964, enclosing six photographs of Jack L. Ruby and requesting that we have certain named persons identify Ruby in these photographs. It was also requested that we obtain a photograph of Jack L. Ruby published on page 12 of the "New York Times" on November 25, 1963, and a photograph of Lee Oswald printed on page A-25 of the "Dallas Morning News" on November 25, 1963.

Enclosed herewith are two copies each of a memorandum dated September 7, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, and a memorandum dated September 9, 1964, at New York, New York, setting forth investigation in response to your request. Also enclosed are the six pictures which were furnished by you to be exhibited. One copy of the requested photograph which appeared in the "New York Times," page 12 on November 25, 1963, is enclosed herewith. One copy of this photograph has been furnished to the Exhibits Section of the FBI for their use in preparation of an exhibit of which you are aware.

With regard to the photograph appearing on page A-25 of the "Dallas Morning News" on November 25, 1963, Mr. Griffin of the President's Commission was previously advised on September 8, 1964, that such a picture does not appear in "Dallas Morning News" of that date but rather it appeared on page A-25 of the "Dallas Times Herald." Mr. Griffin advised that the photograph in the "Dallas Times Herald" was the one desired.

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Honorable J. Leo Rankin

Contact with the "Dallas Times Herald" disclosed that the photograph desired was a United Press International (UPI) photograph and would have to be obtained from UPI Headquarters, New York, New York. Mr. Frank Tremaine, Vice-president in Charge of Photographs, UPI, New York City, upon contact September 9, 1964, advised that he would not release the photograph in the absence of a stipulation from the President's Commission that neither the picture nor any copies thereof would be made available to any media for reproduction or use in any way and that the picture would be published only in the President's Commission's report with a credit to UPI and that the picture would be protected against copying by any one from the report by proper notice to that effect printed in the report. Mr. Griffin was telephonically advised of this by Special Agent J. William Hines of this Bureau on September 10, 1964, at which time Mr. Griffin stated that the matter of obtaining the UPI picture would be handled by the President's Commission directly with Mr. Tremaine of UPI. No further efforts will be made by the FBI to obtain this picture in the absence of a further request from the President's Commission.

This concludes the investigation requested in your letter of September 3, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (11)

NOTE:

The Commission's request as set forth above was received 9/4/64 and investigation immediately initiated on that date. The Commission requested that we obtain the results by 9/10/64.