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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan *WAB*

SUBJECT: LIBERO RICCIARDELLI
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DATE: November 24, 1963

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Lee

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On November 22, 1963, 11:07 p.m., Adam Yarmolinsky, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, suggested by telephone call that other defectors with similar backgrounds to that of Lee Harvey Oswald might have been in Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963, and might have been involved in the assassination of the President. One of the names he furnished was that of Libero Piccardelli.

This undoubtedly refers to Libero Ricciardelli. Our files show Ricciardelli was born June 18, 1917, at Needham, Massachusetts. He served in the U. S. Air Force from 1943 until 1947 when he was separated as a captain. He served in the U. S. Air Force Reserve from June 1947 until September 1957 when he was retired for physical reasons as a major. On September 30, 1958, he obtained a passport for himself, his wife and three children for a three-month pleasure trip to Russia and in February 1959 they traveled to Russia. On July 19 and 20, 1959, a story was carried in the Washington Capitol News Service that the subject had written an open letter announcing his desires to stay in Russia and requesting Soviet citizenship.

On September 27, 1962, he executed an application for a United States passport at the American Embassy, Moscow. Embassy officials stated that it appeared certain that he had expatriated himself, however, they permitted him to make application for a new passport. During the visit to the American Embassy he stated that he had been trying to move his family to Czechoslovakia. He did admit that he had received a regular Soviet internal passport. The Department of State by memorandum December 5, 1962, advised the American Embassy, Moscow, that his application for a passport was disapproved. Passports were issued to Ricciardelli's wife and three children. He re-entered the United States June 28, 1963, on a nonquota immigrant visa. His wife and three children preceded him to the United States.

The Boston Office, by pretext, discreetly determined that on November 22, 1963, Ricciardelli left Needham, Massachusetts, at 7:00 a.m. to go to Nashua, New Hampshire, where he worked at Hilton Homes until noon. He then proceeded to Merrimack, Massachusetts, 105-72888

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where he worked until 4 p.m. and returned to his home in Needham, Massachusetts, just prior to 6 p.m. In view of the above, Riccardelli could not have been in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

ACTION:

Above is submitted for information purposes.

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