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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 11/26/63

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. DeLoach
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Sullivan
 Mr. Evans

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
 Assassination of the President

I talked with SAC Shanklin, at Dallas, this a.m., and advised him that Assistant AG Miller had received word that the local police wanted to turn over evidence in the Oswald case to our Dallas office. We have considered this and feel that we should accept it; therefore, Shanklin should contact Miller and find out who made the offer and follow through on this.

Shanklin called back at 1:15 p.m. to advise that District Attorney Wade had called, and the police had called, and wanted to turn this evidence over to our office. I told him to go ahead and accept it.

Shanklin said that there was voluminous material which our agents had gone through at the police department, although not completely, including boxes of personal possessions, correspondence, camera, etc. It also included material that the police had picked up from Mrs. Paine, the landlady where Mrs. Oswald lived. In view of the amount of material, Shanklin said it would be very tedious and a long drawn-out job to attempt to itemize each item in these boxes, such as correspondence, etc.

I told Shanklin that the agents should take a look at the material the police picked up from Mrs. Paine, the landlady, and in the absence of anything pertinent it should be left with the police to return to her.

Relative to the effects of Oswald and his wife, these should be accepted, and the important items of evidence, such as the rifle, paper with the palmprint on it, and any items of monetary value, should be individually inventoried. The rest, such as boxes of correspondence, etc., can be described generally, if acceptable to the police.

I also told Mr. Shanklin to be sure that agents had personally gone through the room where Oswald used to live, and the place where his wife stayed in the suburbs. I pointed out that it is imperative that we be sure we have picked up any information that will be of assistance in establishing Oswald's associations, his contacts with the Soviet Embassy, the Communist Party, or any other groups of interest, and any indication of his motive for the assassination.

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