

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Handley
- 1 - Mr. Rogge
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

January 14, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
 Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

This is in response to your inquiry as to how Dallas Police broadcasted a description of Lee Harvey Oswald which enabled Officer J. D. Tippit to stop Oswald soon after President Kennedy's assassination.

A review of transcripts of the Dallas Police Department radio logs for November 22, 1963, indicates President Kennedy was assassinated at approximately 12:30 P. M. Commencing at 12:43 P. M. and periodically thereafter until the apprehension of Oswald the police dispatcher put out a suspect broadcast on an unidentified individual whose description approximated that of Oswald.

The Dallas Police Department has advised the above broadcast was initiated on the basis of a description furnished by an unidentified citizen who had observed an individual approximating Oswald's description running from the Texas School Book Depository Building immediately after the assassination. Although this citizen was requested by Dallas authorities to proceed to the Sheriff's Office for further questioning he apparently never appeared as the Dallas Sheriff's Office can locate no record on this citizen.

For your additional information immediately after the assassination, Mr. Roy S. Truly, Warehouse Superintendent of the Texas School Book Depository Building, was requested by the Dallas Police to check on his employees at which time he determined Oswald was missing. Based on our investigation it would appear within fifteen to twenty minutes after the President was shot, Dallas Police were also in possession of this information.

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The radio logs further indicate Officer Tippit was last in contact with the police dispatcher at 12:54 P. M. at which time he stated he was in the Oak Cliff Section of Dallas where he was subsequently shot at approximately 1:18 P. M. and where Oswald was later apprehended.

If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Mr. Rankin made the above request of Mr. J. R. Malley. The radio logs referred to in the above letter were taped by the Dallas Police Department and transcribed by the U. S. Secret Service. Copies of the transcripts were obtained by us from Secret Service.

Information re the unidentified citizen whose information initiated the Dallas Police Department broadcast on 11-22-63, was obtained from Inspector J. H. Sawyer, Dallas Police Department by our Dallas Office on 1-9-64.

The following information was obtained from the Dallas report of SA Robert P. Gemberling dated 11-30-63. Interview of Roy S. Truly, pages 322 to 326. Suspect approximated Oswald's description, page 92.