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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 3/25/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

PURPOSE:

To recommend the attached letter be sent to the President's Commission in response to its requests dated 3/6/64 and 3/12/64 and to supplement information furnished the Commission by Bureau letter 3/12/64.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Rankin of the Commission by letter 2/21/64 stated Representative Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.) had requested he ascertain how the press got hold of the photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald carrying the rifle and wearing the pistol. Inquiries by our Dallas Office indicate the source of this photograph was the Dallas Police Department who made numerous copies and did not control the dissemination. It was further established that "Life" purchased the rights to the photograph for \$5000 through Marina Oswald's former business manager James Herbert Martin. This photograph has received wide circulation nationally and internationally. The Bureau by letter dated 3/12/64 furnished the Commission with the results of our investigation up to that time.

During the above investigation the Bureau received two additional letters from the Commission dated 3/6/64 and 3/12/64 requesting additional investigation regarding this

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- 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
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photograph. The first letter requested investigation of allegations made during the Commission testimony of James Herbert Martin that the photograph was obtained by "Life" and "The Detroit Free Press" through a "leak in the Commission." The latter letter requested we obtain a copy of the photograph used by these publications apparently so the Commission could establish whether there was, in fact, a "leak" within the Commission.

Based on our investigation it would appear all of the photographs emanated from the Dallas Police Department and the Commission did not "leak" the photograph. Mr. Eugene Roberts, a reporter for "The Detroit Free Press," will not furnish us the identity of his source and the assistant managing editor of "The Detroit Free Press" advised our Detroit Office he did not desire to expend the effort necessary to locate the photograph unless he knew the reasons the Commission desired the photograph since it was obvious to him the Commission should have a copy of the same photograph used by his newspaper and that it would have no evidentiary value to the Commission.

Officials of "Life" say they obtained the photograph from "an enterprising young man in the Dallas Police Department" and they do not have the photograph which they originally purchased since it has been returned to their original source. The results of Bureau investigation are being enclosed with the letter to the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter with enclosed investigation from our Detroit, Dallas and New York Offices be transmitted to the Commission.