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June 10, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 24, 1964, in which you requested, in part, a copy of the dossier on Lee Harvey Oswald furnished by this Bureau to Ambassador Thomas Mann shortly after the assassination.

In this connection, there are enclosed two copies each of the following documents:

Item Number One -- An undated memorandum captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963," consisting of 11 pages of text and two pages captioned "Exhibits"

Item Number Two -- An undated memorandum captioned "Jack L. Ruby, also known as Jack Leon Ruby, Jack Rubenstein; Murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, November 24, 1963," consisting of 17 pages

Item Number Three -- A memorandum to The Ambassador dated December 3, 1963, dealing with one Luis Fernandez Gonzalez

Item Number Four -- A memorandum captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald" dated December 11, 1963

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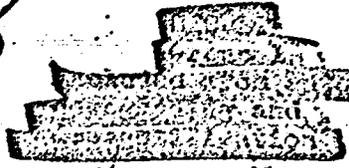
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There are also enclosed for your assistance two copies of a detailed memorandum in the Lee Harvey Oswald matter dated May 13, 1964, containing a summary of investigation conducted through mid-May, 1964, in Mexico. The latter has not, to date, been furnished to the American Ambassador in Mexico City. ✓

In connection with Items Number One and Two, you are advised that those documents are work papers prepared in Dallas, Texas, in late November, 1963, for briefing purposes. They were not prepared for dissemination and are not to be considered as official reports of this Bureau. The exhibits described in the Item Number One work paper were never compiled in the order suggested in the work paper and, accordingly, such exhibits were not furnished to Ambassador Mann. With regard to the item on page 5 of Item Number Two relating to Joe Scaramuzza being an acquaintance of Ruby, Scaramuzza has been interviewed and he advised that he does not know Ruby, has never done any business with him, and had never heard of him prior to the shooting of Oswald. Details will be furnished to you by separate communication. ✓

Items Number One through Four were furnished to Ambassador Thomas Mann by Legal Attache Clark D. Anderson during the early stages of our investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy at the Ambassador's request that he be briefed concerning the investigation and the relationship thereto to inquiries underway in Mexico. ✓

Concerning Item Number Three, you are referred to our letter dated May 26, 1964, which enclosed a detailed memorandum concerning Manuel Santamarina Mendez, also known as Luis Fernandez Gonzalez. Concerning Item Number Four, the information contained therein was incorporated into a memorandum dated December 23, 1963, at Washington, D. C., which was delivered to the Commission by Inspector James R. Malley of this Bureau on January 3, 1964. Our memorandum of December 23, 1963, also suggested that you contact the Central Intelligence Agency for further information bearing on the data set out in our memorandum of December 23, 1963. ✓

As the numerous official reports and memoranda which have, to date, been submitted to you in the Lee Harvey Oswald and related investigations supersede the data in the Items Number One and Two work papers, you may find, after perusal of same, that you have no further need for them. If such be the case, we would appreciate their return to us. ✓

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (10)

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NOTE: Outgoing classified "Secret" as Item 4 is classified by Legat to protect our operations in Mexico. Outgoing bears Group 1 for same reason, as it makes specific reference to our activities in Mexico. Item 4 has the property stamp thereon, which we do not normally set forth on material going to Commission. However, as it was on the copy furnished to the Ambassador, believed advisable that it remain on the enclosure. U

Items 1 thru 4 are attached hereto. Two copies of the 5-18-64 summary letterhead are being forwarded to the Mail Room as they are bulky (180 pages apiece). Mail Room hold the 2 enclosures attached to tickler copy for matching with the 8 enclosures which are coming thru with letter. Belmont & Malley approved 5-18 memo for dissem.

See memo Branigan to Sullivan 6-5-64, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS - R - CUBA" JCS:mhw. U

See memo Branigan to Sullivan 6-5-64 "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - Cuba, JCS:mhw. U