

July 21, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 24, 1964, concerning a telegram sent to the President's Commission by Robert S. Reynolds and my letter dated July 14, 1964.

Enclosed for your information are two copies of a memorandum dated July 10, 1964, Phoenix, Arizona, captioned "Robert Stephen Reynolds, aka Stephen Remetz."

In the memorandum dated June 30, 1964, Los Angeles, California, captioned "Interview of Robert Stephen Reynolds" on page four Reynolds commented he had discussed his perceptions with a number of people including university students Fred Pepper and Stanley Adams. The interview with Mr. Adams and the memorandum dated June 30, 1964, were previously furnished to you with my letter of July 14, 1964. However, by communication dated July 16, 1964, our Omaha, Nebraska, Office advised that Mr. Frederick Robert Pepper was in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa, where he is a current patient undergoing mental treatment.

On July 15, 1964, (Mr. Leland Stevens, Jr.) (Registrar) Veterans Administration Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa, advised the records of that

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

Institution revealed Mr. Pepper has been confined since March, 1963. His condition was diagnosed as schizophrenic and he is currently in a security ward. Dr. Josephine Chapin, who is Mr. Pepper's physician, advised that an interview with Mr. Pepper now or in the foreseeable future would likely upset him and retard his treatment and she was opposed to such an interview. Dr. Chapin also stated due to Mr. Pepper's condition, any information furnished by him would be very unreliable.

In view of this information, Mr. Pepper was not interviewed and our inquiry into this matter is now concluded.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: By letter dated 6-24-64, the President's Commission forwarded a copy of a telegram the Commission had received from Robert S. Reynolds of Santa Monica, California. He made several allegations among which the assassination of President Kennedy was established in the early months of 1957 and that the name of the assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, was established in March of 1957, based on alleged perceptions by Reynolds. He requested an opportunity to appear or submit a detailed report to the Commission.

This matter has been completely resolved and there is no basis to Reynolds so called perceptions. Extensive investigation was conducted to verify his alleged story and our investigation is now complete.