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Re leak of Oswald diary in "The Dallas Morning News," June 27 and 28, 1964, and publication in July 10, 1964, issue of "Life" magazine.

PURPOSE

That the attached letter to the President's Commission, enclosing three memoranda and a Dallas report concerning the leak of Oswald's diary, be forwarded to the President's Commission. It is noted additional comments have been included in the letter made by John F. Dowd, General Counsel for "Life" magazine, concerning Representative Ford, which were not incorporated in the July 16, 1964, New York letterhead memorandum. These comments were included in view of the anticipated interview of Representative Ford of the President's Commission by Mr. DeLoach.

BACKGROUND

As a result of letters dated June 30 and July 10, 1964, from the President's Commission, we initiated investigation into the matter concerning the leak of Oswald's diary in "The Dallas Morning News" and "Life" magazine.

Extensive investigation has been conducted by our Dallas, New York and Houston Offices in this matter. Regarding the publication of Oswald's diary in "Life" magazine, we have now determined arrangements for the publication were handled through Paula Aynesworth, who is the wife of Hugh Aynesworth reporter for "The Dallas Morning News" and who published Oswald's diary on June 27 and 28, 1964. Paula Aynesworth received \$2500 for this information from "Life" magazine.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: LEE HARVY OSWALD, AKA.

To date those who have been interviewed have denied or failed to reveal the source from whom they received the information. However, there are strong indications the information came from the Dallas County Attorney's Office. William F. Alexander, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County, Texas, alleged Representative Ford of the President's Commission leaked the information. He has also made allegations that Representative Ford had contacts with "Life" magazine regarding this matter.

"Life" magazine has been cooperative in furnishing us copies of the diary they received. In addition, John F. Dowd, General Counsel for "Life" magazine furnished additional information regarding Representative Ford's contact with Mr. James Thompson, Editor of "Life" magazine. Although Representative Ford's contacts with "Life" were verified, they certainly do not substantiate allegations Representative Ford furnished "Life" magazine information regarding the Oswald diary. Therefore, it appears pertinent that these facts should be made available to the President's Commission and that Mr. DeLoach should be aware of this information when he conducts his interview with Representative Ford.

The Laboratory is conducting an appropriate examination of the documents received. Results of examination will be furnished to the Commission.

ACTION

If approved, the attached letter, enclosing three memoranda and the Dallas report, be furnished to the President's Commission and Mr. DeLoach for his assistance in the forthcoming interview with Representative Ford.