

September 11, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter dated August 12, 1964, which enclosed two copies of the report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated August 7, 1964, captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas." This report contained the results of investigation relative to allegations against persons other than Lee Harvey Oswald.

Enclosed for your information are two copies of another similar report prepared by Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated August 28, 1964. This report has also been disseminated to the United States Department of Justice and U. S. Secret Service as it contains information of possible interest to them.

Your attention is directed to pages fifty-nine through ninety-five of the enclosed report, which reveal results of investigation to locate James M. O'Brien, an itinerant. O'Brien has not been located and further attempts to locate him are not being made unless advised to the contrary by you.

Similar reports are continuing to be received by this Bureau and subsequently will be furnished to you.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE:

Numerous complaints have been received indicating individuals other than Lee Harvey Oswald were involved in the assassination. The majority of these complaints have been initiated by cranks, mental cases and patriotic citizens. Concerning James O'Brien, the Gerbering report of 12-10-63, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald" pages 624-625, revealed that O'Brien, when registering at the Caroling Hotel, Chester, South Carolina, on 11-22-63, commented following a conversation with a room clerk about the assassination, "Yes, it was planned but the assassination was supposed to happen in December." Extensive investigation was conducted to locate and interview O'Brien. It was determined O'Brien is 65-70 years old and an itinerant with no known relatives. He has traded cars on several occasions some of which he abandoned. There were no stolen reports on the vehicles and one abandoned car, according to police officials, contained a bottle of narcotics and burglarly tools. Several checking accounts of O'Brien's were reviewed without results. It was noted, based on information obtained, O'Brien does not appear to be involved in any activities or crime over which we have jurisdiction. No apparent benefit would be derived in continuing efforts to locate him.

This is the 7th report disseminated to the President's Commission under the assassination caption. A copy will be disseminated to the Department and U. S. Secret Service separately. The enclosed report has been reviewed by Mr. Belmont, Mr. Malley and appropriate Bureau supervisor.