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On December 12, 1966, JOSEPH S. DEMO, 402 Pearl Street, Rochester, New York, contacted the Rochester, New York, Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He advised that he was currently employed as a French and Spanish teacher at West Public High School in Rochester. For the past several years he said he had become interested in tracing his family tree and in this regard, while in other cities, contacted persons listed in the telephone and city directories of these particular cities having the name of DEMO or TOTH, which is his mother's maiden name. He stated that on several occasions he had determined that persons with these names listed in the directories did not actually exist. As an example, while in Seattle, Washington, he checked on a listing for a JOSEPH S. DEMO and determined that this address was actually that of the United States Court House or some other Government building and that the person named DEMO could not have lived at that address.

He also had a similar instance in New York City involving a girl named DEMO who had made a date with him and then later, for no apparent reason, called him back and canceled the date. He mentioned he had contacted persons in many states regarding this and in most instances the persons acted in an unusual manner which led him to believe that something was wrong.

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Mr. DEMO continued by saying that he was guided spiritually in his quest for information and his visions in this regard lead him to believe there was a conspiracy afloat of a Communist nature to use the name DEMO for undercover Communist activity in the United States.

Later on during this conversation, DEMO advised he had conducted some investigation with regard to the assassination of President KENNEDY in November of 1963, and had uncovered a cipher message from LEE HARVEY OSWALD to the Russian Embassy a few weeks prior to the assassination. He then began to speak of the manner by which he uncovered the cipher message and, at times, his conversation was unable to be understood. He advised something to the effect that he had purchased a pocket book on the Warren Commission Report, and in this he found a letter from OSWALD to the Russian Embassy. He then noticed that certain words were misspelled and this led him immediately to the cipher message. He then took the letters missing from the misspelled words and came up with a Capitol Building telephone number, which he believed was the contact for the Russian Embassy at the Capitol. Then by rearranging the letters, Mr. DEMO said he came up with the name of a restaurant in Dallas, Texas, where OSWALD's double was supposed to be located.

Because the information furnished by DEMO during this contact was unclear, he was asked to furnish any pertinent documents which might help to express his position.

In conclusion, he stated that he wished all information transmitted to the United States Government authorities to clear his conscience of any responsibility of withholding evidence relating to such an important matter.

On December 16, 1966, a letter dated December 13, 1966, was received at the Rochester, New York, Office of the FBI from JOSEPH S. DEMO. Enclosed in this letter was page 165 of a printed letter to the USSR Embassy, Washington, D.C., dated November 9, 1963, from LEE H. OSWALD, and one additional

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handwritten page containing what appeared to be an explanation
of DEMO's cipher message based on the material contained on
page 165.

Attached hereto is a copy of DEMO's letter referred
to above and its enclosures.