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TO : Mr. Belmont *W* DATE: 1/3/64

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
Bufile 62-109090

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA
Bufile 105-82555

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While discussing other matters with J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission today, it was mentioned that newspapers had carried a story to the effect that Marina Oswald would be interviewed by members of the Commission in Dallas in the near future. Mr. Rankin advised that the Commission definitely intended to interview Mrs. Oswald sometime in the near future. Mr. Rankin was asked whether or not the Commission intended to provide its own Russian interpreter or whether they desired the Bureau's Russian interpreter to be present on such an interview.

Mr. Rankin was extremely appreciative of the offer of the Bureau's interpreter but stated consideration was being given to using a U. S. State Department interpreter. He commented that Mr. James Martin, the individual at whose home Marina Oswald is presently living, and her business agent, as well as her attorney, Mr. Thorne, had indicated when they talked to the Commission that there was a feeling of animosity on the part of Mrs. Oswald toward Bureau Agents in that she felt Bureau Agents were responsible for her husband losing his job wherever he went to work.

The attention of Mr. Rankin was called to the employment checks where Oswald had been employed and before the full facts could be discussed with him, Mr. Rankin commented that from what he had been told of the investigation conducted it was clearly set forth that Oswald was not much of an employee and he could readily understand Oswald wanting to blame someone for his loss of employment and apparently had seized upon the FBI rather than admit his own shortcomings as an employee.

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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Memo to Mr. Belmont from A. Rosen
re: President's Commission

Mr. Rankin stated some consideration was being given to asking the interpreter who handled the interviews for the FBI with Mrs. Oswald, as well as the interpreter of the Secret Service who had been interviewing her to be present at the interview to be conducted by the President's Commission so that any discrepancies could be straightened out during the time of the interview. Mr. Rankin advised that no definite arrangements had been made but he would advise the Bureau in the event it was decided to have the Bureau's Russian interpreter present during the interview.

Mr. Rankin indicated that when he talked with Messrs. Martin and Thorne, Mrs. Oswald's business agent and attorney, he requested they endeavor to have her prepare a statement in her own handwriting which would cover every detail that she could remember of her association with Lee Harvey Oswald, to include all actions, statements, and any details of conversations she could recall, beginning with the first time she met Oswald in Russia and continuing up to the time of his death on 11/24/63. Mr. Rankin commented he did not know how successful the results of this request would be but he hoped it might serve as the basis for a rather short interview with Mrs. Oswald rather than a long, drawn out interview with her.

Mr. Rankin advised on a confidential basis that there was a possibility the interview with Mrs. Oswald would now be handled in Washington, D. C., rather than in Dallas, Texas, as has been quoted in the newspapers and that there was also a strong possibility that Chief Justice Earl Warren would be in on the interview.

ACTION: None - for information.

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