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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to my letter to you of February 12, 1964 requesting information on the travel of Lee Harvey Oswald from Mexico City to Nuevo Laredo on or about October 2, 1963 and to your replies dated February 14 and March 6, 1964, the latter enclosing copies of the passenger manifest of the bus purportedly taken by Oswald and the reports of the investigations in connection therewith.

After review of the copies of the manifest and the two reports of investigation, we believe that further investigation is necessary to clarify, and possibly resolve, the questions raised in my letter of February 12, 1964. We believe it is necessary to make additional efforts to determine whether Oswald was in fact a passenger on Transportes Frontera Bus #340. Accordingly, we request that the following investigation be initiated:

1. An effort should be made to locate all of the passengers listed on the manifest, whether their destination was Monterrey or Nuevo Laredo and whether or not their names can be confirmed from the records of the Mexican Immigration Office at Nuevo Laredo. Once located, each passenger should of course be asked if he can identify Oswald, but, failing this, he should at least be asked if he can remember whether one of the passengers on the bus was an American of non-Spanish descent. This last question may be important because Oswald's name appears to be the only non-Spanish name on the entire passenger manifest.

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2. All pertinent records of the United States Immigration Service, as well as the Mexican Immigration Service, at Laredo (or Nuevo Laredo) should be searched for the names of the passengers on the bus other than Oswald who are listed as having had a destination of Laredo. The search of American records should include the records of smallpox vaccinations, issuance of form "I-94's" and all other entry and departure documents which could reasonably relate to persons entering the United States from Mexico on or about October 3, 1963, the day upon which the bus was scheduled to arrive at Laredo.

3. An effort should be made to establish, by handwriting analysis or by re-interview of the Mexican ticketing officials, if practical, whether the name, "Oswld," on the passenger manifest was written by someone other than the person who wrote the names of the other passengers on the list or at least whether the person who wrote "Oswld" did not write most of the other entries on the list.

4. The reverse side of the passenger manifest contains some mathematical calculations. If their significance can be established we may be able to shed further light on whether Oswald was ever issued a ticket. In particular, if the price of the tickets involved could be ascertained, both in pesos and in dollars, perhaps this would explain the computations. In the event that your investigation indicates that Oswald was not a passenger on the bus, we desire that you conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain whether Oswald crossed the border into the United States in an automobile and, if so, the identity of the owner of the car and any passengers who accompanied Oswald.

The entire Mexican aspect of this investigation is one of particular interest to the Commission. In addition to the above investigation, we are also very interested in your continuing attempts to locate and question other guests at the Hotel del Comercio on the same floor as Oswald. It is very likely that representatives of the Commission will be

going to Mexico in the near future on this matter. For that reason we would appreciate your efforts to expedite this investigation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel