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TO : Mr. Belmont *also*

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.
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INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIAN

- DATE: July 14, 1964
- 1 - C. D. DeLoach
 - 1 - W. C. Sullivan
(R. E. Lenihan)
 - 1 - Mr. Belmont
 - 1 - Mr. Rosen
 - 1 - Mr. Malley
 - 1 - Mr. Shroder
 - 1 - Mr. Raupach

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

To advise that by letter dated July 10, 1964, the President's Commission requested the Bureau to conduct appropriate investigation to determine circumstances surrounding the obtaining and publication of Oswald's diary in the July 10, 1964, issue of "Life" magazine. As a result of a letter received from the President's Commission dated June 30, 1964, investigation was initiated regarding the leak of Oswald's diary to "The Dallas Morning News." These two matters are related and New York was instructed by teletype July 13, 1964, to conduct investigation at "Life" magazine regarding this matter.

BACKGROUND

By letter dated July 10, 1964, President's Commission requested the Bureau to conduct appropriate investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the obtaining and the publication of Lee Harvey Oswald's "historic diary" in the July 10, 1964, issue of "Life" magazine.

In this respect, we have previously received a request from the President's Commission by letter dated June 30, 1964, requesting investigation be conducted to determine how the information concerning Oswald's diary was leaked to "The Dallas Morning News" and published on June 27 and 28, 1964.

These two matters are directly related as it has already been established by our Dallas Office that following the release of this information Mr. William A. McKenzie, attorney for Marina Oswald, made arrangements with "Life" magazine on July 1, 1964, for publication rights on behalf

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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AXA.

of Marina Oswald. It was noted in the July 10, 1964, issue of "Life" magazine, a small informative paragraph, preceding the article, revealed the diary was printed with the permission of Marina Oswald. However, "Life" did not acquire the diary from her and "Life" did not state from whom they obtained the information.

Numerous individuals have already been interviewed in connection with this matter by our Dallas Office including personnel of the Dallas District Attorney's Office and "The Dallas Morning News," all of whom have either denied or have refused to identify the source of the diary.

Currently, New York Office was instructed by teletype July 13, 1964, to conduct an expeditious investigation, contacting "Life" magazine and if possible obtain the copy of the diary they have in their possession, which is to be forwarded to our Laboratory, the purpose of which is to conduct appropriate examination to determine if "Life's" diary was reproduced from the film of the diary obtained by our Dallas Office from District Attorney Henry Wade, Dallas County, Texas.

ACTION

In view of the fact that we are already conducting investigation into this particular phase of the investigation, results will be reported to the President's Commission when received referring both the Commission's letters of June 30, 1964, and July 10, 1964.

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