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This is being prepared in connection with the leak of the Oswald diary to "The Dallas Morning News" and "Life" magazine.

PURPOSE

To recommend the attached airtel be sent turning down the suggestion of our Dallas Office that the Commission be requested to officially advise Dallas District Attorney Harry Wade of information previously furnished the Commission concerning our Laboratory's establishing that "Life" magazine's copies of the diary originated with Wade's Office.

DETAILS

Dallas by tel 7-29-64, suggested the Bureau request the Commission to advise Wade of our Laboratory's findings establishing that "Life" magazine's copies of the diary originated with Wade's Office and that we be permitted to orally advise Wade that the Commission would so advise him. Dallas pointed out that the reason for this suggestion was that should the results of this examination become known to Wade officially or unofficially, the Bureau would be put in an embarrassing position and further that Wade had fully cooperated in this particular inquiry.

BACKGROUND

Bureau letter 7-27-64, advised the Commission our Laboratory had established "Life" magazine's Xerox copies of the diary originated from 35 mm. film maintained by the Dallas District Attorney's Office. In addition five latent prints were developed on Xerox copies of the diary from the

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AXA.

District Attorney's Office and one latent was identified as the left thumb print of William Franklin Alexander, who may be identical with Assistant Dallas District Attorney Alexander. Our investigation strongly suggests that Alexander may be responsible for this leak, although he denies same.

Since the initiation of this investigation District Attorney Wade has been a thorn in the side of the Bureau by his impulsive manner of making inaccurate press releases resulting in confusion. Wade's Office has been negligent in the handling of evidence and he has shown a lackadaisical attitude in this regard. Further, in his testimony before the President's Commission Wade raised several points which apparently were construed by the Commission to substantiate unfounded charges that Oswald could have been an informant of this Bureau. This necessitated an unusual amount of work on our part to refute.

OBSERVATIONS

We are under no obligation to Henry Wade or the Dallas District Attorney's Office to advise them of the results of our investigation. This particular inquiry was made at the specific request of the President's Commission and Wade as well as members of his staff know that the results were furnished to the Commission. It is also pointed out Wade would no doubt immediately advise William Alexander of his staff concerning our findings. Whether Wade learns of our findings officially or unofficially is of no concern to us and how the Bureau can be embarrassed by such a disclosure as suggested by Dallas is not apparent. Although Wade has cooperated in this particular inquiry, it is still not felt the suggestion of Dallas has any merit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the attached airtel turning down the suggestion made by Dallas be sent pointing out to Dallas the impropriety of this suggestion.