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DATE: April 14, 1964

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

PURPOSE:

To advise you of the current status of efforts of Mrs. Marie Muchmore and Mr. Orville O. Nix to obtain the return of their cameras which are being held by our Laboratory at the request of the President's Commission, and to also recommend the attached communications be sent to the President's Commission and the Dallas Office.

BACKGROUND:

At the Commission's request, our Dallas Office obtained the personally owned motion picture cameras of Mr. Nix and Mrs. Muchmore who took pictures of the Presidential Motorcade on 11/22/63. These cameras were received in the Laboratory on January 29, 1964, and February 17, 1964, respectively, and were subjected to time and other technical studies in an effort to pinpoint where the shots fired at President Kennedy came from.

Both Mr. Nix and Mrs. Muchmore had initially requested their cameras be returned as soon as possible. Mrs. Muchmore has been particularly insistent that her camera be returned prior to April 15, 1964, as she promised to loan it to her brother who is going to Europe. The Bureau directed two letters to the Commission relating to Mrs. Muchmore's request, but neither letter was acknowledged.

Malley personally took this matter up with Rankin and his assistant Willens and obtained approval for Mrs. Muchmore to rent a similar camera and bill the Commission. Our Laboratory has completed all technical examinations requested by the Commission on both cameras.

Enclosures

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- 1 - I. W. Conrad
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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA

DETAILS:

Dallas, by airtel 4/7/64, advised Mr. Nix again requested the return of his camera in view of the impending vacation season, Mrs. Muchmore telephonically advised our Dallas Office on 4/7/64 she was having considerable difficulty in locating a similar rental camera and appeared concerned it was taking the Commission so long to check her camera. She stated she was considering writing to the Commission or to have her close personal friend Congressman Bruce Alger (R - Tex) check on this matter.

Mrs. Muchmore is aware the Bureau has this camera because of the Commission's request, and expressed appreciation for assistance being rendered by the Dallas Office in connection with this problem. Mrs. Muchmore since advised she had located a rental camera for a 7 week period at \$5 per week. She stated when this bill is received, it will be sent to the Commission for payment.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is felt we should make the Commission aware of the inconvenience being caused these individuals. Further, when property is retained by us at the request of the Commission and inquiries are received for the return of this material, these inquiries should be directed to the Commission and not us.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the attached letter be sent to the Commission advising them of Nix's requests, the inconvenience caused Mrs. Muchmore, and the subsequent arrangements made by her for the rental and billing of a similar camera.

2. That the attached airtel be sent to Dallas instructing that any inquiries for the return of property obtained by us at the request of the Commission, be directed to Rankin.