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In the memorandum from Mr. W. A. Branigan to Mr. H. C. Sullivan dated February 3, 1964, the Laboratory was requested to examine photographs of General Edwin A. Walker's residence that were seized by the Dallas Police Department during search of subject's residence and the Paine residence, for the purpose of determining whether or not these photographs were taken with one of Oswald's cameras. The only photographs available for such a comparison are copies of the original photographic prints since the original pictures were previously delivered to the Commission and have been retained by them.

Identification of a photograph with a camera is based on the characteristics of the edges of the picture area. The negative is normally needed to make such a comparison unless this edge shows in the prints. The negatives of the photographs of Walker's home were not recovered with the photographs and therefore comparison of Oswald's camera with the negatives could not be made. Although the copies of the photographs available for examination are quite lacking in detail, there is no evidence of the edge characteristics in these prints. Since it is normal to mask out the edge of the picture area when making prints, it is highly unlikely that examination of the original prints retained by the Commission would show any edge characteristics not visible in the copies. When the original photographs are returned from the Commission, they will be examined for any characteristics of value.

The Domestic Intelligence Division may wish to consider having Dallas determine whether or not the original negatives can be located for comparison with Oswald's cameras.

RECOMMENDATION: That this memorandum be furnished to the Domestic Intelligence Division and the General Investigative Division for their information.

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