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TO : MR. TROTTER *b.b.*

DATE: 4-2-64

FROM : S. F. Latona *4*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA;
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
11-22-63, DALLAS, TEXAS

LATENT PRINT TESTIMONY BEFORE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

This morning, 4-2-64, at 9:00 o'clock, I appeared before the Commission and testified that a latent fingerprint and a latent palm print I developed on a piece of brown wrapping paper, believed to have been used to take the murder weapon into the building from which the shots were fired, were the left index fingerprint and right palm print of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Testimony was also given that a latent palm print found on the underside of the barrel of the murder weapon was the right palm print of Oswald. This latent palm print was developed by the Dallas Police Department.

Further testimony was given that a latent palm print and a latent fingerprint developed by FBI Identification Division on a cardboard box found in the room from which the shots were fired were prints of Oswald and that a latent palm print developed by Dallas Police Department on another box from same room was also identified as right palm print of Oswald.

During my testimony, the Commission requested a copy of the Marine Corps fingerprint card of Oswald from our files and a copy of the fingerprint card of Oswald we received from Dallas Police Department showing he was dead. The Commission also requested an illustration depicting the various ridge characteristics which fingerprint experts use in comparing fingerprints and palm prints. The Commission desires these items be furnished by Monday, 4-6-64. This will be done.

Entered into evidence and retained by the Commission were six charted enlargements illustrating the identifications, photographs of fingerprints and palm prints of Oswald, and photographs of the latent prints identified. The Commission also received the four cardboard boxes found in the room from which the shots were fired, the latent palm print lifted from underside of gun (developed by Dallas PD), a piece of cardboard

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carion bearing the latent palm print developed by Dallas PD, and the brown wrapping paper believed to have been used to carry the weapon.

Entire testimony lasted about 3 hours and 40 minutes. Chairman Chief Justice Earl Warren opened the hearing alone. Later, Congressman Gerald Ford (Republican), Michigan, Honorable Allen Dulles, and Congressman Hale Boggs (Democrat), Louisiana, appeared. Messrs. Warren, Ford, and Boggs left and Mr. Dulles continued the hearing alone. Counsel for the Commission was Melvin Eisenberg.

The testimony was well received, keen interest was shown by the members, and the Commission expressed its appreciation and made complimentary remarks regarding the testimony.

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For information.

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