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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
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The President's Commission
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 10, 1964, in which you requested a re-interview with Mr. Jess Willard Lynch.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated July 16, 1964, Phoenix, Arizona, captioned "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963," which reveals the results of the re-interview with Mr. Lynch. Also enclosed are two copies of an FBI Identification Record, Number 1 762 852, which appears to relate to Mr. Lynch.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated December 23, 1963, Dallas, Texas, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald." Page 453 reveals an interview with Mr. Lynch which was conducted on December 3, 1963, at Page, Arizona. At that time Mr. Lynch denied that he has ever been arrested and stated he served honorably in the United States Army under Army Serial Number RA 35212316. In Mr. Lynch's current interview he again denied that he had any previous arrests. However, your attention is also directed to the last entry on the FBI Identification Record which reveals the Contributor of Fingerprints as

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"Army," Name "Jess Willard Lynch," Number "35 212 316"
and Arrested or Received "February 5, 1946, Cleveland,
Ohio."

With the submission of the enclosures our
inquiry into this matter is concluded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

NOTE:

Lynch previously interviewed by Phoenix 12-3-63, results of which were incorporated in the report of SA Gemberling dated 12-23-63. Lynch was formerly a cook at the boarding house in Dallas for Bertha Cheek. Previous investigation established Bertha Cheek had some previous contact with Jack Ruby and this matter was thoroughly investigated. The Commission desired Lynch to be reinterviewed to determine what relevance if any, Lynch believed the information he provided in Page, Arizona, on December 3, 1963, had to the assassination of President Kennedy or Oswald. The Commission also desired to be informed how Mr. Lynch originally came to be interviewed. Although Lynch denies any previous arrests, our Identification Records reveal previous arrests and it appears to be identical as his military service number, which he originally furnished on 12-3-63, tallies with that submitted by the Army 2-5-46, at Cleveland, Ohio. The arrest record was furnished to the Commission for their information and our inquiries are concluded.