

July 31, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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(R. E. Lonihan)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malby
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

This is in reference to your request of June 30, 1964, relative to the allegation that Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife, Marina, were seen in a furniture store in Irving, Texas, during November, 1963, and thereafter directed to the Irving Sport Shop where it was alleged that he had a scope mounted on a rifle.

Enclosed are two copies each of two memoranda dated July 13, 1964, New Orleans, Louisiana, and July 20, 1964, Dallas, Texas, both captioned, "Lee Harvey Oswald."

No further investigation is being conducted by this Bureau relative to this allegation.

Sincerely yours,

105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)  
 1 - 62-109060 (Assassination)  
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*of President Kennedy*

Enclosures (4)

NOTE: This matter relates to the repair tag located at the Irving Sport Shop, Irving, Texas, bearing the name "Oswald." Dial D. Ryder, employee of the sport shop, admitted preparing this tag and has been interviewed on several occasions by the Bureau and also the President's Commission. However, our investigation indicates Ryder

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may have fabricated the repair tag. The only fact that lends credence to his story are the comments made by Mrs. Edith Whitworth, who formerly operated a used furniture store near the gun shop, who alleged Lee Harvey Oswald appeared in her shop during November, 1963, and was directed to the sport shop. Marina Oswald has previously denied being in the furniture store and the Commission is attempting to resolve this situation. Check for female babies born on October 20, 1963, which is the day Marina Oswald's child was born, relates to comments by Mrs. Whitworth, whose grandson was of a similar age. Our investigation did not establish any of the parents whose children were born on October 20, 1963, were in Whitworth's store and were possibly mistaken by Mrs. Whitworth for the Oswalds.