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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 8-13-64

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER *LJG*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
REQUEST FOR VISUAL AIDS

Reference Commission's letter to Director dated 8-10-64 requesting assistance in effectively preparing a visual aid for use in demonstrating the incorrectness of an allegation which will be treated in the Commission's report; namely, "that the motorcade route, which took the President's car past the Depository at the intersection of Elm and Houston, was unnecessary and departed from normal practice."

Mr. Howard P. Willens of the Commission's staff was contacted on 8-12-64 at which time the Commission's request was discussed in detail. Photographs and structural plan of Dealey Plaza were gathered by the Exhibits Section on 12-3-63 sufficient to permit the construction of a three-dimensional scale model of the assassination site east of the Triple Underpass. The major highway systems west of the Underpass were not photographed nor were construction plans of the complex approaches obtained. The Bureau's attention was focused on the area immediately in front of the Texas School Book Depository. Although we do have photographs of the general area of the Underpass, the material available to us is insufficient to permit us to go ahead with a visual aid which would meet the Commission's requirements.

Mr. Willens also desires to have included in the request for a visual aid of the road system several photographs taken from the railroad tower showing the view had by Commission witness Lee E. Bowers, Jr., looking toward the Texas School Book Depository and the Underpass, as well as photographs taken from the track level on the Underpass directly over Elm Street showing the views available to Commission witnesses (13) looking east toward the Depository, west

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley) (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad (Mr. Shaneyfelt) (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (Sent Direct)

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Re: President's Commission
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toward the Freeways, north toward the railroad yards and south toward the Post Office Building and several photographs of the Underpass as viewed from a point on Elm Street across from the Stemmons Freeway sign.

The Exhibits Section is preparing a chart for the Commission showing the whereabouts of Oswald between 12:30 p.m. and 1:50 p.m. on 11-22-63, based upon information obtained from eyewitnesses testifying before the Commission. Mr. Norman Redlich desires that this chart include the distances along these routes as registered on an automobile speedometer.

On-site information will have to be available to the Exhibits Section before the Commission's request can be expeditiously and adequately handled. It is necessary that this material be gathered by the Exhibits Section in order that the completion of the work can be the result of a single source and to insure speed of operation as well as making available technical testimony concerning the authenticity of the visual aids. It will require approximately one working day for an Exhibits Section employee to gather this information assisted by Agents of the Dallas Office.

ACTION:

Unless advised to the contrary, I will proceed to Dallas on 8-17-64 to handle this assignment.

JH *8/13*