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TO : Mr. Fehl

DATE: 4/21/77

FROM : J. S. Peelman

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Fehl
- 1 - Mr. Peelman
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Cochran (Attn: [REDACTED])
- 1 - External Affairs
- 1 - [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
 JOHN F. KENNEDY
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963
 DALLAS, TEXAS

PURPOSE: To advise of the results of the FBI Laboratory examination of a copy of the letter allegedly sent by Lee Harvey Oswald to a Mr. Hunt, and to furnish the results of a review of all of the materials contained in the John F. Kennedy files which were known to be endorsed by Oswald, in order to determine whether Oswald habitually used his full name in endorsing material, as was done in the alleged Oswald letter to Mr. Hunt.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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DETAILS: Reference is made to J. S. Peelman to Mr. Gallagher memoranda dated 2/4/77, and 2/18/77, and the Peelman to Mr. Moore memorandum dated 3/7/77, all of which furnished information pertaining to the letter allegedly sent by Lee Harvey Oswald to Mr. Hunt dated 11/8/63.

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On 4/18/77, the FBI Laboratory advised, in part, that because of the lack of clarity of line detail in the reproduced document, the alleged Oswald letter to Mr. Hunt, it was not possible to make a definite determination as to whether or not the submitted document was or was not prepared by Lee Harvey Oswald. However, the Laboratory stated: ". . . from such comparisons and examinations as could be made, significant similarities in letter formations were noted as well as a number of unexplained handwriting variations."

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Memorandum to Mr. Fehl
Re: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

In regard to the alleged Oswald to Hunt letter, the Congressional Inquiry Unit has reviewed those materials which contained the known signature of Lee Harvey Oswald in order to determine the frequency with which Oswald endorsed material using his full name.

This review has revealed that more than 350 exhibits in the Warren Commission Report contain the written signature of Oswald. Of this number, fewer than 16 were endorsed by Oswald using his full name.

All but two of these full signatures appear in exhibits pertaining to his military service, enlistment records, or his official correspondence to the American Embassy in Moscow prior to his return to the United States in 1962.

There were only two exhibits which contain the full Lee Harvey Oswald signature subsequent to 1961, except for the alleged Oswald note to Mr. Hunt dated 11/8/63. The first full signature appears on the hotel register at the Hotel del Comercio in Mexico City dated 9/27/63, which was endorsed by Oswald using the signature Lee, Harvey Oswald (Commission Exhibit 2480) which signature is identical to the manner in which his name was typed on his Mexican tourist card, Lee, Harvey Oswald (Commission Exhibit 2481). It was noted that instructions set out on the tourist card application stated that applicant should furnish his full name, no initials. The second full signature appears on the fingerprint card signed by Oswald when he was arrested and booked by the Dallas Police Department under the name Lee Harvey Oswald on 11/22/63, after the assassination of John F. Kennedy

In conclusion, the FBI Laboratory has stated that unless the original document can be obtained, or a clear photograph of the original document, it is doubtful whether Oswald can be definitely identified or positively eliminated as the writer of the questioned Oswald to Mr. Hunt letter dated 11/8/63.