

Let to Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE:

On 2/27/64, Minneapolis Office obtained "Manuscript 18" from Mr. Bob Williams, Regional Editor of the "New Ulm Daily Journal," New Ulm, Minnesota. The manuscript was written by [REDACTED] Tucson, Arizona. This is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] permanent residence is [REDACTED]. The manuscript, which is captioned, "The Murder of President Kennedy, The Assassination of President Kennedy," contains phraseology such as "The murder was planned by Barabbas, Chief Justice Warren, and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson." [REDACTED] was interviewed and admitted being the author of the manuscript and he claimed the world was governed by a mathematical equation and by the use of a deck of playing cards in connection with the Bible, he can arrive at formulas which keep the world in balance. The incongruity of "Manuscript 18" which makes comparison to numerous Biblical phraseologies, leads one to question the author's mental stability. In view of the material contained in this manuscript concerning President Lyndon B. Johnson, one copy will also be disseminated to Secret Service.

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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J. LEE RANKIN,
General Counsel

MAR 16 1964

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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you know, Lee Harvey Oswald told Buell Wesley Frazier on November 21, 1963, that he wanted to return to Irving, Texas, to pick up curtain rods. In order to check out this story fully, we would like the FBI to examine Oswald's room at 1026 N. Beckley Street to provide the answers to the following questions:

- (1) Are there curtains in this room now?
- (2) Were there curtains in this room on November 21, 1963?
- (3) Is the window in the room one which is suitable for curtains, or does the window have shades or venetian blinds?
- (4) Do Mrs. Earlene Roberts or Mrs. Johnson (the owner) have any information as to whether Oswald may in fact have wanted to hang curtains?

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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To: SAC, Dallas (44-43)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060) *268*

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

Enclosed are two zerox copies of a letter received from the President's Commission dated 3/16/64.

The letter is self-explanatory and Dallas is instructed to institute immediate investigation to comply with the Commission's request. Submit appropriate letterhead memorandum concerning the results of your investigation and retain appropriate inserts to be included in your report. Handle promptly.

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NOTE: By letter 3/16/64 the President's Commission commented that Lee Harvey Oswald told Buell Wesley Frazier on 11/21/63 that he wanted to return to Irving, Texas, to pick up curtain rods. In order to check out this story fully the Commission requested us to examine Oswald's room at 1026 North Beckley Street to ascertain (1) Are there curtains in this room now? (2) Were there curtains in this room on 11/21/63? (3) Is the window in the room one which is suitable for curtains, or does the window have shades or venetian blinds? (4) Do Mrs. Earlene Roberts or Mrs. Johnson (owner) have any information as to whether Oswald may in fact have wanted to hang curtains?

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January 21, 1962

Mr. F. B. Ives
Washington D.C.

Received by memo
1-17-62

Our beautiful first lady

"The blessing of the Lord be upon you" Ps. 124-4-1-2

I wrote a letter to your husband and I know he is exceedingly busy.

I have been in the Executive Ministry for nearly fifty years. I have done the same kind of work that Billy Graham does, over the United States and Canada.

The Government seized our home our pay checks and defamed our character from the Atlantic to the Pacific and then deliberately lied.

The F. B. I. was on my home last Friday and investigated this dastardly act of government which was deliberate because I conducted the funeral service of the sister of the Director of Internal Revenue that deliberately

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The U.S. ... when he had examined
the evidence of ... the government
refuses to let us take a salary as
a Christian minister and had taken
so much from us took my hand and
said, Mrs. Holman, they couldn't take
your God from you, could they?

He said to Mrs. Holman who had gone
into a state of shock for an hour and
hung between life and death for an
hour from the shame and degradation of
this thing "Mrs. Holman, I am thankful
you have a sense of humor after all
you have gone through."

I wrote to your husband and all
the answer I received was, go to
Augusta. How can I get help from
other Simon ... Wheeler who
... ..

committed this and finally not...

I sought help I was in-^{ter-} filed a
Federal Court

my attorney said "This is the most
positive case of defamation of character
that I have ever seen."

I asked you to stand on the T.V. news
Program to clear my ^{name} ~~reputation~~ his
broadcast. Also to put a bill in
Congress for what this has cost me.
Also permit me to get into a
Federal Court. I have received no
salary for over a year and we
take no offerings in our church because
the government would hit us - because
I haven't been appointed by a
Bishop in the ministry. There are
untold thousands of ministers in
this nation who have not been
appointed by a Bishop.

The F. B. I. man found out why

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... Sunday ...
in Dallas, Tex.

My God ... me. He has
find us in spite of whether I can
have a salary or not. God had Elijah
of old under similar conditions. If
you will read the Bible story of
Ahab and Jezebel stealing Naboth's
home you will find a hundred
experiences in this day.

The P. B. I man asked me, "Have
you turned President Johnson over
to God and I answered him, "No and
I don't want to. I don't appreciate
these experiences in life but when
every avenue of help is denied a
citizen in the United States I can
turn to God alone. You will be
shocked if you read the report
of the P. B. I man that is

I went to the ...
and I have ...
the T. B. S. man.

Why I am ... every God given
right that is guaranteed to me
under the Constitution of the United
States I have a God who lives and
I have walked and talked with
Him for sixty years.

A President of ... in my home
a few days ago said to me, "Bro. John
when I think of our records year after
year when the college students registered
over fifty per cent of those that come
to Christ under your labors what
a wonderful life you have lived!"

I have the highest regard in my
denomination for ...

Ernest W. ... was painting the
mural in the ... cathedral in
Washington, D.C. and went to the

... and to them.
"I can't find them moral code
you give me some help on the Bible.
They answered him, "We know our
religion but we can't help you on
the Bible." "What shall I do?" he
answered. They said, "Find some one,
somewhere." He went to the head of a
Theological Seminary and asked for
help. The President said "I can't help
you but I know one man in the
United States that can help you." He
said, "Who is it?" The answer was,
[The Rev. John Taylor Harmon] of Port Clyde, Maine.
He answered, "He is a personal friend of
mine. I am going to Port Clyde and get
my help." He received it and finished his
morals. I am just showing you what
a name I have in this nation and
got a Director of Internal Revenue
who said to me "I will get you

... can to ... and ... government in ...

The ... of the citizens of
our town of the right to vote and
the ... of elections in the
State of Maine asked me to expose it
and this is what I received.

The bankers, the business men and
citizens in this section know all
about this case.

The President of the First National Bank
of Portland, ... Maine said to
me this morning, "By all means, [Rev.
Holman] you should have President
Johnson clear your name in this nation.
The government owes it to you."

I am tired of having people say, "What
will have you done that you can't
preach any more?"

I am sorry to take up your time
but I thought when I couldn't get
any help from ... Kennedy, Robert

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other your united efforts? I might
reach your hands through you.

I wrote to President Kennedy, "If I am
an fugitive send a United States mar-
shall and put me in prison."

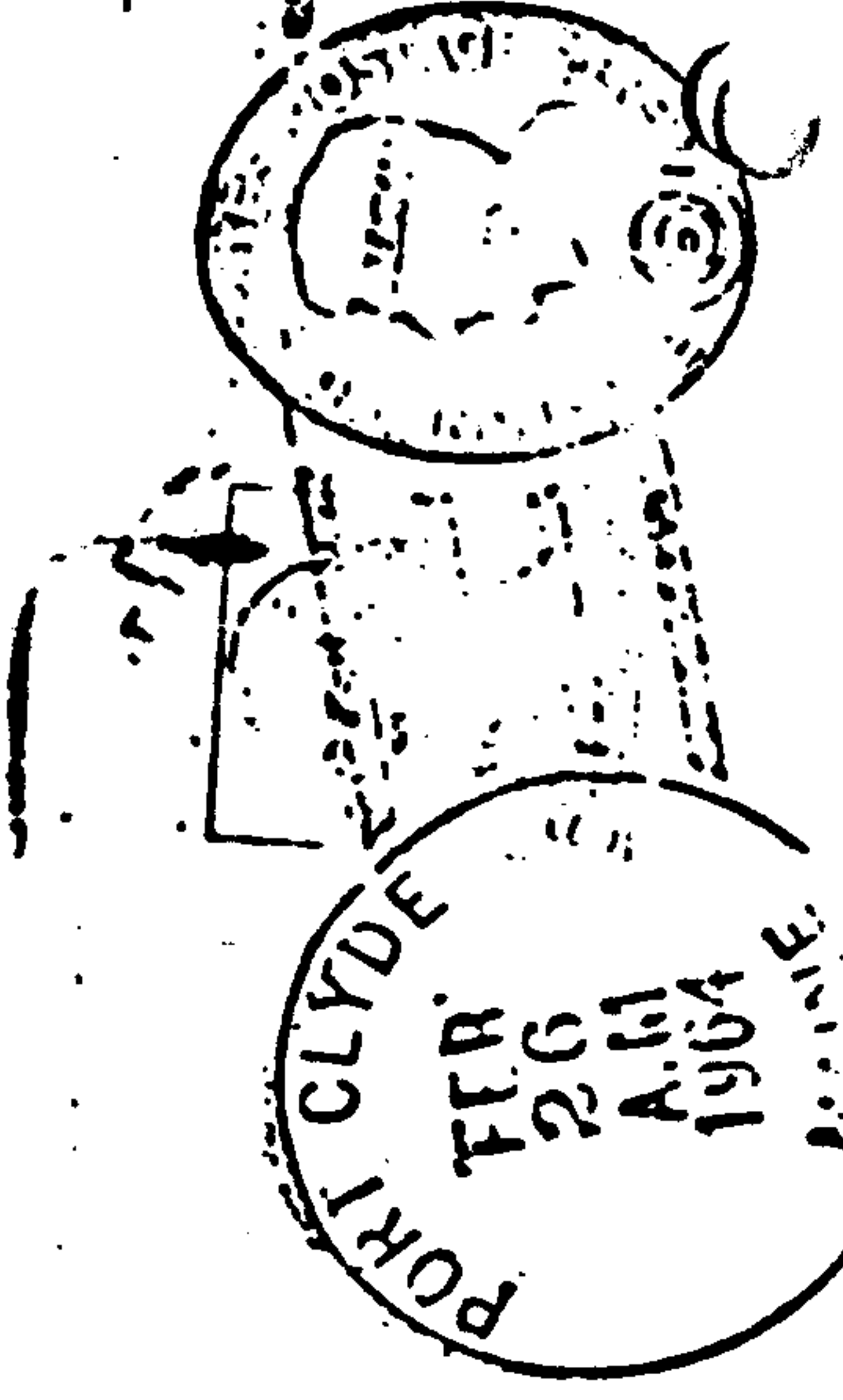
Two years and six months of the
worst mental anguish and [Mrs
Holman] nearly in her grave and
sleepless nights and yet there wasn't
one single person in the government
and could not find one
bit of justice. President and Robert
Kennedy played politics with me but
they didn't with God.

May God bless you and your husband
with all your burdens and grant unto
you the wisdom of God that you need
to guide this nation as we pray for
you.

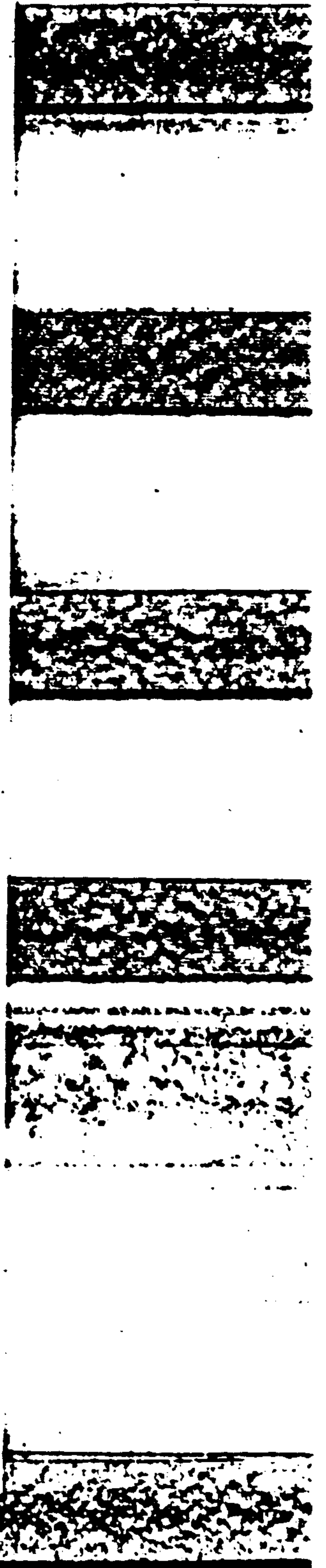
Yours in Christian Fellowship

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[Rev. John Taylor Holman]



Miss Lydon B. Johnson,
White House,
Washington,
D.C.



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On Tuesday, March 10, 1964, Mr. Arnold Louis Rowland appeared before the Commission and testified concerning an individual who, according to Rowland, was standing behind the southwest window on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository building. This information had previously been set forth in SA Gemberling's report of November 30 on pages 20-22 and SA Gemberling's report of December 23, page 14.

In addition to this information, however, Mr. Rowland advised the Commission that approximately 5 minutes before the Presidential motorcade reached the corner of Elm and Houston, Rowland observed "an elderly Negro" at the southeast corner window, sixth floor, which is the window from which the shots were supposed to have been fired. Mr. Rowland further advised that on November 23 and November 24 he had advised agents of the FBI that he had seen such a person at the southeast corner window. As you know, the aforementioned reports of SA Gemberling do not mention this fact. Mr. Rowland stated that he might be able to identify the Negro person whom he saw, although he did not definitely say that he would do so. As a further description, Rowland states that the person "was very thin, an elderly gentleman, bald or practically bald, thin hair if he was not bald, had on a plaid shirt. I think it was red and green, very bright color, that is why I remember it." He estimates the individual's age at "50, possibly 55 or 60." As to his complexion it was "very dark or fairly dark, not real dark compared to some Negroes, but fairly dark. Seemed like his face was either--I can't recall detail but it was either very wrinkled or marked in some way."

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During the course of his testimony, Mr. Rowland also provided the Commission with certain information about himself. He states that he has an IQ of 147 and that through his junior year in high school he had a straight-A average but he received "a couple of B's" in his senior year and claims that he received his IQ test in May of 1963. For your information, Rowland has attended W. H. Adamson High School and that his eyes were examined several months ago by a "firm of doctors" named Finn and Finn and that he had "much better than" 20-20 eye sight. Moreover, Rowland advised the Commission that he had been accepted at Texas A & M, Rice, and SMU. Finally, Rowland testified that he has taken special courses in sound and study of echo effects at Crozier Tech, which is a school in Dallas. His instructor was ~~Sam~~ Foster.

The Commission requests that your Bureau investigate all aspects of Mr. Rowland's testimony concerning the person alleged to have been at the southeast corner window.

Moreover, the Commission would like the FBI to report on the accuracy of the aforementioned personal facts concerning Mr. Rowland. Finally the Commission would like a name check of your records and indexes for any information which they may contain on Arnold Louis Rowland.

Sincerely,



J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

March 18, 1964

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To: SAC, Dallas (89-43)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060)-

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

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of a letter dated 3/16/64 which was received from the President's Commission. The letter refers to the testimony of Mr. Arnold Louis Rowland on 3/10/64 before the President's Commission.

In paragraph two of this communication reference is made to an elderly Negro observed by Rowland at the southeast corner window, sixth floor, of the Texas School Book Depository Building. According to the letter, Rowland stated in his testimony he had observed this person and had advised the FBI on November 23 and November 24, 1963. However, a review of Bureau files does not reveal this information.

On page two of this communication Commission requests certain investigation which is self-explanatory. Dallas is instructed to comply with the request of the Commission in this matter and further review your files to ascertain if Rowland did furnish information relating to the elderly Negro.

Dallas instructed to conduct appropriate background inquiries concerning Rowland and, if necessary, reinterview Rowland thoroughly. You will also attempt to identify the elderly Negro claimed to have been observed by Rowland for any information pertaining to the investigation.

Dallas is instructed to handle these inquiries expeditiously and furnish the results to the Bureau in appropriate letterhead memoranda, retaining sufficient copies in appropriate insert form for enclosure in your report.

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Enclosures (2)

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NOTE:

Letter was received from the Commission dated 3/16/64 which referred to the testimony of Mr. Arnold Louis Rowland before the Commission on 3/10/64. It is noted Bureau files reveal Rowland has previously been interviewed and has furnished a signed statement concerning his observations on the date of the assassination. The Commission letter indicates Rowland testified observing an elderly Negro in the southwest window, 6th floor, of the Texas School Book Depository Building and that he allegedly furnished this information to the Bureau on 11/23 and 11/24/63. However, Bureau files do not reveal this information. Rowland furnished the Commission certain background data concerning his IQ and educational background and the Commission requested the Bureau to investigate all aspects of Mr. Rowland's testimony concerning the person alleged to have been seen in the corner window on the 6th floor. Commission also desired the Bureau to report on the accuracy of the personal facts concerning Mr. Rowland.

It is noted in the Commission letter in the first paragraph they refer to an individual standing behind the southwest window on the 6th floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building and on page two, the second to the last paragraph, they request inquiries concerning all aspects of Mr. Rowland's testimony concerning the person observed at the southeast window. Dallas instructed to handle this expeditiously.

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To: SAC, Mobile

From: Director, FBI (82-109060)

PRESIDENT

ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY

11-22-63

DALLAS, TEXAS

Attached is a copy of a letter from [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, which was received by [redacted] on 3-13-64. On page 3 of this letter, [redacted] indicates that he was with Lee Harvey Oswald last summer and loaned him some money.

Also attached is a copy of a letter to [redacted] from [Dr. J. W. Giles, Director, Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama. This was written in connection with allegations made against that hospital by [redacted] a former patient. This letter indicates that [redacted] was diagnosed, during a period of treatment in 1962, as Schizophrenic reaction with an irresistible urge to destructiveness and uncontrollable temper, now in remission. It also states that [redacted] has been treated at the Montgomery VA Hospital, Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] is currently receiving a nonservice-connected pension of \$35 a month for arthritis.

Immediately interview [redacted] for detailed information concerning his alleged contact with Oswald, as reflected in his letter. Review [redacted] records at the VA Hospitals, Montgomery and Tuskegee, and check with local authorities regarding [redacted] activities. Do not reveal [redacted] as source of this information.

Furnish 25 inserts of the results of your investigation to the Dallas Office and also prepare a letterhead memorandum incorporating this investigation for submission to the Bureau for dissemination. Any information developed which sheds light on [redacted] mental stability should be included in the letterhead memorandum and the data furnished to the Dallas Office.

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Enclosures (2)

1 - Dallas - Enclosures (2)

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (sent with cover memo)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo, same date, captioned, [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama.

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March 11, 1964

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[REDACTED]
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear [REDACTED]

The above named veteran was first admitted to this hospital [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] His final discharge diagnoses were:

1. Schizophrenic reaction, undifferentiated type manifested by rigid affect, impaired memory, poor insight, history of irresistible urge to destructiveness and uncontrollable temper, now in remission.
 - a. External precipitating stress--unknown
 - b. Predisposition--nonevident
 - c. Degree of impairment--moderate
2. Caries of teeth
3. Gingivitis
4. Pulpitis
5. Absence of teeth, acquired, maxillary
6. Hemorrhoids, thrombosed

During this period of hospitalization the patient became a definite problem case. On June 27, 1962, without provocation he used profane language against a food service worker. He refused to submit to the indicated disciplinary action, and since he was competent he was discharged against medical advice.

The patient was readmitted to this hospital on [REDACTED] with essentially the same diagnoses, and was discharged into the custody of his mother on [REDACTED]. The discharging physician made this comment: "The patient's attitude, as well as his mother's, has not been amenable to recommended therapy. He is being discharged as having received maximum benefit at this time. I doubt that he will make a sustained social adjustment. The patient is considered to be competent." During this period of hospitalization no major problems occurred with this patient, and he was housed on a ward where he refused to be transferred during his first period of hospitalization. The patient has not been admitted to this hospital since [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED]
Washington, D. C. 20515

His records indicate that he was admitted to the Montgomery VA Hospital on [REDACTED] and discharged on [REDACTED] with a final diagnosis of "No pathology found, no hospital treatment required." The patient is receiving a nonservice-connected pension of \$85 per month for arthritis. There are no service-connected disabilities listed. The patient's records revealed that the Chief, Registrar Division sent a letter to the Manager, VARO, Montgomery, requesting advice on the disposition of an institutional award payment of \$365.50 received March 4, 1963 for this veteran.

We are totally unable to find any evidence that indicates the patient has not received the best of treatment while hospitalized at the VA Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama. Neither are we able to find any evidence that the abuse of other patients existed during the time [REDACTED] was hospitalized in Tuskegee.

We sincerely regret the numerous allegations made by this patient, and it is our feeling that much of it has to be interpreted in the light of his known psychiatric disease and abnormal behavior.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. GILES, M. D.
Hospital Director

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-16-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

On 3-13-64, [REDACTED] furnished Inspector Kemper of your office a copy of a letter he had received that day from captioned individual. [REDACTED] office had received previous correspondence from this individual requesting assistance in processing his claim for disability as a result of military service. In the letter received by [REDACTED] on March 13th, [REDACTED] stated in part, "my old buddy Lee Oswald told me last summer on a bus to Mobile, that when he went out of this world, he wanted the whole world to know it, I think he got his wish. that money I give him as a loan from one friend to another, well I probly never will see it any damn way, but I got enough pleasure Nov. 22 about dinner time, just watching television."

[REDACTED] office also furnished a copy of a letter, dated 3-11-64, from Dr. J. W. Giles, Director Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama, which indicated that [REDACTED] was admitted to that hospital in September, 1961. He was characterized as being schizophrenic and having a history of "irresistible urge to destructiveness and uncontrollable temper, now in remission. [REDACTED] was readmitted to this hospital briefly in late 1962, and was also in the Montgomery VA Hospital briefly in 1963. The letter indicated that he is receiving a nonservice-connected pension of \$85 a month for arthritis. It is noted that this letter from [Giles] was initiated on the basis of allegations against the Tuskegee Hospital made to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]

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Bufiles contain no reference to [REDACTED]. We conducted an applicant-type investigation regarding [Hilliard Grady Ward, Jr.] [REDACTED] in 1957 in connection with his employment with the Atomic Energy Commission at Clarksville, Tennessee. This investigation disclosed no unfavorable information. Copies of [REDACTED] letter and the letter by [Dr. Giles] are attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That attached airtel be sent to SAC, Mobile, instructing that [REDACTED] be immediately interviewed concerning his statements regarding Oswald and that records of VA Hospitals at Tuskegee and Montgomery be reviewed for information reflecting on [REDACTED] mental stability.

- Enclosures (3)
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (3)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (3)

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo

RE: [REDACTED]

(Recommendations continued)

2. That upon receipt of the results of this investigation, someone in your (Mr. DeLoach's) office contact [REDACTED] to advise him of the information obtained.

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Dear [redacted]

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I received your letter today that you
mailed March 9 and it says the same thing
that you said I received way over a month ago
to Senator Hill. Now about these statements
I submitted, I'm sure my father, my mother
and brother [redacted] who first gave
my claim back in 1961, when they carried
me to Bryer could have submitted these statements
long before I finally availed some of the drugs or
tranquilizers out of me that I take for. They
had been leaving it up to [Mrs Paul Little] of
D & V service office here in Montgomery. It
had been telling my mother and brother
[redacted] that he had suspicion my case
several times and they had been down and
over over 3 1/2 years now. Now the letter
I wrote you and Senator Hill back in March
67, the VA sent a letter saying that the
evidence would be to submit statements
to refer my claim, well that sounded
like to me my father, mother and brother
before, I just don't know how to do it
if they just check some of the evidence in
my recent letter to you the other day, that I
think it will prove some facts concerning
my service connected compensation.

I'm been writing Senator Hill and you and also
was with the President & Gordon B. Johnson
and he also referred my letter to him and
in December 30 the U.S. down here and they
said about the same thing, that my letter
was first shown in 61, which is not true
I would have said I'm sure my people
who own my claim back in 61 would have
wrote you a long long time ago about this
matter, but [Mr. Patton] has been talking
My mother and brother Tommy who own
my claim that he had been appealing this
after time for over 2 1/2 years. I'm going
to tell you one thing

I'm getting sicker more and more each day
from worrying so damn much, like I've been
ever since they carried me to hospital back in
61 about my sewing I know I'm entitled to
and I'm also going to tell you something else
and I don't give a damn who see this or
who you tell, your secretary, J.P. or any
damn body, I don't give a damn, the hell with
it and that is a certain hospital, along with
me worrying about my compensation, but
Mainly the hospital, that I may have
mentioned in my letter the other day.

Just might have put your late President (3)
in his damn grave. I want to go into no
details, I'd be a damn fool if I did, but you
can take that part of it or leave it, I
don't give a damn, like I say when you worry
you just get more sicker and sometimes
when you see things that you are not
right, well it just makes ^{you} a little sicker too.
I can tell you this much though, [My old
buddy Joe Oswald told me last summer
on a bus to mobile, that when he went out
of this world, he wanted the whole world
to know it, I think he got his wish. That
morning I give him a loan from one friend
to another, well I probably never will see
it any damn way, but I got enough pleasure
Nov 22 about dinner time, just watching
television.] and I can tell you something
else [redacted], that damn hospital
I mention in my letter, the VA hospital that is
about put a damn brother of a former President
in his damn grave last year right here
in Montgomery Ala, right at the foot of
Storer Hospital steps. I guess maybe God
must have been using a loud speaker that
day, or maybe I just had a heart and felt

good after I had somebody back to keep them
from doing something bad. It was too bad
I guess that I won't in I allow up there
on that 6th floor of the boat club
to hold the same party back again, I may
not even could have had a big heart that
day who know, so I'll close the letter

~~_____~~ and ask you again
very kindly, if you couldn't make the
VA work speed up my benefits I know I'm
entitled to. What you and Congressman
George Andrews and Senator Jester Hill
and proper VA officials do about that damn
hospital is your damn business, but I
would like to say that I do believe that if you
would take that recommendation I mention
in my letter the other day, about building
another hospital somewhere for decent white
folks and a lot of decent Negro folks, who
are sick that want to get better, instead
of worse, the things like that happen.

A week after my birthday in November
of 1963, don't have to happen. You know a
man that's already sick, well it's not
too hard to brainwash him, and I can tell
you something else ~~_____~~

what I've told you in this letter, well Mr. ⁵
Bobby Kennedy and President Lyndon B
Johnson and the Warren Commission, haven't
seen these facts, and probably never will,
but they know from a draft of the
recordings in a certain laundrette about
2nd floor in the morning of Dec 27, 1963, night
here in Montgomery and from a letter to
his daughter Lynda when she was a student
at Texas in Austin, that bought these tape
recorders here and of course some of the
investigation are still here in town, and
probably may see open this letter and read it
before it comes to you. like I say I don't
give a damn, what can it prove. I appreciate
all you and Senator Hill have done for me
and are continuing to do for me from the
bottom of my heart. Well I guess you
and your secretary will probably laugh
and say he's pulling something out of his, well
like I say the more you worry, the sooner you
get, and will close now
Sincerely
[redacted]

[redacted]
Montgomery Ala
36106

I'd appreciate ~~you~~ having you get this
letter

P.S. I also wrote ^{to you} the letter and told
him my ^{old} ^{was} ^{sick} and didn't ^{mean}
no harm to him and also wrote his
wife Maria and told her what
her husband done, wasn't his fault
because the World is sick, and gets
more sicker each day that goes by

P.S. ¹⁹⁵⁶ have enclosing picture taken while
at Sanley field in ¹⁹⁵⁶ ^{San Jose}, just to
show you how happy I used to look,
I don't have none of me today, but I
guess I do look pretty sad now
that we standing behind bars.

Director, FBI

3/17/64

Legat, Rome (62-168) (RUC)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY;
11/22/63; DALLAS, TEXAS

ReBulet 3/6/64, Rome cable 3/13/64, and Rome cable U
3/17/64.

The information in the attached memorandum was furnished on the evening of 3/16/64 by the [redacted], which classified the information SECRET and which advised there was no objection to its dissemination to the President's Commission.

Nine 8" x 10" photographs of the C14 rifle are enclosed for the Bureau. Also enclosed is an Autostat of one page which is the manifest for shipment #3376 which departed Port of Genoa, Italy, on 9/28/60. The manifest discloses rifle C14 was included in this shipment.

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Washington, D. C.
March 17, 1964

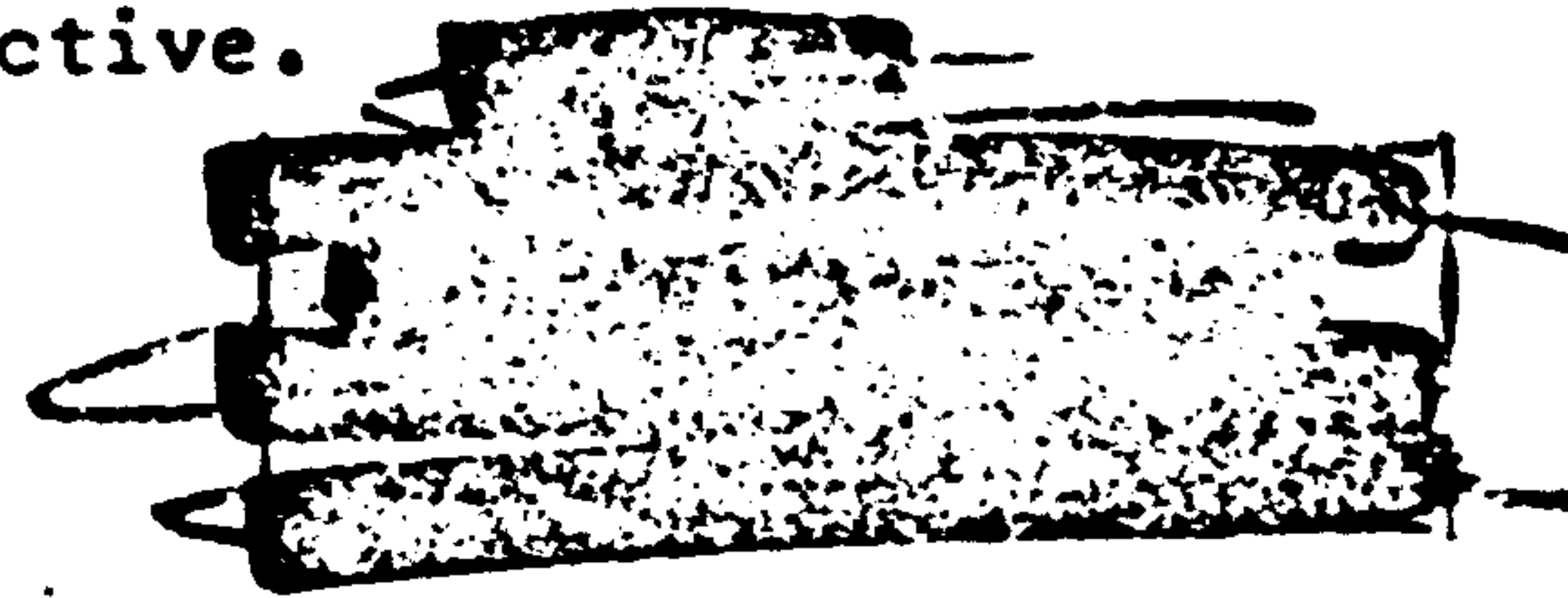
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY;
NOVEMBER 22, 1963;
DALLAS, TEXAS

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The following information was furnished by a confidential source abroad on March 16, 1964:

1. Rifle C14 was manufactured by the Fabbrica Armi Esercito Terni - di Terni (the Army Arms Plant of Terni, Italy).
2. The number C2766 which appears on the barrel of the C14 rifle is the serial number of the rifle.
3. The C14 rifle is the only one of its type which bears serial number C2766.
4. It was not possible to definitely establish how many of this type of rifle were sold. It was established, however, that the Carlo Riva Machine Shop of Brescia, Italy, shipped rifles of the same type to Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., 404 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y., telephone number Wisconsin 4-4490. Rifle C14 was one of the rifles in a lot of 5200 so shipped. This shipment, numbered 3376, was shipped from the Port of Genoa, Italy, on the ship "Elettra Fassio" on September 28, 1960.

Concerning the shipment of these rifles to Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., there is presently a legal proceeding by the Carlo Riva Machine Shop to collect payment for the shipment of the rifles which Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., claims were defective.



This document contains neither
recommendations nor conclusions of
the FBI. It is the property of
the FBI and is loaned to your agency;
it and its contents are not to be
distributed outside your agency.

The owner of the Carlo Riva Machine Shop, during a visit made to the United States in December of 1960, verified that about 7,000 of the rifles shipped to Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., were in the possession of a company owned by Louis Feldsott of Yonkers, New York.

There follows a detailed description of the markings and numbers which appear in the photographs of the C14 rifle, serial number C2766:

Photograph 1. Depicts one of the weapons 91/38 modified by the Carlo Riva Machine Shop and sold to the Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., of New York.

Photograph 2. The number C2766 is definitely the serial number of the rifle. The letters "SD" mean the inspector of the rifle.

Photograph 3. 1940 is the year of manufacture. The inscription "MADE ITALY" was placed on the rifle by Carlo Riva Machine Shop at the request of Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc. The crown emblem means the rifle was tested by the Army Arms Company.

Photograph 4. 1940 is the year of manufacture. "MADE ITALY" is the inscription Adam Consolidated Industries, Inc., wanted inscribed on the weapon prior to shipment. The crown R. E. Terni means the rifle was manufactured and tested by the Army Arms plant of Terni, Italy. "CAL.6.5" indicates the caliber of the rifle.

Photograph 5. The crown and TNI means the barrel of the rifle was inspected by an official of the Army Arms plant of Terni, Italy.

Photograph 6. It was not possible to establish what the letters "AG-47-2" mean; most probably they indicate the quality of steel used to manufacture the rifle and the letters remained after the rifle was completed.

Photograph 7. "Rocca" indicates the name of the designer or artisan of the rifle who manufactured and furnished the bolt cocking piece. Rocca, in fact, is named Giuseppe Rocca, who owned a machine shop in Lumezzane, Brescia, Italy. The shop is no longer in existence.

Photograph 8. P.G indicate the initials of the designer who during the period of manufacture of the rifle furnished the bolt handle.

Photograph 9. The number 40 indicates the year of manufacture while the mark on the extreme right of the photograph is the inscription made by the person who inspected the breech.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Malone	_____
Rosen	_____
Sullivan	_____
Tavel	_____
Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 3-16-64

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY
VISUAL AIDS

Referenced memo Gauthier to Callahan 3-14-64. The source for the photographs used in preparing the below mentioned brochures are as follows:

A. Paine-Randle Homes, Irving, Texas

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Made by</u>	<u>Date</u>
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9 through 14	FBI	3-9-64
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B. Texas School Book Depository, Dallas, Texas

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6 through 9	FBI	3-10-64
10 through 11	FBI	11-23-63
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13 through 17	FBI	3-10-64
18	FBI	3-7-64
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21 through 24	FBI	11-23-63
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley) (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad (Sent Direct)

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(1 & 2) removed
sent to Mr. [unclear]
for [unclear] per
[unclear]

6- [unclear]
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Memo Gauthier to Callahan
Re: Visual Aids
3-16-64

C. Bus and Taxi Exhibits

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RECOMMENDATION:

None; for information only.

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March 26, 1964

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BY COURIER SERVICE
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Raupach

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of February 23, 1964, concerning the C14 rifle, a 6.5 millimeter Italian Service Rifle, Serial Number C3763. U

Enclosed are two copies of a "Secret" memorandum, nine photographs prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory and a copy of one page of the shipping manifest, number 3376 relating to the C14 rifle. U

This completes your request and upon removal of the classified enclosure this communication becomes unclassified. U

Sincerely yours,

- Enclosure (2588)
- 1 - 62-109060
- 1 - Mr. R. A. Frazier
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Foreign Liaison

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE:

By letter dated February 28, 1964, the President's Commission requested information concerning rifle C14 utilized in the assassination. The Commission desired to know at what plant the rifle was manufactured, was serial number C2766, appearing on the rifle, the only rifle of this type bearing this number, and how many other rifles were likely to have had this number. Least, Rome obtained this information from the [redacted] classified Secret. [redacted] had no objection to this information being disseminated to the Commission. The data furnished indicates C14 rifle is the only one which contained serial number C2766. One page of the shipping manifest, bearing this serial number plus nine photographs utilized in the identification of the rifle prepared by the Laboratory, are also being submitted to the Commission.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 8 1964

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

FBI DALLAS

8-09 PM CST URGENT 3-8-64 LJH

TO DIRECTOR 105-32,555

FROM DALLAS 100-10,461 1-P.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS ^{INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA} R - CUBA.

PHOTOGRAPH OF FRAZIER-S CAR AND DETAIL MEASUREMENTS OF FIRST FLOOR TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY AND EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT

COMPLETED MARCH SEVEN, 'SIXTYFOUR. DIAGRM OF FIRST FLOOR TSBD WITH PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING REAR ENTRANCE TO FLOOR, DIAGRAM RELATING

PARKING LOT AREA TO TSBD WITH PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING PARKING LOT AND TSBD, CLOSE-UP VIEW OF FRAZIER-S CAR IN PARKING LOT

POSITIONED BY FRAZIER APPROX. SAME PLACE CAR WAS PARKED AT TIME OSWALD LEFT CAR ON MORNING NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, LAST WILL BE

AVAILABLE TO INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION ON MARCH NINE, NEXT. DETAIL MEASUREMENTS OF REMAINING FLOORS INCLUDING BASEMENT COMPLETED

MARCH EIGHT, INST. DATA FURNISHED EXHIBITS SECTION VIA AMSD, WHERE DRAWINGS WILL BE COMPLETED SOON AS POSSIBLE. NECESSARY

TECHNICAL DATA CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF CHARTS, DIAGRSMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS RELATING TO PAINE, RANDLE-FRAZIER HOMES LOCATED

IRVING, TEXAS, SCHEDULED FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION ON MARCH NINE, NEXT BY INSPECTOR GAUTHIER AND DALLAS AGENTS

KNOWN TO INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED. TWO DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED TO, END PAGE ONE

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COMPLETE WORK IN IRVING AND ANOTHER FOUR DAYS TO COMPLETE
CHARTS IN EXHIBITS SECTION. ASSIGNMENT WILL BE COMPLETED
AND AVAILABLE TO COMMISSION BY MARCH SIXTEEN, SIXTYFOUR.

END

NHH

FBI WASH DC

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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3/9/64

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This matter refers to the request received from the Commission 3/4/64. The Commission desired various photographs of the Texas School Book Depository Building and plat of the first floor to be available 3/9/64 in connection with the proposed examination of Buell Wesley Frazier and Fannie Mae Randle. Diagrams and exhibits being prepared to be delivered to Commission

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**PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY**

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MAR 21 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: Assassination of President Kennedy

As of December 27, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised that the paper bag marked Q-10 was not the same type of paper as was used in specimen K-52. Q-10 is identified as the brown wrapping paper in the shape of a long bag which was found near the window from which the shots were fired. K-52 is a replica paper sack made from paper and tape available in the shipping room of the Texas School Book Depository. The report states "it was determined that the paper and tape used for specimen K-52 is different from the paper and tape used for the Q-10 paper bag that was previously submitted in this case." (Gemberling, 1/7/64, "FBI Laboratory Examinations," page 47.)

To the contrary, the supplemental report of the FBI, dated January 13, 1964, at page 4, says

"The FBI Laboratory examined the brown wrapping paper in the shape of a long bag which was found near the window from which the shots were fired. It was determined that the wrapping paper and the three-inch manila tape used to construct the bag were the same as that used by the Texas School Book Depository." — K2 (D-1)

We are in doubt. Please submit a report in writing from the laboratory to the tests made and the conclusions drawn.

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In addition, certain questions occur to us:

1. Was the brown wrapping paper sack the same color as paper used in the Shipping Department of the Texas School Book Depository?
2. Did the brown wrapping paper sack found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building change color when treated for fingerprints by Dallas Police Department?
3. Does the laboratory have any opinion as to the source of the paper used to make the brown wrapping paper bag found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building?

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Rogge, Rm. 5730

1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Griffith
1-Mr. Cadigan

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March 19, 1964

By Courier Service

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

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of March 12, 1964, concerning the paper bag marked Q 10, identified as brown wrapping paper in the shape of a long bag which was found near the window from which the shots were fired. Your letter refers to paper examinations described in the report of Special Agent Gemberling, January 7, 1964, page 47, and in a supplemental report of this Bureau dated January 13, 1964.

It is pointed out that these two reports relate respectively to the examinations of two different known samples of material, one of which was found to be similar to the material of the bag, Q 10, and the other different, as noted in your letter and as set forth below. Both of these known samples of material, together with the original paper bag, Q 10, were delivered to representatives of the Commission on March 11, 1964, as shown in this Bureau's letter of March 12, 1964.

On the one hand, a supplemental FBI report dated January 13, 1964, covers a comparison of the paper bag, Q 10, with a known sample of paper and tape obtained from the first floor of the Texas School Book Depository on November 22, 1963, and designated as K 2. As stated in this report, the paper and tape used to construct the bag, Q 10, were found to be similar to the known sample materials from the Texas School Book Depository, (K 2).

The result of this comparison is also set forth on page 165 of the report of Special Agent Gemberling dated November 30, 1963, a copy of which has previously been furnished to the Commission. (Bulet to Hon. J. Lee Rankin 12/20/63 RDR:mlt)

On the other hand, the report of Special Agent Gemberling dated January 7, 1964, refers to a specimen designated as K 52, a replica sack:

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

made by Special Agents of this Bureau at the Texas School Book Depository on December 1, 1963, from paper and tape available in the shipping room of the Texas School Book Depository. As stated in this report the paper and tape used to construct the bag, Q 10, were found to be different from the paper and tape comprising specimen K 52.

Accordingly, the results are correctly reported in each instance, and there is no conflict between the report of Special Agent Gemberling of January 7, 1964, and FBI supplemental report dated January 13, 1964, since they relate to different materials.

In response to your inquiry as to whether the brown wrapping paper sack was the same color as paper used in the shipping department of the Texas School Book Depository, you are advised that the brown wrapping paper sack, Q 10, was similar in color to the paper used in the shipping department and designated as K 52; however, under ultraviolet fluorescence, both the tape and the paper comprising K 52 were markedly different in appearance from the sack, Q 10. In the case of the other known sample, K 2, from the same building, K 2 not only was similar in color to Q 10, but likewise was similar in appearance under ultraviolet fluorescence, as well as in microscopic and all other observable physical characteristics.

With reference to your inquiry as to whether the sack, Q 10, changed color when treated for fingerprints by the Dallas Police Department, you are advised that the sack, Q 10, did not change appreciably in color when treated for fingerprints by the Dallas Police Department, since a dusting powder was apparently used. After the paper sack, Q 10, was chemically treated for fingerprints by this Bureau there was an appreciable change in the color of the paper resulting from the chemical treatment.

Regarding your request for an opinion as to the source of the paper used to make the brown paper bag, Q 10, as noted above, paper similar to that in Q 10 was available on November 22, 1963, in the Texas School Book Depository (represented by specimen K 2) and, accordingly, the bag, Q 10, could have been made from the materials available in the Texas School Book Depository. However, the paper and tape used to make the paper bag, Q 10, do not contain any watermarks or other significant identifying features to indicate uniquely the actual source of the paper used. Accordingly, since paper and tape of this type are widely used for packaging purposes, similar material could undoubtedly have been obtained from many paper dealers, or from other users.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

March 20, 1964

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To: SAC, Dallas (89-43)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060) - 2688

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

Enclosed is one copy of a letter received from the President's Commission dated March 18, 1964, which is self-explanatory.

No copy of the photograph requested, taken by Mrs. Moorman, is in Bureau possession. This matter appears to relate to information contained in Dallas report dated 12/23/63, page 24, of SA Gemberling, which is a 302 written by SA Charles T. Brown.

Dallas is instructed to determine if they have their possession the copy of photograph. If not, immediately contact Mrs. Moorman, obtain the photograph, assuring her this will promptly be returned to her after appropriate examination by the President's Commission.

Handle promptly.

Enclosure

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NOTE:

By letter dated 3/18/64, President's Commission referred to an interview with Mrs. Mary Ann Moorman concerning two photographs which she took of the Presidential motorcade on 11/22/63. Bureau files indicate the photographs appear to be those taken by Mrs. Moorman with a Polaroid camera, one just prior to the time the President's car passed her position and the second photograph taken shortly after the President was shot. Bureau file 105-82555, serial 1212, an insert written by SA Charles T. Brown, Jr., 12/12/63, regards photographs, one of which was very poor quality, revealed a motorcycle police officer preceding Presidential car and also reveals the lower corner of the ~~Dallas~~ ^{Texas} School Book Depository Building. Although it cannot be verified in Bureau files, it appears this is the particular photograph in which the President's Commission has an interest.

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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EARL WARREN, Chairman
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Miss Gandy...

J. LEE RANKIN,
General Counsel

MAR 18 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I refer you to SA Gemberling's report of November 30, page 37, in which there appears an interview with Mrs. Mary Ann Moorman concerning two photographs which she took of the Presidential motorcade. According to Mrs. Moorman, the second of the photographs, which we have seen, was given to agents of your Bureau. The first photograph was given to Secret Service Agents John Joe Howlett and Bill Patterson on November 22, 1963. We have received a report from the Secret Service advising us that on November 23 or November 24 this picture was turned over to an agent of your Bureau who is believed by the Secret Service to be SA Brown. The Secret Service further advises us that this photograph has been returned by your Bureau to Mrs. Moorman.

If the Bureau did obtain this photograph from Mrs. Moorman, do you have a copy in your possession? If you do not have a copy and if in fact it has been returned to Mrs. Moorman, we would like you to obtain this photograph from her with the assurance that the photograph will be promptly returned to her after it has been examined by the Commission.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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Date: 3/24/64

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) (P)

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 3/23/64, transmitting ten copies each of two letterhead memoranda reflecting transcripts of radio transmissions by the Dallas Police Department and the Dallas County Sheriff's Office.

In connection with the letterhead memorandum reflecting the transcript of the Dallas Police Department, on page one, first line, the date March 20, 1964, should precede Inspector J. HERBERT SAWYER's name.

BUREAU requested to add this date to their copies. Dallas copies corrected.

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C. C. Wick,

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. I. W. CONRAD

DATE: 3/3/64

FROM : MR. C. F. DOWNING

SUBJECT:

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Commission letter of 2/28/64, in commenting upon a translation of a foreign language notebook, stated that the translation previously furnished by the Bureau simply reported that it was such a notebook and did not translate the actual words. The Director commented, "Here again we have grossly mishandled the original request. Why?"

In response to the Director's inquiry, the following information is set forth. Commission letter of 2/21/64, is one of a continuing series of letters from the Commission requesting translation of numerous foreign language items. Upon checking the 2/21/64, request against the record of translated items previously furnished to the Commission by the Bureau, it was apparent that the Commission had not even taken the trouble to determine what already had been furnished, since several of the 26 items requested in the 2/21/64 letter were included in an earlier list of more than 50 items, translations of which had been furnished previously by Bureau letter of February 1, 1964. Accordingly, in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of work, Bureau letter of 2/26/64, furnishing the requested translations, pointed out that certain of these translations had been previously sent to the Commission. Among these was the notebook in question, identified as Item B-6.

In providing translations of the various foreign language material encountered in this case, an area of judgment necessarily enters at times, since several of the items are bulky books of one kind or another, other items consist of longhand copies of published poems, etc. However, our translator and supervisory personnel have given in the past and will continue to give the utmost care in complying with the Commission's requests as they are understood.

Contrary to the statement in the Commission's letter of 2/28/64, the translation furnished under date of 2/1/64 did, in fact, translate a representative sampling (although not all) of the actual words, and was considered to be a proper response in the absence of a request for a verbatim translation. It is now apparent that a verbatim translation of each and every word is desired and this is being furnished under cover of the attached letter. It is noted that the foreign language material is merely a vocabulary drill.

ACTION: Proposed letter to Commission attached for approval.

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- (10) 1-Mr. Belmont
- Enc. 1-Mr. Rosen
- 1-Mr. Sullivan

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3/25/64

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(ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY)

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 1/6/64.

On 3/12/64, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that informant had received no information that a group was conducting an investigation into the matter of President KENNEDY's assassination.

On 3/20/64, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that he has no information that a private group was conducting an investigation into the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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To: Director, FBI (100-354341)
From: Legat, Paris (100-1793) (P.)
Subject: THOMAS GITTINGS BUCHANAN, JR.
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Re Paris letter 2-27-64.

Referenced Paris letter furnished to the Bureau an article written by the subject which appeared in a left wing Paris weekly newspaper, "L'Express", regarding the assassination of the late President KENNEDY. In the article BUCHANAN asserts that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was not responsible for the assassination and that several assassins were involved.

[Mr. CROSBY NOYES, Paris representative of the Washington Star newspaper] contacted me on 2-28-64. He asked if the subject, THOMAS GITTINGS BUCHANAN, JR., is identical with a person by the same name who was previously employed by the Washington Star in Washington. He stated he recalls that an individual by this name was employed by the Washington Star and that he resigned to become more active in the Communist Party.

[Mr. NOYES] was advised that the file in our Paris Office was incomplete, and it was suggested that he contact [his headquarters] which probably has access to complete information regarding the subject's background. He indicated that he intends to do this and stated that when he obtains the necessary details regarding BUCHANAN, he intends to write a letter to "L'Express".

This is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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Date: March 20, 1964

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (55-1) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY;
11/22/63
Dallas, Texas
OO: DALLAS

RE Dallas airtel to Director, Las Vegas, and San Francisco, captioned LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka; IS-R-CUBA; OO: DALLAS, dated 3/9/64; Bureau airtel to San Francisco, dated 3/12/64.

Enclosed herewith for Dallas are 25 copies of administrative insert for the administrative pages of Dallas report containing identifying information of LEONARD SIAFER and 25 copies of FD-302 reflecting results of interview with LEONARD SIAFER, Director of Convention Sales, Dunes Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. One (1) information copy each is being sent to the San Francisco Office.

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