

April 7, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Shroder  
1 - Mr. Rogge

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 3, 1964, and our letter dated March 18, 1964, relating to your request for a transcript of all radio transmissions from local and state police capable of being received in Dallas, Texas, from November 22, 1963, to November 24, 1963.

Enclosed for your assistance are two folders consisting of four communications each prepared by our Dallas Office from data supplied by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and the Dallas Police Department.

The enclosed information is being furnished in accordance with your request and no further action is being taken by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (2)

1 - 105-82555  
1 - 62-109060 (Assassination of President Kennedy)  
① - 62-109090 (President's Commission)  
1 - Mr. R. E. Lonihan

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE:

Commission by referenced letter requested above information as it related to the assassination of President Kennedy, the murder of Dallas police officer J. D. Tippit, investigations of these crimes, security of Lee Harvey Oswald and his movement to the Dallas County Jail. Dallas by teletype 3/13/64, advised some of the requested material had been obtained, however, Sheriff's Office unable to comply with Commission's request until after Ruby's trial. Bureau by letter 3/18/64, advised Commission of status of its request. Enclosed material consisting of 130 pages complies with Commission's request.





NOTE:

A descriptive listing of the Commission Exhibits mentioned herein is attached. The Commission's letter referred to requested Bureau to prepare three photographs of each exhibit in this matter to which a Commission Exhibit number had been assigned and to prepare such photographs of future exhibits as Commission numbers are assigned. The enclosed photographs are of exhibits recently assigned numbers by the Commission and delivered by them to the Bureau for photography. The photographs furnished to the Commission on March 30, 1964, were personally delivered by SA James C. Cadigan.

COMMISSION EXHIBIT NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

- 344 Photograph of 1961 Lincoln Continental 4-door convertible bubbletop, taken from right side.
- 345 Photograph of same vehicle as mentioned in Exhibit 344 with top up, taken from rear.
- 346 Photograph of same vehicle as mentioned in Exhibit 344, taken from right side above and depicting interior.
- 347 Aerial view of downtown Dallas, Texas.
- 348 Photograph of Texas School Book Depository Building.
- 349 Photograph of windshield of same vehicle as mentioned in Exhibit 344 depicting an indentation on the metal framework of the windshield.
- 350 Photograph of windshield of same vehicle as mentioned in Exhibit 344 taken from outside the car front looking toward the car depicting a crack in the windshield on the driver's side.
- 351 Windshield which was removed from vehicle noted in Exhibit 344.
- 352 Photograph of rear seat of same vehicle as mentioned in Exhibit 344 taken from above depicting condition of rear seat after occupants were removed on November 22, 1963.
- 353 Photograph of same scene as Exhibit 352 taken from different angle.
- 354 Aerial view of Main, Houston and Elm Streets in downtown Dallas, Texas.
- 355 Copy of Daily Shift Report of Friday, November 22, 1963, of Secret Service Vice President Detail.
- 356 Same photograph as Exhibit 348 of Texas School Book Depository Building. (Marked by Rowland)
- 357 Copy of statement of Arnold Louis Rowland taken by Sheriff's Department, County of Dallas, Texas, on Nov. 22, 1963.
- 358 Copy of statement made by Arnold Louis Rowland to SAs James W. Swinford and Paul E. Hulff of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 24, 1963.
- 359 Aerial view of downtown Dallas, Texas (Marked by James Richard Kerrell, Jr.)

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EXHIBIT



COMMISSION EXHIBIT NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

360 Same photograph as Exhibit 348 of Texas School Book Depository Building but different picture.

365 Aerial view of downtown Dallas, Texas, at scene of assassination. (Marked by Amos Lee Euins)

366 Same photograph as Exhibit 348 of Texas School Book Depository Building, but different picture. (Marked by Amos Lee Euins)

367 Copy of statement of Amos Lee Euins taken by Sheriff's Department, County of Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

385 Painted chart showing wounds.

386 Painted chart showing wounds.

388 Painted chart showing wounds.

389 Color print of movie film frame.

390 Color print of movie film frame.

396 Color print of movie film frame.

397 Working papers associated with Naval Medical School Autopsy Report A63-272.

398 Color print of movie film frame.

393 (FBI Item c29) Suit coat worn by President Kennedy at time of assassination.

394 (FBI Item c32) Shirt worn by President Kennedy at time of assassination.

395 (FBI Item c31) Tie worn by President Kennedy at time of assassination.

399 (FBI Item c1) Bullet from stretcher.

460 Schematic drawing from Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - J. R. Malley
- 1 - W. A. Evans
- 1 - J. C. Sizoo

TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY  
 FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION BY APRIL SIX LETTER HAS STATED IT PLANS TO SEND TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMISSION TO MEXICO CITY WITH MAN FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PERFORM ONE END PERFORM THEMSELVES FULLY RE NATURE AND EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION HEREIN BY AMERICAN AGENCIES ABOARD; PERFORM TWO END PERFORM TO BECOME INFORMED RE INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT BY RESPONSIBLE MEXICAN AGENCIES, AND PERFORM END PERFORM TO CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. AND MEXICAN OFFICIALS AS TO WHAT FURTHER INVESTIGATION, IF ANY, SHOULD BE INITIATED. COMMISSION EXPRESSED DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOUR OFFICE AND TO CONSULT WITH YOU RE THESE MATTERS.

ENCLOSED BY MAIL COPY THIS CABLE IS COPY COMMISSION'S APRIL SIX LAST LETTER AND BUREAU REPLY THEREIN. SHOULD COMMISSION'S REPRESENTATIVES TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITY, YOU ARE TO MEET WITH THEM AND COOPERATE ON CONSULTATION BASIS RE NATURE AND EXTENT OF YOUR INVESTIGATION THIS MATTER. DO NOT UNDERTAKE ANY INVESTIGATION AT SPECIFIC REQUEST COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES WITHOUT CONSULTING SA...

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CABLEGRAM TO MEXICO CITY  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
105-32555

TELEPHONICALLY OR BY CABLE WITH BUREAU. SHOULD COMMISSION'S  
REPRESENTATIVES SEEK YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING CONSULTATION  
WITH MEXICAN OFFICIALS, REQUEST THAT THEY WORK THIS OUT THROUGH  
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AS THIS APPEARS WITHIN FOREIGN STATE  
DEPARTMENT. COPY MAILED DALLAS WITH ENCLOSURES.

NOTE:

See cover memorandum W. A. Branigan to V. C. Sullivan,  
4/7/64, same caption, prepared by JCS:klw.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As I informed Mr. Malley on Friday, the Commission has requested that members of the Commission staff travel to Mexico City to consult with appropriate officials regarding the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald's activities in Mexico during the period from September 26, 1963 to October 3, 1963.

It is currently planned that the trip will be made by Mr. Howard P. Willens of the Department of Justice and Messrs. William T. Coleman and W. David Slawson of the Commission staff. I have instructed these lawyers to do the following on behalf of the Commission: (1) To inform themselves fully regarding the nature and extent of the investigative effort made on this matter by representatives of American agencies abroad; (2) To become informed with as much detail as possible regarding the investigative effort made subsequent to the assassination by the responsible Mexican agencies; and (3) To consult with the appropriate United States and Mexican officials as to what further investigation, if any, should be initiated.

As I explained to Mr. Malley, the Commission desires to work closely with your representatives in Mexico City and to consult with them regarding these matters. I would appreciate your cooperation in assisting these representatives of the Commission in whatever way possible during their assignment in Mexico City.

Sincerely,

*J. Lee Rankin*

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

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1-11 OK City (E.H.S.-2) 4-7-64*

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4/7/64

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - J. R. Malley  
1 - W. A. Branigan  
1 - Liaison  
1 - J. C. Stokes

Following oral advice to Mr. Malley on Friday, 4/3/64, Mr. Rankin, General Counsel of the President's Commission, has written under date 4/6/64 to advise of plans of the Commission to send two of its members, Messrs. William T. Coleman and W. David Slawson, and Mr. Howard P. Willens of the Department of Justice to Mexico. These men are to inquire concerning the nature and extent of investigative effort in the Oswald case of American agencies in Mexico, to inquire as to the investigative effort made by responsible Mexican agencies and to consult with appropriate United States and Mexican officials to determine what further investigation, if any, should be initiated. Mr. Rankin's letter states that the Commission desires to work closely with our representatives in Mexico City and to consult with them on the above matters. He asks for our cooperation in assisting the Commission's representatives during their assignment in Mexico.

Concerning the Commission's expressed intention to inquire concerning the nature and extent of investigation of American agencies in Mexico, we have furnished to the Commission numerous memoranda concerning work performed by the Legal Attache (Legat). Most recent information furnished the Commission was 4/6/64 letter summarizing recent developments which succeeded in determining that Oswald left Mexico alone by bus on which he traveled from Mexico City to Nuevo Laredo and then on to Dallas on 10/2-3/63. We have also furnished the Commission much information concerning investigation by agencies of the Mexican Government. Additional material in these areas is being currently received from the Legat and is being forwarded to the Commission.

Concerning Commission's expressed intention to consult with Mexican officials, we feel arrangements for the Commission's representatives to meet with the Mexicans should be worked out with the American Ambassador as this realm is properly within the purview of the responsibilities of the State Department.

## RECOMMENDATION:

1. Attached for approval is letter to Mr. Rankin advising him that we have heretofore furnished the Commission with such information concerning our investigation and the investigation of the Mexicans; that

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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further investigation is under way, the results of which will be promptly furnished and that whenever initiation of inquiry appears necessary or logical to the proper completion of the investigation in Mexico same has been and will continue to be initiated. The letter informs Mr. Rankin that our staff in Mexico will be available for assistance on a consultation basis concerning investigation undertaken by us; however, arrangements for contact of Mexican officials by the Commission's staff should be handled through the American Ambassador.

2. There<sup>s</sup> is attached for approval a cablegram to the Legat, Mexico City, advising him of the Commission's letter and instructing: (1) that Legat is to cooperate with the Commission's representatives on a consultation basis in discussing nature and extent of our investigation in Mexico; (2) that no investigation is to be initiated at the specific request of the Commission's representatives without clearing with the Bureau; and (3) that any requests by the Commission's representatives to be put in touch with Mexican officials should be referred to the American Ambassador.



April 7, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

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- 1 - DeLoach
- 1 - Sullivan
- 1 - Rosen
- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Stokes

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 31, 1964, concerning interview of Dr. and Mrs. John B. McFarland, passengers on the same buses on which Lee Harvey Oswald traveled from Houston, Texas, to Mexico City on September 26-27, 1963.

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When the McFarlands were interviewed on December 12, 1963, they explained that they left Jackson, Mississippi, by Continental Trailways Bus at approximately 2 p.m. on September 25, 1963, en route to Mexico City. They said they first met Oswald when he boarded the Continental Trailways Bus on which they were traveling at Houston, Texas, at approximately 9 a.m., September 26, 1963. The Continental Trailways Bus, boarded by Oswald on the early morning of September 26, 1963, arrived at Laredo, Texas, on the afternoon of September 26, 1963, in time to make connections with the Red Arrow Bus on which Oswald and the McFarlands traveled to Mexico City.

Dr. and Mrs. McFarland related that Oswald told them he left New Orleans at approximately the same time that the McFarlands departed from Jackson, Mississippi.

They said that upon disembarking from the Red Arrow Bus at Mexico City sometime between 9 and 10 a.m., September 27, 1963, Oswald left the bus station alone and they did not see him again. They said that Oswald collected baggage as he left the bus in Mexico City but they did not see his baggage.

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They further recalled that Oswald sat behind them on the Red Arrow Bus and next to an elderly male who claimed to be 80 years of age, but who appeared to them to be approximately 60. This male claimed to have resided in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and in Tennessee. This individual claimed to be a retired schoolteacher who taught in India and Arabia and said that he was writing a book on the Lisbon earthquake of 1775.

Further information concerning subsequent revelations of Dr. and Mrs. McFarland is set forth on page 35 of Dallas report in the Oswald case dated March 11, 1964.

The foregoing and the material previously furnished to you concerning interviews of Dr. and Mrs. McFarland comprise all of the material touching on these interviews in the possession of headquarters of this Bureau. We are communicating with our source abroad in this regard and you will be advised if further details concerning interviews of the McFarlands are available. If so, such material will be furnished to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: The McFarlands were fellow passengers of Oswald on buses from Houston to Mexico City 9/20-27/63. We summarized first interview of McFarlands in which they identified Oswald as a passenger on both buses in a 12/25/63 letterhead. The interview was conducted by source of Legat in Liverpool, England. Subsequently, McFarlands were reinterviewed at which time they identified the elderly male who sat next to Oswald on Mexican bus as Albert Osborne, which interview was reported in Dallas 3/11 report. Incoming asks if we have a more detailed report of the 12/12 interview of McFarlands in England. We are checking with Legat, London, to see if further details are available. It is not believed necessary to reinterview McFarlands and Commission has not asked this.



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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Page four of the Federal Bureau of Investigation memorandum dated December 23, 1963, regarding Lee Harvey Oswald, summarizes an interview with Dr. and Mrs. John B. McFarland, passengers on the same bus with Lee Harvey Oswald from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City on September 26-27, 1963, the interview taking place in Liverpool, England, on December 12, 1963. If a more detailed report of this interview with the McFarlands is available, the Commission would appreciate receiving it.

Sincerely,

*J. Lee Rankin*

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO:

MR. SULLIVAN

**SECRET**

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

DATE: 4-6-64

FROM:

MR. BRANIGAN

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Cheesling
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

SUBJECT:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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The President's Commission, by letter 3-26-64, forwarded 30 questions to which they requested a reasoned response in reasonable detail and with such substantiating materials as seem appropriate. There is attached a letter addressed to Mr. Rankin forwarding the answers to the questions raised by the Commission.

Pursuant to the Director's observations, we have included all the answers in one letter. Heretofore, we included the answers to questions 25, 28 and 29 in a separate letter which was classified "Secret."



The SAC, New Orleans, has advised that he has reviewed the material with the Agents of that office and there are no changes suggested.

SAC, Dallas, observed that inquiries of the Retail Merchants' Credit Association, Fort Worth, Texas, were originally made under the name Marina Oswald but that the answer as proposed by the Bureau is factual and complete. SAC, Dallas, recommended that the phrase "prior to the assassination" be added to the answer to question 27 showing that SA James P. Hosty had not interviewed Marina Oswald 11-1-63 or at any other time prior to the assassination. This has been incorporated in the reply.

**ACTION:**

There is attached a letter to Mr. Rankin, together with a 15-page attachment which, if you approve, should be forwarded to the President's Commission.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Cadigan

April 6, 1964

By Courier Service

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

On March 30, 1964, Mr. Melvin Eisenberg of your staff orally requested Special Agent James C. Cadigan of this Bureau to determine if the known paper sample and the known tape sample, both designated as FBI Exhibit D-1, and the paper and tape used to make the replica paper bag, Commission Exhibit 364, both came from the same room to determine if the room or rooms from which D-1 and Commission Exhibit 364 were obtained had any special designation or room number, and did Lee Harvey Oswald have legitimate access to such space.

The Dallas Office of this Bureau has advised that both D-1 and Commission Exhibit 364 were obtained from the same room, which is on the main floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building, and the whole main floor is designated as the "shipping room." Lee Harvey Oswald had legitimate access to this space.

Sincerely yours

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NOTE: Oral request was relayed to Dallas by Butel 3/30/64. Reply to Commission is based on information furnished by Dallas.

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 12, 1964, making inquiry regarding a Duo-lens Imperial Reflex camera submitted to our Dallas Office by Robert Oswald on February 24, 1964.

By letter dated March 17, 1964, questions raised by referenced letter with the exception of question number three were answered. Enclosed for your assistance are two copies of a self-explanatory memorandum dated March 23, 1964, Dallas, Texas. It is believed this memorandum answers in detail question three.

This completes this Bureau's investigation on questions presented in referenced letter.

Sincerely yours,

Edmy Hooye

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NOTE:

Commission's letter 3-12-64 raised 4 questions re a Duo-lens Imperial reflex camera. Bulet 3-17-64 answered questions posed by the Commission with the exception of question #3 "Why wasn't the camera picked up by the Dallas Police from Ruth Paine's residence, under what circumstances did Robert take the camera from that residence, and why did Robert wait until February 24 to come forward with it?"

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

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Bureau teletype 3-20-64 instructed Dallas to ascertain full and complete answers to the Commission's question and submit results in letterhead memo suitable for dissemination. Dallas letterhead memo 3-26-64 answers in detail unanswered question #3 raised by the Commission, and is in full compliance with the Commission's request in this matter.

This memo contains 8 pages and will replace Dallas memo 3-16-64. It has been reviewed by supervisors, Mr. Belmont and Mr. Malley.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER *l.b.d.* • DATE: 4-2-64

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA;  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
11-22-63, DALLAS, TEXAS

LATENT PRINT TESTIMONY BEFORE PRESIDENT'S  
COMMISSION

This morning, 4-2-64, at 9:00 o'clock, I appeared before the Commission and testified that a latent fingerprint and a latent palm print I developed on a piece of brown wrapping paper, believed to have been used to take the murder weapon into the building from which the shots were fired, were the left index fingerprint and right palm print of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Testimony was also given that a latent palm print found on the underside of the barrel of the murder weapon was the right palm print of Oswald. This latent palm print was developed by the Dallas Police Department.

Further testimony was given that a latent palm print and a latent finger developed by FBI Identification Division on a cardboard box found in the room from which the shots were fired were prints of Oswald and that a latent palm print developed by Dallas Police Department on another box from same room was also identified as right palm print of Oswald.

During my testimony, the Commission requested a copy of the Marine Corps fingerprint card of Oswald from our files and a copy of the fingerprint card of Oswald we received from Dallas Police Department showing he was dead. The Commission also requested an illustration depicting the various ridge characteristics which fingerprint experts use in comparing fingerprints and palm prints. The Commission desires these items be furnished by Monday, 4-5-64. This will be done.

Entered into evidence and retained by the Commission were six chart enlargements illustrating the identifications, photographs of fingerprints and palm prints of Oswald, and photographs of the latent prints identified. The Commission also retained the two cardboard boxes found in the room from which the shots were fired, the latent palm print lifted from underside of gun (developed by Dallas PD), a piece of cardboard

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley

- 1 - Mr. Regge
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Memorandum to MR. TRÖTTER  
Re: Lee Harvey Oswald, aka  
Assassination of President John F. Kennedy  
11-22-63, Dallas, Texas

Carton bearing the latent palm print developed by Dallas PD, and the brown wrapping paper believed to have been used to carry the weapon.

Entire testimony lasted about 3 hours and 40 minutes. Chairman Chief Justice Earl Warren opened the hearing alone. Later, Congressman Gerald Ford (Republican), Michigan, Honorable Allen Dulles, and Congressman Hale Boggs (Democrat), Louisiana, appeared. Messrs. Warren, Ford, and Boggs left and Mr. Dulles continued the hearing alone. Counsel for the Commission was Melvin Eisenberg.

The testimony was well received, keen interest was shown by the members, and the Commission expressed its appreciation and made complimentary remarks regarding the testimony.

**ACTION:**

For information.

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Mr. Evans

4/3/64

W. V. Cleveland

**NORMAN REDLICH  
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

J. Leo Rankin, General Counsel, President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy by letter dated 3/30/64 requested Bureau to furnish basic facts and supporting data for the House Committee on Un-American Activities' (HCUA) determination that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) is a communist front organization. The ECLC is cited in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, December 1, 1961, edition, prepared by DCUA, as a communist front with the avowed purpose of abolishing the HCUA and discrediting the FBI.

Bureau is currently conducting investigation concerning Redlich under Federal Employee Security Program at the request of the Commission based on Redlich's affiliation with certain alleged communist front organizations, one of which is the ECLC. Bureau in addition has a pending investigation on the ECLC as a communist front organization and copies of investigative reports are being furnished the Department on a continuing basis. Corliss Lamont is Chairman of ECLC and Clark Foreman is Director and both have been identified as Communist Party members by Pucenz and both of their names are included in the Security Index.

Since the characterization of the ECLC as a communist front organization was determination of HCUA, it is not within the Bureau's prerogatives to question or comment upon the basis for HCUA's conclusion. In view of Redlich's position on this Commission and his admitted affiliations with the ECLC, which is dedicated to abolish HCUA, it is quite possible this may be a move on the part of Redlich to obtain information concerning the ECLC through his position on the Commission. Based on this request, there is an indication that the Commission is planning to question HCUA's citation of the ECLC and in view of this fact, the Bureau should not become involved in a possible "dogfight" between the Commission and HCUA.

**Enclosures**

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1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Malley

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Memorandum to Mr. Evans  
Re: Forman Rodlich

ACTION:

There is attached for approval a letter to Mr. Rankin of the Commission advising him we did not participate in the Committee's findings.

We are including in this letter a paragraph briefly stating what our investigation has developed concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr

TO : W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: 4-3-64

FROM : W. A. Branigan *WAB*

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - J. R. Malley  
1 - R. E. Lenihan  
1 - W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

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

*Branigan*

On April 2, 1964, SAC H. Maynor of the New Orleans Office called with the following information.

A telephone call was received from Attorney Leo W. Rousselle, representing his client, Mrs. Edward Boudreaux, 831 Pauline Street, New Orleans.

Mrs. Boudreaux had advised her attorney that she received a letter from the Warren Commission to inform her that she would be interviewed in New Orleans by Commission Attorney Liebel (ph) on April 6, 1964. (The Commission employs an attorney by the name of Wesley James Liebeler).

Mrs. Boudreaux had previously been interviewed by the Bureau, at which time she advised that a Mrs. Oswald had previously lived at 831 Pauline Street with her young son, about five years old, and a Mrs. Roach, who took care of the boy. According to Mrs. Boudreaux, Mrs. Roach, who is now dead, moved out because the boy would get mad and throw his toy guns at her. Mrs. Roach said he was a bad child.

OBSERVATION:

We noted that some of the attorneys of the President's Commission have been in Dallas, Texas, and it now appears they may be interviewing persons in the New Orleans territory. SAC Maynor advised that he would follow the same instructions previously given to our Dallas Office. In the event a request was received from one of the attorneys, it should be cleared with the Bureau before any action is taken.

ACTION:

None. This is for information.

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In accordance with the oral request of Mr. Melvin Eisenberg of your staff, the following items of evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy were delivered to him on the morning of April 2, 1964:

A piece of cardboard bearing a latent palm print developed on a box found in the Texas School Book Depository Building, Dallas, Texas

One piece of brown wrapping paper bearing latent prints found in the Texas School Book Depository Building.

One lift of a latent palm print alleged to be from the underside of the murder weapon

It is noted that four cardboard boxes were previously turned over to Mr. Eisenberg on April 1, 1964.

The above items were introduced into evidence on April 2, 1964 during the course of the testimony of Mr. S. F. Latona of our

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1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Rogge

1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

There are enclosed two copies of fingerprints of Lee Harvey Oswald and an illustration depicting ridge characteristics used by experts in comparing fingerprints. The Commission requested these items during Mr. Latona's testimony.

Sincerely yours,

Hoover

Enclosures (3)

NOTE: Commission requested this material by Monday, 4-6-64 (per memo S. F. Latona to Mr. Trotter, 4-2-64, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, Aka; Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, 11-22-63, Dallas, Texas").



- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Mr. Lenihan)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Webb

April 3, 1964

By Courier Service

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 my letter to you dated March 20, 1964, requesting that you advise this Bureau whether or not the camera furnished by Mrs. Marie Muchmore can be returned. It was pointed out that Mrs. Muchmore has requested the return of her camera by the middle of April, 1964, inasmuch as she has promised the camera to her brother who is going to Europe.

Since we will need to advise Mrs. Muchmore regarding your decision, a prompt reply would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Records Section advises no record of any answer to Bulet of March 20, 1964 received.

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Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Belmont  
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 Mr. DeLoach  
 Mr. Casper  
 Mr. Callahan  
 Mr. Conrad  
 Mr. Felt  
 Mr. Gale  
 Mr. Rosen  
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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan, (with enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Downing
- 1 - Mr. Rolander, (with enclosure)

April 2, 1964  
 BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Pursuant to a telephone call from Mr. W. David Slavson, of your staff, a Commission courier delivered to the FBI Laboratory on April 1, 1964, a Spanish-English, Spanish-Spanish Dictionary, marked as Commission Exhibit 11C. Enclosed was a request for the translation of a phrase written on the final page of this dictionary.

Enclosed herewith is the result of our interpretation of this phrase as well as Commission Exhibit 11C.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

By *[Signature]*  
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 Enclosures (2)

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ADDENDUM BWR:maa

The exhibit was reviewed by all logical personnel of the Translation Unit as well as by Agent Supervisors of the Cryptanalysis Unit. Because of the nature of the writing in this exhibit, no positive identification of the language utilized or translation of this writing could be made.

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- Conrad
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- Rosen
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- Trotter

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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ON THE  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

.200 Maryland Ave. NE.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

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JOHN SHERMAN COOPER  
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GERALD R. FORD  
JOHN J. MCCLOY  
ALLEN W. DULLES

J. LEE RANKIN,  
General Counsel

At 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 1st,

to be delivered to Mr. Conrad of FBI,

7th Floor, Rm. 7621  
(Enter at 9th and Pa. Ave. entrance)

for translation of phrase written on final  
page of dictionary.

Mr. Slawson (543-1400, Ext. 36)

If this translation can be made while our messenger is  
waiting, it will be appreciated.

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Let into J. Lee Rankin  
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ENCLOSURE

Rec'd from Rankin  
Council, 4/1/64  
10:35 a.m. D.K.

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TRANSLATION OF UNKNOWN PHRASE

Commission Exhibit 116

Illegible phrase contained on last page of the University of Chicago Spanish-English, English-Spanish Dictionary.

On the assumption that the last two penciled lines on the last page of this dictionary may be Spanish, it appears that the first word could be "YO," the second word either "SOPA" or "SOPLA" and the third word "EL." The fourth word is not readable from a Spanish aspect.

YO - I  
SOPA - SOUP  
SOPLA - I BLEW  
EL - THE

On the assumption that the questioned phrase is written in Russian and English using a combination of Latin and Cyrillic script, it is possible that the first word could be "YO," "20," or "70." The second word could be Russian for "33 gun," "33 sulfur," or "SARA." The third word could be the Russian word "and." The last word in this phrase could possibly be the Russian word "letters" or the Russian name "Nina."

TRANSLATED BY:  
RAFFAEL A. VACCARI: drv  
FRIEDRICH NEUHAUSER: S  
ANNA M. PANCHENKO: Jn  
TATIANA NIKONISHIN: Jn  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 4/1/64

FROM : R. H. Jevons

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

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On 3/31/64 SA Robert A. Frazier, Firearms Unit, FBI Laboratory, testified before the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy, beginning at 9:10 a.m., and ending at 4:20 p.m. Various members of the Commission were present at different times during the day. Chief Justice Earl Warren was present for approximately one hour. Mr. John Jay McCloy, Chairman, Advisory Committee, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, was present for most of the testimony and Representative Hale Boggs (Democrat - Louisiana) was present for a short time. The testimony given concerned the firearms aspect of the assassination, especially the identification of the fatal bullets and cartridge cases with Oswald's rifle and the results of the Laboratory examination of the bullet recovered from retired General Edwin A. Walker's residence (Oswald is alleged to have fired this bullet on 4/10/63. While the bullet was extremely mutilated and lacked identifying markings, it was found to bear rifling characteristics of the type produced by the assassination rifle and was similar to the type of ammunition used in the assassination.)

The testimony went smoothly and several individuals were very complimentary in their remarks concerning Mr. Frazier's presentation, commenting both to Mr. Frazier and later to Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, Staff Attorney, who elicited the testimony.

Commissioner McCloy advised SA Frazier that it may be necessary for him to reappear to testify concerning the bullet holes in President Kennedy's clothes and concerning the examination of the President's limousine, but this would be at a later date. He stated that SA Cortlandt Cunningham was

Enclosure

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- 1-Mr. Belmont - Enclosure
- 1-Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
- 1-Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

R. F. Jevons

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- 1-Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
- 1-Mr. Malley - Enclosure
- 1-Mr. Rogge - Enclosure

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BY COURIER SERVICE

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

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Shorder  
1 - Mr. Rogge

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 20, 1964, requesting we initiate investigation to ascertain the times when Lee Harvey Oswald's picture was first displayed on each of the television stations in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

Enclosed for your assistance are two copies of a self-explanatory communication from our Dallas, Texas Office dated March 30, 1964, which incorporates the information requested by you.

This concludes our investigation into this particular matter.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (2)

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1 - 105-82555  
① - 62 - 109090 (President's Commission)  
1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. I. W. Conrad  
1 - Mr. R. E. Lonihan  
1 - Mr. R. E. Wick

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

Note:

Dallas investigation indicates original photograph which appeared on Dallas television stations was taken by Mr. Ferd Kaufman, a photographer for the Associated Press at approximately 2:10 p.m. on 11/22/63, outside the Dallas Police Department. According to Kaufman this picture was immediately developed and transmitted on the Associated Press' wire photo system at 2:55 p.m. It appears that all of the Dallas television stations utilized a reproduction of this photograph for public display. This complies with the Commission's request.

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- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - J. P. Mohr
- 1 - DeLoach
- 1 - Rosen
- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Sullivan
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Lenihan
- 1 - J. M. Sizoo

April 7, 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.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald in several of her public appearances has stated that she has been working on a book about her son, Lee Harvey Oswald. This Bureau has determined that one Earl Conrad, a free-lance writer, 25 Indian Road, New York City, has been assisting Mrs. Oswald in the preparation of her book.

Enclosed are two copies of a communication dated April 7, 1964, at Washington, D. C., regarding the background and subversive activities of Earl Conrad. For your information Mrs. Oswald has reportedly been in contact with Conrad and his wife on her recent visits to New York City.

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Sincerely yours,  
 J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Enclosures (2)  
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NOTE:

See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS - E - CIA," dated 4-3-64.

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- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - J. P. Mohr
- 1 - DeLoach
- 1 - Rosen
- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Sullivan
- 1 - Branigan

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- 1 - Lenihan
- 1 - J. K. Sizoo

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**EARL CONRAD**

Earl Conrad was born December 17, 1935, at Auburn, New York, as Earl Cohen. Conrad has claimed that he has not used the name Cohen for many years although he has never legally changed his name to Conrad. He is a free-lance writer currently residing at 35 Indian Road, New York City. In the past he has been reported as working for a number of newspapers in New York State and Connecticut.

Louis F. Budenz, self-admitted former official of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPA), advised in 1950 that he received information during the early 1940s that Conrad was a member of the Communist Party, USA. Budenz stated he had received this information from Benjamin J. Davis and Jack Stachel, both long-time Communist Party functionaries.

Conrad has been associated in the past with a number of organizations designated as subversive by the Attorney General of the United States and the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," published December 1, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Conrad's associations with such organizations include:

In 1944 and 1945 Conrad was listed as an instructor or guest lecturer of the George Washington Carver School of New York City.

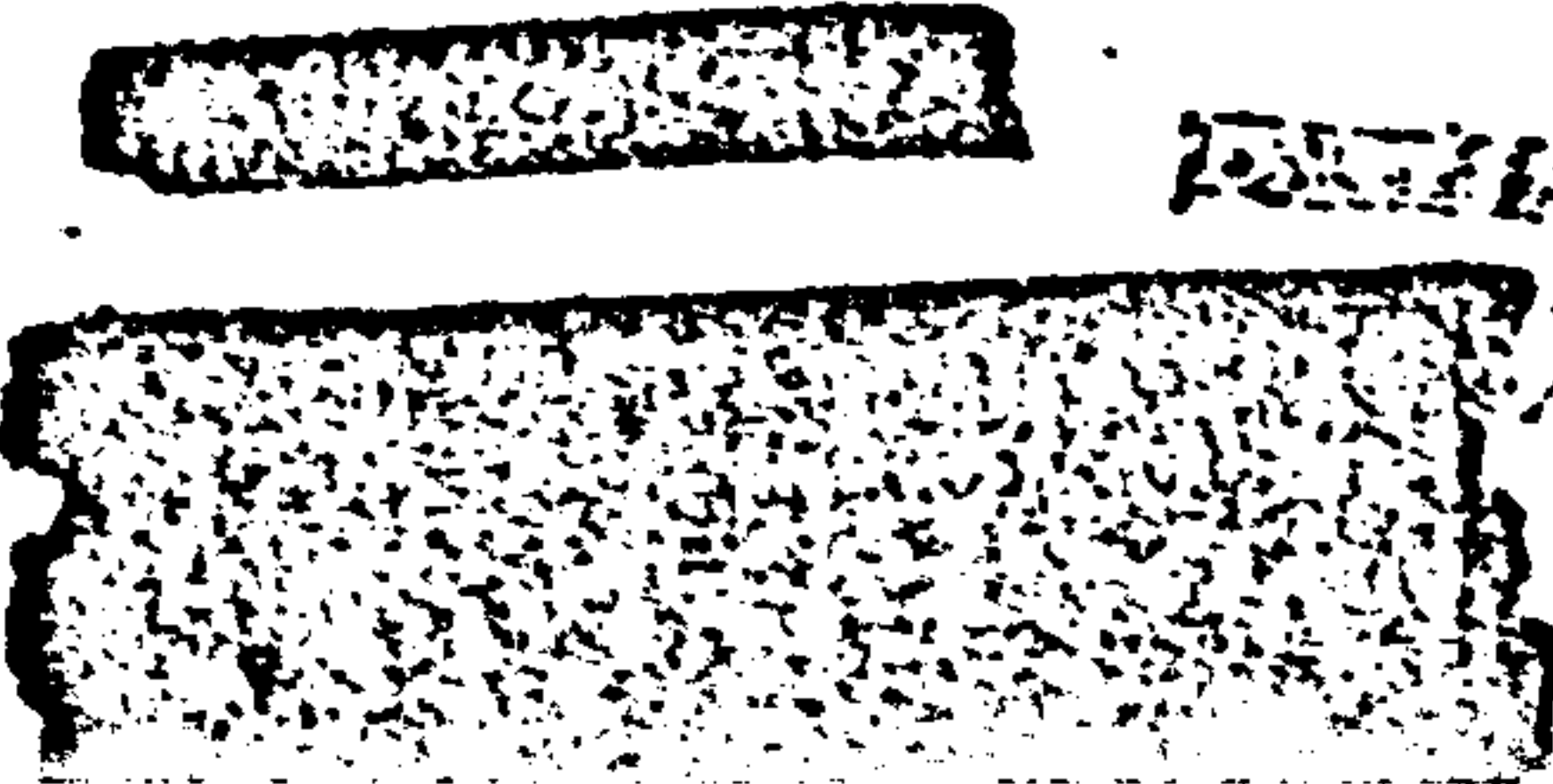
In 1947 Conrad was listed as the leader for entertainment at a celebration of an international woman's day sponsored by the Congress of American Women.

In 1947 Conrad was listed as a speaker at the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City.

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DATE CONRAD

In a news release of the "National Guardian" dated September 10, 1943, it was announced that Conrad's work would appear in that publication in the future.

In 1949 Conrad wrote a tribute to Communist Party, USA, functionary Benjamin J. Davis in behalf of Davis' campaign for re-election as a city councilman in New York City. Conrad was listed as a sponsor of a committee seeking the re-election of Davis.

Conrad joined the International Worker's Order in 1945 along with his wife Alyse and was listed as a member of that organization in 1950.

In 1950 Conrad spoke at a meeting in Madison Square Garden in New York City which was sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress. In addition, in the early 1950s Conrad was involved in other activities in behalf of the Civil Rights Congress.

In 1952 Conrad was known to be a subscriber to "The Worker," an east coast communist newspaper.

Conrad in his writing career has authored several books in the past including "Harriet Tubman, Negro Soldier and Abolitionist," an account of a well-known figure in American Negro history; "Scottsboro Boy," which he co-authored with Heywood Patterson, one of the defendants in the widely publicized Scottsboro case in Alabama in the 1930s; and "The Public School Scandal," an attack on public education in this country as controlled by American businessmen.



April 7, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed for your information are two copies each of photographic enlargements of eight photographs furnished by Mr. Harry Schneider of Southfield, Michigan. Mr. Schneider advised he had received the photographs from his son-in-law, Mr. Edward C. Foley of Dallas, Texas.

In addition, there are enclosed for your assistance two copies each of two communications, one dated March 17, 1964, at Detroit, Michigan, and the other dated March 26, 1964, at Dallas, Texas. These communications relate to the photographs furnished by Mr. Schneider. The enclosed photographs are numbered on the reverse side to correspond with the numerical sequence set out in the communication dated March 26, 1964, at Dallas, Texas.

The photographs furnished by Mr. Schneider have been returned to him in accordance with his request. No further action is being taken in this matter.

Sincerely yours,  
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62-109060

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Enclosures (20) bX 24

- 2 - Dallas (89-43) Enclosures 18)
- 2 - Detroit (62-3550) (Enclosures 16)
- 1 - Mr. I.W. Conrad OW
- 1 - R.E. [unclear]
- 1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission) (Enc. 16)

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NOTE FOR SACS DETROIT AND DALLAS:

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
11/22/63,  
DALLAS, TEXAS; MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReDEairtel to the Bureau and Dallas dated 3-17-64,  
and Dallas airtel to the Bureau and Detroit dated 3-26-64 relating  
to eight color photographs furnished by Mr. Harry Schneider of  
Southfield, Michigan, and identified by his son-in-law, Mr. Edward  
C. Foley of Dallas, Texas.

Enclosed for Detroit are the original eight color  
photographs furnished by Mr. Schneider for return to him per his  
request. Detroit handle.

Enclosed for Detroit and Dallas are eight enlarged  
photographic copies of the above photographs similarly numbered  
for the completion of your files. No further action is indicated  
and none is requested. Bureau has retained copies.

Detroit and Dallas are reminded since the photographs  
and the above letterhead memoranda have been furnished to the  
President's Commission, this material need not be incorporated  
in subsequent report.

NOTE:

Detroit by airtel dated 3-17-64 advised Sam Krone,  
drugstore operator of Monroe, Michigan, advised our Detroit Office  
he had observed certain photographs in the possession of Mr. Schneider.  
Schneider furnished these photographs which depict various scenes  
of President Kennedy's presence in Dallas on 11/22/63, as well as  
some miscellaneous pictures. Schneider stated he obtained photo-  
graphs from his son-in-law, "Cort" Foley. Foley stated he is  
employed as plant manager at the Color Photo, Inc., Dallas, Texas,  
and he obtained photographs, which were "extra" from customer orders  
and sent pictures to his father-in-law. Foley has no idea who  
took original pictures, and he has no way to establish ownership.  
Inasmuch as photographs relate to President Kennedy, it is felt  
we should furnish them to the Commission for whatever action they  
desire. Review of pictures at Bureau fail to disclose any infor-  
mation of value to our investigation. Enclosed herewith for  
completion of Bureau files is one set of above-mentioned enlargements  
and eight negatives from which these enlargements were made  
similarly numbered.



Memorandum J. Lee Rankin

of the Hawaiian Government properly lies within the purview  
of the Department of State and we suggest that such  
arrangements be handled through the American Ambassador  
in Honolulu City.

Sincerely yours,

E. Edgar Hoover

MEMO:

See cover memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan,  
7/9, captioned "Leo Harvey Oswald, IS - 2 - Cuba," prepared  
by JCS:122.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 4/2/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_

Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Holmes \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

By letter dated April 1, 1964, Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission advised that Mr. Samuel A. Stern, a member of the supervisory staff of the President's Commission, would be in Dallas, Texas, on April 8 or 9, 1964, and would appreciate Agents Manning Clements and James Bookhout being available at the U. S. Attorney's office in order that he might take depositions or affidavits from these Agents covering events which occurred during the course of the arrest and detention of Lee Harvey Oswald. Mr. Rankin advised that appropriate arrangements would be made through SAC Shanklin at Dallas to set an exact time for the interviews. Mr. Rankin also advised that if during the course of the interviews with Agents Clements and Bookhout it seemed to Mr. Stern advisable to take depositions from other Agents in the Dallas Office, he hoped it would be satisfactory for appropriate arrangements to be made with Mr. Shanklin.

Special Agents Clements and Bookhout were sent to the Dallas Police Department on the afternoon of November 22, 1963, the day the President was killed, by SAC Shanklin, in order that they would know what events transpired so that the Bureau would be fully prepared to handle the situation if the Bureau became involved in the investigation. Agents Clements and Bookhout did during the afternoon sit in on interviews with Oswald. Consequently, they would be logical persons that the Commission would desire to have testimony from or to take depositions from relative to their knowledge of what transpired for the Commission's official records.

The contents of Mr. Rankin's letter were made available by telephone to the Dallas Office today and a copy of the letter is being furnished Dallas. ASAC Clark was advised that the Agents should be made available in accordance with the request and they should be thoroughly prepared to answer any questions concerning the actual investigation or interviews they conducted. However, their remarks must be confined to the facts developed during their interviews and they were not to answer any questions where they were asked for their personal opinions or impressions or beliefs concerning certain things that might be propounded by Mr. Stern or any other member of the Commission's staff. It was emphasized:

Mr. Sullivan

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Memo Belmont from Rosen  
Re: President's Commission

that the Agents' remarks must be confined to knowledge they gained from interviews and investigations. ASAC Clark stated that he fully understood these instructions and they would be complied with completely.

ASAC Clark was advised that we had recently received a rather detailed letter from Mr. Rankin's office asking thirty specific questions concerning the Bureau's investigation of Oswald and that the Dallas Office would be furnished a copy of this letter along with the Bureau's answer to Mr. Rankin's office.

Current Request Received by Dallas  
Office from Commission Staff Members

ASAC Clark advised in connection with the foregoing he had received a telephone call from Mr. Wesley James Liebler, a Commission staff member, requesting that the Agents who conducted investigation at the Irving Sport Shop be available in the Dallas Office as he, Liebler, desired to talk to these Agents. When questioned as to exactly what he wanted, Liebler stated he had interviewed two employees of the Irving Sport Shop, a Mr. Greener and a Mr. Ryder, noting that Ryder was the individual who had made up a work ticket covering work on a gun, which ticket was made out to one \_\_\_\_\_ Oswald. Liebler stated he wanted an opportunity to talk to the Agents who had conducted the interviews with these employees and others at the Irving Sport Shop, no names given, in order to "kind of get their evaluation or impression of the situation." Liebler then stated he desired to know whether the Agents thought these individuals were lying or telling the truth. In response to this request ASAC Clark advised Liebler that the Agents had no personal opinion or evaluation concerning the information they had received during their interviews, that all material obtained during the interviews had been reduced to writing and had been furnished in investigative reports to the President's Commission. Liebler was told that in view of this there did not appear to be any reason for him to interview the Agents involved. Mr. Liebler then commented he realized the Agents would not have any personal opinions and that while he still desired to talk to them to get such opinions he fully understood the Bureau's position in this matter and would forget his request.

The Dallas Office has advised the investigation conducted to determine whether the work ticket made out to one \_\_\_\_\_ Oswald was actually Lee Harvey Oswald did not substantiate that it actually was Lee Harvey Oswald. Concerning

Memo Belmont from Rosen  
Re: President's Commission

the interview with Ryder, the Dallas Office advised he was first interviewed by Bureau Agents on November 25, 1963, prior to the publicity which occurred in the newspapers on November 28. Because of additional information received and telephone calls concerning Ryder having knowledge of Oswald, he was subsequently interviewed on several occasions.

Liebler advised he was returning to Washington, D. C. today and would appreciate the Dallas Office making available to Bureau headquarters a chronology covering the interview with Employee Ryder of the Irving Sport Center showing the date of the interview as compared with the date when newspaper stories appeared relative to Oswald possibly having work performed on his gun at the Irving Sport Center. The Dallas Office is preparing the chronology requested and will furnish it to the Bureau.

ACTION:

Upon receipt of the chronology requested by Liebler it will be made available to the President's Commission.

By separate communication Mr. Rankin is being advised that Agents Clements and Bookhout will be available for interview on April 8 or 9, 1964.



Memorandum to Mr. Conrad  
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F.  
KENNEDY; 11/22/63; DALLAS, TEXAS  
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scheduled to appear to testify on 4/1/64, concerning the firearms evidence recovered in connection with the shooting of Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippit by Oswald. It is expected that SA Cunningham will also testify concerning the paraffin tests performed in the FBI Laboratory insofar as the manner in which these tests were conducted and as to the results of the treatment of certain of the paraffin casts with diphenylbenzidine, as outlined in my memorandum dated 3/31/64.

Details of Mr. Frazier's testimony are set forth on the attached pages.

**ACTION:**

For information.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

DETAILS OF TESTIMONY

Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, Commission Staff Attorney, elicited the testimony from Mr. Frazier concerning the physical characteristics of the assassination rifle, the characteristics of the ammunition for it, the identification of this rifle with the complete bullet and the two bullet jacket fragments and the three cartridge cases recovered on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building.

Sa Frazier pointed out in response to questions in connection with the bullet examination, that we had received one complete bullet (from a stretcher) and two bullet jacket fragments (from the Presidential limousine). The two jacket fragments consist of the nose portion of a bullet and the base portion of a bullet. There is nothing which would permit determining whether they originated from one or from two bullets.

The distances and directions cartridge cases are ejected from the assassination rifle were included in the testimony as were the results of the chronograph tests conducted to determine the velocity of bullets fired from the assassination rifle. (The average velocity was 2165 feet per second.)

Commissioners Warren and McCloy were particularly interested in discussing the amount of sighting lead necessary to hit a moving target. A diagram was furnished by Mr. Frazier illustrating this lead. It is of interest to note that during the time of flight of the bullet to the car (approximately one tenth of a second for the first shot which, according to the Commission, was fired from a distance of 175 feet) the President's limousine would move a distance of approximately 1 1/2 feet. This assumes the limousine was traveling at 11 miles per hour which is the speed furnished to us by the Commission. The car would move approximately 2 feet during the flight of the last bullet which was fired from a distance of 265 feet. (Distance furnished by the Commission.) Since the limousine was moving away from the assassin and at a slight downhill angle, it would be necessary to shoot only approximately 6 inches over the intended point of bullet impact for both distances to compensate for the car's movement.

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ENCLOSURE



Various exhibits were introduced as Commission exhibits during Mr. Frazier's testimony and detailed testimony was given concerning these exhibits. The Commission particularly showed interest in the photomicrographs illustrating the identifications of the bullet and two bullet fragments and the identifications of the three cartridge cases with Oswald's rifle.

Considerable testimony was given concerning the speed-accuracy trials conducted with the assassination rifle by FBI Laboratory examiners. Summarizing this testimony: Nine separate tests were conducted, each consisting of three shots. The time required for firing three shots was recorded. The tests were conducted at 45 feet, 75 feet and 300 feet and resulted in the conclusion that three accurately aimed shots could be fired from this rifle by a person familiar with it in less than 5.5 seconds. In the tests conducted by the Laboratory three-shot targets were fired in 4.6 and 4.8 seconds, considerably less than the 5.5 second figure furnished by the Commission as the probable time interval between the first and last shots. It should be noted that our long-range tests were conducted at 300 feet on the specific instructions of Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, since the actual distances at which the fatal shots were fired has never been ascertained to a certainty.

Photomicrographs of the identifications, diagrams of the cartridge case ejection patterns, a diagram illustrating the relative sighting lead necessary due to the movement of the vehicle and various evidence exhibits were entered during Mr. Frazier's testimony. The evidence exhibits consisted of the test bullets and cartridge cases from the assassination rifle. A sulfur cast of the barrel of the assassination rifle, which was made in the Laboratory to facilitate micrometer measurements of the rifling characteristics, and a diagram showing the internal mechanism of a telescopic sight were also introduced. (A copy of this diagram is attached for record purposes.) Similar diagrams are available in public source material. This latter diagram was prepared to assist the Commission in understanding the procedure for changing the crosshair position in "sighting in" the rifle.



The bullet recovered from retired General Edwin A. Walker's residence was also introduced. This bullet was found to bear rifling characteristics of the type produced by the assassination rifle and to be similar to 6.5 mm Western ammunition of the type used in the assassination. Due to extreme mutilation it lacked marks of the type necessary for identification purposes.

A duplicate of the assassination rifle, which was secured by our Chicago Office, from Klein's Sporting Goods, Chicago, was also introduced. The purpose of the introduction of this rifle was to show its similarity to Oswald's rifle and the manner in which Klein's Sporting Goods had the telescopic sight mounted.



April 8, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. 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 March 24, 1964, concerning the laundry mark "30030," which appears in the gray jacket identified by certain witnesses as the jacket of Lee Harvey Oswald.

For your information, there are approximately 325 laundries and dry cleaners listed in the Greater Dallas area. To date a survey of logical establishments in the area near 1026 North Beckley, Dallas, the Oak Cliff area of Dallas, and in Irving, Texas, has failed to identify this laundry mark. In addition, appropriate investigation is also being conducted to determine whether the laundry mark can be identified in New Orleans, Louisiana.

When the results of this investigation are received, the information will be promptly furnished to the President's Commission.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Mr. Jovons
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NOTE:

A letter from the Commission dated 3-24-64 requested additional investigation through various laundries to identify the laundry mark 30030 on the gray jacket identified by witnesses as the jacket of Lee Harvey Oswald. Dallas and New Orleans are conducting expeditious investigation in an attempt to locate this laundry mark as the Commission desired to have the laundry mark checked for further identifying purposes. This information is being furnished to the Commission at this time, in view of the extensive investigation necessary to resolve this matter.



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*Redmond*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
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Pennsylvania Ave. & 9th St. N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20535

*President's Commission*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Information provided this Commission by the Internal Revenue Service indicates that on November 1, 1963, Earl Ruby made a telephone call from Detroit, Michigan to the Triangle Manufacturing Company, Oshkosh, Wisconsin on behalf of Jack Ruby. Please advise us of any information in your files concerning that company and its officers together with any other information you may have indicating any connections between persons associated with that company and subversive activities, illegal armament sales, or other organized criminal endeavors. Please also advise us how long the appropriate telephone company in Oshkosh plans to retain long distance call records for the period September 26, 1963 to January 1, 1964.

This Commission has also been informed that a Mr. A. Hillenbrandt residing in East Rochester, New York, until approximately July 15, 1963, appears to have had numerous non-business telephone contacts with Earl Ruby from January 1, 1963 until he moved to the Detroit area in mid-July 1963 as an employee of Earl Ruby. Please provide any information available to you concerning Mr. Hillenbrandt, with particular emphasis on possible subversive activities, illegal armament sales, or other organized criminal endeavors. Also please indicate the earliest existing long distance telephone records of the appropriate telephone company serving East Rochester and how long those records will be retained.

Sincerely,

*J. Lee Rankin*

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Special Counsel

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April 8, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 1, 1964, requesting this Bureau to make inquiries concerning advertisements which appeared in the personal column of the "Dallas Morning News" on October 15, 16 and 17, 1963.

For your information, we have determined that identical newspaper advertisements appeared in the personal columns of both the "Dallas Morning News" and the "Dallas Times Herald" on October 15, 16 and 17, 1963. We were informed that these advertisements were placed by Mr. Robert Dent, Assistant Manager, Capri Theatre, Dallas, Texas, with the authorization of Marion T. Ludgins, Manager of the Capri Theatre. Marion T. Ludgins informed our Dallas Office that he authorized these advertisements to promote the movie, "The Running Man," starring actress Lee Remick.

The advertisements in question which appeared in both newspapers read as follows:

October 15, 1963 - "Running Man - Please call me please! Please! Lee."

October 16, 1963 - "I want running man please call me. Lee."

October 17, 1963 - "I've just got to see the running man. Please call me. Lee."

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No further inquiries are contemplated by this Bureau in this matter in the absence of a specific request from the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
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200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

There is enclosed a list identifying five reports and two memoranda setting forth the results of our investigation concerning George and Jeanne De Mohrenschildt. Two copies of each of these communications are also enclosed.

This Bureau will continue to furnish you copies of communications in duplicate as additional investigation is completed.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We are investigating the De Mohrenschildts at the request of the President's Commission. The above-mentioned communications have been reviewed by the supervisor, Mr. Malley and Mr. Belmont. These communications consist of 53 pages.

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