

April 6, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
Chief Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Ave., N.E.  
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 16, 1964, requesting certain photographs in the possession of Mr. Edward Recco, 1350 North Laurel Avenue, Hollywood, California, which depict a person who might be Lee Harvey Oswald as well as any other photographs Mr. Recco may have taken during his visits to the Carousel Club including a photograph of Mr. Recco. Pursuant to your request, I am enclosing the following photographs:

1. Four copies of a photograph showing various patrons of the Carousel Club. The individual (marked by arrow) according to Mr. Recco was thought to look like Lee Harvey Oswald by Mr. Terry A. Friedman, a photographer of "The Daily Picayune," New Orleans, Louisiana. It is noted that in the report of Special Agent William G. Clements dated January 17, 1964, at Dallas, (page 117) Mr. Friedman advised that he had in actual hands for his statement to Recco as Oswald was never known to him and his statement was recorded only as conversation and was by no means intended as an identification. This photograph was made by Mr. Recco on November 5 or 6, 1963, at the Carousel Club and was obtained from him on December 23, 1963.

2. Four copies of a photograph of Mr. Edward Recco, 1350 North Laurel Avenue, Hollywood, California.

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3. Four copies each of 10 photographs which were purchased by "Life" magazine from Mr. Edward Rocco and made available by Tino, Incorporated, New York City, New York, on March 26, 1964.

4. Four copies each of 13 photographs (marked obscene) taken by Mr. Rocco at the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas. The quoted notations set forth on the backs of the photographs were handwritten penciled notations on the originals and were apparently placed there by Mr. Rocco. The originals have been returned to Mr. Rocco at his request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (124)

NOTE: By letter dated 3-16-64 the Commission requested certain photographs in possession of Mr. Edward Rocco, a free-lance photographer, Hollywood, California, which were taken by Rocco at the Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas. Rocco was interviewed while visiting his father-in-law at Dallas, Texas, on 12-23-63 at which time he advised that he was acquainted with Ruby and that on or about November 5 or 6, 1963, he visited the Carousel Club for six or seven consecutive nights in connection with his efforts to do a profile story on the club. He took numerous pictures in the Carousel Club. On 12-23-63 Rocco advised that while in New Orleans, Louisiana, a short time ago, a photographer with "The Times-Picayune" in New Orleans, a Mr. Terry Friedman, told him that one of the individuals in the photograph looked like Oswald to him. Friedman was subsequently interviewed by us and advised he had no actual basis for a statement to Rocco as Oswald was never known to him and his statement was only intended as conversation and was by no means intended as an identification. Agents of the Dallas Office who had observed Oswald advised the individual in photograph not identical to Oswald.



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

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- 1 - J. R. Malley
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- 1 - R. E. Lenihan
- 1 - Mail Room
- 1 - J. M. Sizoo

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Honorables 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 previous request for coverage of the public appearances of Mrs. Marguerite Oswald.

There are enclosed for your information one reel of tape recording of an appearance by Mrs. Oswald on a question and answer program entitled "Conversation Piece," carried by Radio Station WHIO, Dayton, Ohio, on March 19, 1964, and two copies of a communication dated March 23, 1964, at our Cincinnati Office concerning the above appearance by Mrs. Oswald.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures - 3

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NOTE:

In accordance with the request of the President's Commission, we are covering the public appearances of Mrs. Marguerite Oswald and Mark Lane. In her 3/19/64 appearance on Radio Station WHIO, Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Oswald continued to state that she feels that President Kennedy was shot from the overpass directly in front of the motorcade and that her son was a Government agent because he was not under surveillance in spite of his known Marxist views and prior defection to the Soviet Union. She also indicated that she would not believe the President's Commission if they do, in fact, find that her son, Lee Harvey Oswald, was the assassin. The material re WHIO appearance of Mrs. Oswald received in CIAirtel 3/23/64 captioned "Mrs. Oswald, aka, IS - R - Cuba."

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)  
FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (105-2505) - P -  
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Aka.  
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Re Little Rock teletype to Bureau dated 3/19/64.

Enclosed herewith are two tape recordings of one question and answer program called "Conversation Piece," carried by radio station WHIO, Dayton, Ohio, and furnished by THOMAS FRAWLEY, News Director. Recording is telephone conversation with MARGURITE OSWALD, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, with PHIL DONAHUE, Newsman, by telephone hookup from Little Rock and with persons calling station WHIO. FRAWLEY advised that no transcript of tape, which is cut at 7.5 PS and runs for approximately 45 minutes, is made by the station. DONAHUE originally contacted MARGURITE OSWALD by telephone at Hotel Regent, Dallas, Texas.

Also enclosed for Bureau are ten copies and for Dallas two copies of LHM stating briefly what questions mainly concerned and scope of MARGURITE OSWALD's answers.

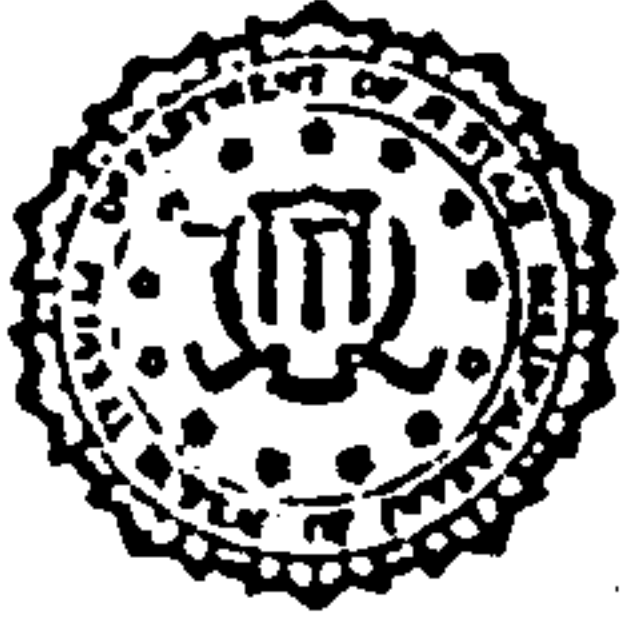
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
March 26, 1964

RE: TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH  
MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD,  
RADIO STATION WHIO,  
DAYTON, OHIO, MARCH 19, 1964.

On March 19, 1964, a telephone interview was conducted by Mr. Phil Donahue, Radio Station WHIO, Dayton, Ohio, on the program called "Conversation Piece." The interview was with Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, and was by long-distance telephone with Mrs. Oswald at Little Rock, Arkansas. Also in the interview were listeners to WHIO who telephoned their questions to be answered by Mrs. Oswald.

The interviewer introduced his guest as Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of the accused presidential assassin, and stated she was participating in the program by way of long-distance telephone from Little Rock, Arkansas. He stated that she would answer questions put to her by the listeners of "Conversation Piece" at telephone number 253-8866.

She was asked by the interviewer for some of the reasons she was offering to support her assertion that her son did not kill President Kennedy.

Mrs. Oswald stated she knew Lee Harvey Oswald is innocent of this terrible tragedy. She stated she believes he was an agent of his government and that he was framed for the assassination of the President. She said he was supposed to be a Marxist and known defector. He was in Dallas at that particular time and was offered a job at the Book Depository three days prior to the motorcade. The route of the motorcade was changed to pass by the Book Depository. Lee did not get the job himself; he was offered the job. He was out of work at that time. She indicated everything points to the fact that this boy's past record of his defection to Russia and his views on Marxism would be a perfect setup for an assassin



of the President. She stated she believes that this is what happened and believes that her son was meant to be killed at the Book Depository, but this failed for some reason or other and he was able to get away. She thinks that officer Tippett was not killed by Lee Harvey Oswald. She thinks the assassins are still at large. She advanced the supposition that if Lee was framed and he was supposed to be killed in the building, then someone else would have to be killed in order for Lee to be arrested and then be killed himself. She believes that Jack Ruby only came into the case as a paid killer in order to shut Lee up.

When questioned by a listener as to why Lee did not have psychiatric care, she stated she did not know and was never informed that Lee should have psychiatric treatment. She explained his truancy in New York and that he was placed in a children's home by a judge. He was there about six to seven weeks. She denied having fled from New York because she did not want Lee to have psychiatric treatment, stating that she remained in New York for 11 months after this. She stated that she did not know Lee had psychiatric treatment, but would assume he had psychiatric treatment at the children's home as it was possible that the children there were given tests of some sort.

In answer to a question, she stated she believes it was normal for her son to defect to Russia because she believes he was an agent of the United States Government, and that he was sent to Russia as a defector and went there as a United States Government Agent.

With regard to a quotation by her in "U. S. News and World Report" in February, that President Johnson was in the White House through the actions of her son, she claimed that this was a misquotation.

She indicated she had received no information that her son was an agent of the United States from the United States Government.

She stated she believes President Kennedy was shot from the overpass directly in front of the motorcade, and not

from the Book Depository.

She described her family as an average American family and a very patriotic family, in answer to a question indicating she had not discharged her duty as a good mother. She described her son as a brilliant boy, and stated the press is becoming a little more sympathetic toward her.

She stated that someone could have put Lee's rifle in the window of the Book Depository, and that a photograph taken at the time of the shooting shows the car had passed the window of the Book Depository, making it impossible for anyone to shoot at this car from that window.

She indicated that she believed her son was a Government agent because he was not under surveillance and that he was framed because of his Marxist views and because of his defection. She indicated that perhaps the person who framed him did not know he was a Government agent and he was found to be one only after being framed.

With regard to the shot at General Walker, she explained that if her son was an agent, he might become involved in a threat on General Walker's life, and, in his note to his wife, was telling his wife he might be arrested. If this did happen, she, as a Russian citizen, should get in touch with the Russian Embassy.

She stated she believes that more than one person was involved in the assassination. She admitted that her son could have been the one who had killed the President, but that she does not think so. She stated the car had bullet shatters on the left hand side which was not facing the Book Depository, and this car was immediately sent to be renovated. She questioned why this evidence was taken away.

She refused to speak for the opinions of any other members of her family, stating that Lee's brothers did not have the information concerning him that she has.

She stated she doubted if she would believe the Warren Commission if they find Lee was the assassin. She indicated she thinks someone in the Government that wanted President Kennedy out of the way used her boy.



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TO SAC, DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (105-62555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

FOLLOWING REQUEST RECEIVED APRIL TWO LAST FROM COMMISSION:

QUOTE PLEASE ASCERTAIN THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION PLACING THE ADVERTISEMENTS REFERRING TO QUOTE BURNING MAN END QUOTE AND SIGNED QUOTE LEE END QUOTE IN THE PERSONAL COLUMN OF THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS ON OCTOBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, ONE NINE SIX THREE. ALSO PLEASE INFORM US IF SIMILAR ADS WERE PLACED IN THE DALLAS TIMES-HERALD ON THOSE DAYS BY THE SAME PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS. END QUOTE

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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ON THE  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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

*Rankin*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please ascertain the identity of the individual or organization placing the advertisements referring to "Running Man" and signed "Lee" in the personal column of the Dallas Morning News on October 15, 16 and 17, 1963. Also please inform us if similar ads were placed in the Dallas Times-Herald on those days by the same persons or organizations.

*Indicated 4/4/64*

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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April 3, 1964

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- 1 - J. R. Kalley
- 1 - W. A. Branigan
- 1 - R. E. Lenihan
- 1 - J. M. Sizoo

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 my letter of March 27, 1964, regarding coverage of several of Mark Lane's public appearances.

For your information, there are enclosed two copies of a communication dated March 25, 1964, at our Philadelphia Office concerning the talk given by Lane on March 11, 1964, at Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

PHairtel 3/25/64 captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald" furnished LHM quoting newspaper article in "Main Line Times," Ardmore, Pennsylvania, newspaper reporting Lane's comments at Haverford College on 3/11/64. Lane in his talk as reported continues to claim that Oswald is being prejudged as guilty of assassinating President Kennedy, that President Kennedy was shot first from the front, and that the FBI found "no prints" on Oswald's rifle (which is false since the latent impression obtained by the DL PD on the rifle was identified by the Identification Division as the right palm of Oswald). Previous information Lane's appearances in the PH area were furnished to the President's Commission by letter 3/27/64.

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- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
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April 3, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
230 Maryland Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, D. C. 20002

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

With reference to your letter of March 11, 1964, requesting information available regarding the current whereabouts of Charles Wallace Campbell, Jr. (alias) who is located at Dallas, Texas, on April 3, 1964. He advised that he would be in the area of the Dallas, Texas, High Court, 1219 Birch Street, Dallas, Texas, on April 6, 1964, at which time he would be in the eastern part of the state of Texas. He stated that, in the past, he has not successfully been located in the Dallas, Texas, area. He stated that he is located there, in Dallas, Texas, in Dallas, Texas, Oregon, area.

All of the information concerning the current whereabouts of Mr. Campbell was telephonically furnished to Mr. Rankin of the President's Commission on April 3, 1964. It is suggested this information be used to locate Mr. Campbell.

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NOTE:

The President's Commission by letter on 3/11/64 requested that we furnish any available information regarding the whereabouts of Craford inasmuch as they expected to subpoena him. Craford, who is a drifter and itinerant worker, was employed as a handy man by Ruby at the time of the assassination. We have conducted extensive investigation to locate Craford for the Commission through contacts with his relatives and known associates. Mr. Hubert of the Commission was telephonically advised of Craford's whereabouts on 4/3/64 at which time Hubert stated that the Commission was issuing a subpoena today, 4/3/64, to be sent air mail, special delivery, to the U. S. Marshall covering Dallas, Oregon, who will in turn serve the subpoena. Craford spells his name different from other members of his family. The Commission is aware of this.

April 3, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, Commission Staff Member, and Mr. Sebastian F. Latona of this Bureau, have previously reviewed testimony concerning fingerprint and palm print identifications which relate to the assassination of President Kennedy.

On April 1, 1964, Mr. Eisenberg requested that four cardboard cartons found near the sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository Building, Dallas, Texas, be delivered to his office. Mr. Latona personally made delivery of these cartons on April 1, 1964, and obtained a receipt for them.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: See cover memo C. S. Voelker to Mr. Trotter dated 4-1-64 captioned: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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

April 3, 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.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to a letter dated March 27, 1964, from Mr. Albert E. Jenner, Jr., of your staff, requesting one photostatic duplicate of a group of documents (exhibits) which consists of sixty photographs.

Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, of your staff, advised telephonically on April 2, 1964, that in the interest of expediting the requested copies, Xerox copies of the sixty photographs would be adequate since additional photostatic copies of each exhibit submitted with Mr. Jenner's letter are currently available in the files of the Commission.

Transmitted herewith is one Xerox copy of each of the sixty photographs submitted. The sixty photographs submitted are also transmitted herewith.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

Xerox copies are being furnished to the Commission pursuant to telephone call from Mr. Eisenberg to Mr. Griffith on 4-2-64. Xerox copies also retained for Bureau file.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Shroder  
1 - Mr. Raupach

April 3, 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:

Enclosed for your information are three copies each of four memoranda containing results of interviews with Mr. Edwin W. Hanger, Mr. William C. Lord, and Mr. Robert Cleary.

The information revealed in these interviews pertains to Mr. Glenn T. Carthron, Jr., who alleged James Riddle Hoffa perpetrated the assassination of President Kennedy. This allegation was based on information Mr. Carthron received by a "voice from God."

This Bureau is conducting active investigation to locate and interview Mr. Carthron. The results of this interview will be furnished to you when received.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (12)

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62-109090 (President's Commission)

1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

1 - 44-24016 (Jack Leon Ruby)

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach

1 - Mr. E. F. Kieffer

1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

1 - Mr. J. W. Hines

1 - Mr. A. J. McGrath

NOTE: See memo A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont dated 4/2/64, captioned, "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas,"  
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Cadigan

April 2, 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 20, 1964, requesting advice as to whether the paper bag found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building (Commission Exhibit 142) might have originated in either of Oswald's two previous places of employment which were the Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall Company and the William B. Rolly Company.

A sample of paper was obtained from the Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall Company, Dallas, Texas, and was designated as FBI Exhibit D-195. Samples of paper and three-inch Manila gummed tape were obtained from the William B. Rolly Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, and were designated as FBI Exhibit D-193. The papers and gummed tape comprising Exhibits D-193 and D-195 were found to be different from the paper and gummed tape of Commission Exhibit 142.

The Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall Company has advised that the company has had no three-inch gummed tape on the premises in the last several years. It is noted that the gummed tape on Commission Exhibit 142 is three inches wide.

The paper sample D-195 was obtained from the Jaggars-Chiles-Stovall Company on March 24, 1964, and the company advised that the paper which was being used during March and April 1963 during the time of employment of Oswald had been used up.

The paper and tape sample D-193 was obtained on March 26, 1964, from the William B. Rolly Company and this company

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advised that this was the only type of wrapping paper and  
gummed tape that this company has used for a number of years  
and it was the only type of wrapping paper and gummed tape  
which this company had in stock at the time Cowald was  
employed during the months May through July 1933.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Rankin*

ADDENDUM: A Laboratory report covering the results of the  
Laboratory examination of the paper samples D-193  
and D-195 is being furnished the Dallas Office  
separately.



- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rogge Room 3730
- 1 - Mr. Stokes Room 645 PB
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Griffith
- Mr. Cadigan

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By Courier Service

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Mr. J. Leo Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 President's Commission  
 1100 Maryland Avenue, N. W.  
 Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Pursuant to the telephonic request of Mr. Kelvin Eischberg of your staff on March 27, 1964, the three color sketches prepared by Government pathologists depicting the course and direction of the bullets that struck the President (Commission Exhibits 305, 306, 309) were delivered to Mr. Eischberg on March 30, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

105-82553

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Note: The above exhibits were delivered to the Commission by Special Agent James C. Cadigan.

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

April 2, 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 dated February 18, 1964, and my letters dated February 26, 1964, March 4, 1964, and March 19, 1964, relating to Mrs. Shirley Martin, also known as Mrs. Mark E. Martin, of Hominy, Oklahoma.

Enclosed are two copies of a four-page communication entitled, "FBI Fiction or Common Sense Fact?" which I received on March 27, 1964, in an envelope postmarked at Hominy, Oklahoma, on March 24, 1964. The name of Mrs. Mark E. Martin, Hominy, Oklahoma, appears on the last page of this communication.

In view of your prior interest in Mrs. Martin the enclosed communication is being furnished for your information.

Sincerely yours,

62-109060

1-62-109090 (President's Commission)

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Enclosures (2)

1 - SAC, Oklahoma City (89-41) (Enc.)  
1 - SAC, Dallas (89-43) (Enc.)

1 - Mr. C.D. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. J.E. Herington  
1 - Mr. J.W. Hines  
1 - Mr. R.E. Lenihan

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

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Oklahoma City and Dallas see note page two.

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

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NOTE TO SACS OKLAHOMA CITY AND DALLAS:

Re OC airtel 3/13/64 furnishing Bureau a clipping from the "Oklahoma City Times," setting out the exploits of Mrs. Martin.

Enclosed for the information of Oklahoma City and Dallas is a recent communication received by the Director apparently from Mrs. Martin which is self-explanatory. For your information, the President's Commission has been furnished extensive background on Mrs. Martin including the fact we had unsatisfactory dealings with her in the past.

NOTE:

Shirley Martin, has been characterized as a "bright nut", and is well known to the Bureau due to the fact she has written numerous offensive and insulting communications to the Bureau. Since the assassination she has engaged in her own investigation of the events.

Full details concerning her background have been furnished in the past in the following memoranda:

D. C. Morrell to Mr. DeLoach dated 2/17/64 captioned, "Mrs. Mark E. Martin, aka Mrs. Shirley Martin, Box 566, Hominy, Oklahoma," JH:dll.

A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont dated 2/25/64 captioned, "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas," RDR:vhm.

A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont dated 3/19/64 captioned, "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas," RDR:map.

The attached communication is critical of the FBI and affixed responsibilities on the Director which of course are completely unjust. This communication does not contain a written signature but appears to have been authored and mailed by Mrs. Martin. We have not acknowledged this letter as well as several other communications from her. It is not felt we should dignify her insulting observations and comments or encourage her obvious efforts to engage in a literary argument.

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: April 2, 1964

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy; 11/22/63; Dallas, Texas

As a matter of record, Mr. Melvin Eisenberg of the staff of the President's Commission orally requested of Special Agent Paul M. Stombaugh that he prepare microphotographs, in color, showing the microscopic comparisons of the cotton fibers removed from the butt plate of the rifle used in the assassination with the cotton fibers comprising Oswald's shirt. Mr. Eisenberg also requested that a chart be made showing the differences that exist among woolen, cotton, and viscose fibers. (The blanket Oswald used to cover the rifle is composed of these fibers.)

He also requested that charts be prepared to show the different characteristics used in making hair comparisons as well as microphotographs of Oswald's pubic and limb hairs and microphotographs showing the matches of these hairs with pubic and limb hairs found on the blanket.

Mr. Eisenberg requested that these photographs and charts be brought by Mr. Stombaugh to aid in his testimony before the Committee on the morning of April 3, 1964.

Copies of the requested photographs and photographs of the charts are attached hereto for record purposes.

ACTION: For information.

Enclosures (16)

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley

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

April 1, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In connection with coverage of the public appearances of Mark Lane, this Bureau has determined that on March 25, 1964, Lane received a United States passport for travel in Europe and that his departure was scheduled for April 1, 1964.

There are enclosed two copies of a communication dated March 30, 1964, at Washington, D. C., setting forth information furnished United States Department of State by Lane in his passport application.

You will note in paragraph two on page one of the enclosed communication that Lane advised he would attend a convention of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers. This association, which is reportedly holding a congress at Budapest, Hungary, from March 30, 1964, to April 3, 1964, has been cited as an international communist front organization on page 88 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

This material is being furnished to advise you of Lane's plans for travel abroad and to assist you in the event you desire to arrange coverage of Lane in the foreign countries to which he travels.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

On Lane's return to the United States, this Bureau will resume its coverage of his public appearances.

Sincerely yours,

~~D. Edgar Hoover~~

Enclosures - 2

NOTE:

San Francisco airtels 3/24 and 25/64 captioned "Mark Lane" and WFOairtel 3/30/64 captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald" with letterhead memorandum advised of Lane's travel plans. Information being furnished so that President's Commission can make arrangements it might desire for coverage of Lane while abroad. State Department and CIA, who have been given reports on Lane, will be advised by separate communication that Bureau is requesting pertinent Legats to alert appropriate sources and to handle information concerning Lane, as on a security subject traveling abroad. Legats being furnished background information and instructions, re Lane's travel, by separate communications. Bureau has conducted no investigation of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, but Bufiles contain information re its background and activities in support of communism in the past.



4/9/64

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Dallas (89-43)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

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

Re Bu airtel to Dallas 2/24/64, Bulet to Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, President's Commission dated 3/27/64 copy of which was furnished to Dallas and other communications from receiving offices relating to a request of the President's Commission to obtain the originals or photographic copies of all documents relating to the 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano Italian military rifle.

In order that the Commission can be furnished an intelligible explanation of the documents obtained by receiving offices, Dallas is instructed to prepare at the earliest possible time a letterhead memorandum for dissemination incorporating pertinent data relating to this request.

The letterhead memorandum should contain the following basic information:

- (a) identification of exhibit
- (b) Bureau assigned exhibit number
- (c) necessary explanatory information relating to the exhibit involved immediately following the exhibit if feasible

Enclosures (43)

- 1 - Albany (62-1646)
- 1 - Boston (89-43)
- 1 - Chicago (62-6115)
- 1 - Newark (62-3060)
- 1 - New York (89-75)
- 1 - Philadelphia (105-9953) RDR:vhm
- ① 62-109090 (Pres. Commission) (16)
- 1-105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

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- 1 - Mr. I. W. Conrad 199 APR 10 1964
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J. C. Cadigan
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

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Airtel to SAC, Dallas  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

You should endeavor to describe the documents in a logical sequence so as to make a chronological story from the point of origin to the ultimate consignee. Each of the rifles involved should be handled under separate headings and abbreviations should be avoided if possible or adequately described.

Attached for your assistance are xerox copies of pertinent communications received from receiving offices which transmitted documents requested by the Commission. To each xerox copy is attached photographic copies of the documents submitted with the communication along with its Laboratory assigned "D" number. The Laboratory is maintaining the originals of all documents where same have been submitted. Two additional photographic copies of the documents furnished are being retained by the Bureau for dissemination to the Commission along with your letterhead memorandum when this matter is completely resolved.

Photographic copies of exhibits D 102, D 103 and accompanying explanations submitted with Dallas airtel 3/23/64 captioned, "Lee Harvey Oswald, aka. IS - R - Cuba" are not being returned since you have copies of these exhibits. Two copies are available for the Commission.

Exhibits D 17, D 18, D 19, D 77 and J 1 referred to in your airtel 3/5/64 in the above caption have been previously furnished to the Commission and need not be duplicated at this time. Appropriate reference to these exhibits where necessary must be made in your letterhead memorandum to complete the sequence of events.

In your above airtel dated 3/5/64 on page one it is indicated Mr. Charles W. Greener, owner of the Irving Sports Shop, requested that "tag repair" #18374 be returned to him. For your information the original of this tag is being retained by the Laboratory for possible future use of the Commission. Dallas should make appropriate note of Mr. Greener's request so this matter can be followed in an effort to comply with his request when the Commission's investigation is concluded.



Airtel to SAC, Dallas  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

Set out below is a brief description of the enclosed documents with the Bureau assigned "D" numbers and identification of the communication which transmitted these documents to the Bureau. This is being furnished for the information of Dallas and receiving offices.

Philadelphia airtel 3/11/64 in the above caption,  
JAM:jp.

<u>Laboratory "D" Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
D 151	Page from record book of Mr. Fred W. Rupp indicating shipment on 2/12/63.
D 152	Photostat of undated bill of lading #3178.
D 153	North Penn Transfer, Inc., delivery receipt for shipping order #3178.

Albany airtel 3/13/64 in above caption, JWF:jmc.

D 156	Empire Sporting Goods, Ltd., invoice #1078.
D 157	Memorandum for bill of lading from H. P. Welch Company dated 6/29/62.
D 158	Photostatic copy of consumption entry #77, Bureau of Customs.
D 159	Photostatic copy of examination and appraisal of entry #77.
D 160	Duplicate of H. P. Welch Company shipping order #B-3636 dated 7/6/62.

Airtel to SAC, Dallas  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

Chicago airtel 3/13/64 in above caption, DWS:sfs.

D 161 Invoice #145352 Century Arms Inc.

D 162 Aldens checking slip #293779.

Chicago airtel 3/13/64 in above caption, DWS:bl1.

D 163 Klein's purchase order for 100  
rifles effective 1/15/62.

D 164 Five page "customer's invoice"  
of Crescent Firearms, Inc.

D 165 Invoice #3178, Crescent Firearms,  
Inc., dated 2/2/63.

D 166 One check and attached Klein's  
voucher #28966.

D 167 Photostatic copy of list prepared  
by Mitchell Scibor, Klein's Sporting  
Goods.

D 168 Consignees memo pro #A394857  
dated 2/12/63.

D 169 Delivery receipt #3-041342 dated  
2/13/63.

D 170 Cashier's copy, Chicago run sheet,  
#43969 dated 2/21/63.

New York airtel 3/16/64 in above caption, EWO:jc.

D 171 Bill of lading #3178, Crescent  
Firearms, Inc.

D 172 Original Sale Order, Crescent  
Firearms, Inc., #3178, dated 2/7/63.

D 173 Office copy of ten shipping slips  
reflecting carton numbers.



Airtel to SAC, Dallas  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

D 174

Bill of lading #18 for Motor Ship  
Elettra Fassio.

D 175

Copy of inventory list reflecting carton  
numbers 5 attached to above bill  
of lading #18.

D 176

Copy of warehouse entry form from  
Freedman and Slater, Inc., #52737  
dated 10/24/60.

D 177

Copy of notice with estimated  
date of arrival of shipment dated  
10/10/60 from Genoa to Adams  
Consolidated Industries, Inc.

D 178

Copy of a bill of lading dated  
10/25/60 from Adams Consolidated  
Industries, Inc.

D 179

Copy of sales invoice #03408 from  
Adams Consolidated Industries, Inc.  
dated 10/16/62.

Albany airtel 3/17/64 in above caption, JW:jmb.

D 180

Photostatic copy of Canadian  
National Railways straight bill of  
lading dated 6/29/62.

Boston airtel 3/17/64 in above caption, DBC:cap.

D 181

Photostatic copy of H. P. Welch  
Company shipping order dated 6/29/62.

D 182

Yellow duplicate copy of H. P. Welch  
Company way bill #B-3686.

D 183

Photostatic of customer's copy of  
H. P. Welch Company way bill #D-3686.

Airtel to SAC, Dallas  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

Newark airtel 3/10/64 in above caption, RFL:hab.

D 189

Warehouse receipt dated 11/9/60  
of Harborside Terminal Company.

D 190

Five delivery orders numbered  
89133, 14473, 03408, A01640 and  
A00642.

Chicago airtel 3/24/64 in the above caption, DKS:gnf.

D 201

Delivery receipt from Eastern  
Express Company.

Any break in sequence of the above numbers was  
necessitated by the receipt of other evidence not related  
to this particular Commission request.

Receiving offices are reminded to press this  
vigorously so the Commission's request can be complied with  
at the earliest possible time.

NOTE:

Commission by letter 2/21/64 requested certain  
information as well as the original or photographic copies  
of all documents relating to the assassination rifle and  
another rifle bearing a similar serial number without a  
prefix "C". The technical data requested was furnished  
to the Commission by letter dated 3/27/64. The other  
request is very extensive in nature and requires the  
obtaining of purchase orders, invoices, shipping documents,  
bills of lading, receipts, etc. of some eight business  
firms. Certain difficulties have been encountered beyond  
our control in obtaining this material and some seven Bureau  
offices are involved in this endeavor. The enclosed material  
is being furnished to Dallas so that an appropriate,  
intelligible memorandum can be prepared for use by the  
Commission inasmuch as many of the documents furnished  
require considerable explanation. This matter continues  
to be closely followed at the Bureau and when the necessary  
material and letterhead memorandum from Dallas are received  
the Commission will be appropriately notified. The Commission  
has been advised of the extensive nature of its request and  
the fact that numerous Bureau offices are engaged in this  
endeavor.



April 9, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
~~The President's Commission~~  
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Mr. Durt Griffin of the President's Commission on April 8, 1964, furnished to this Bureau three items of the personal property of Curtis Lawrence Crawford and requested that we make photographic copies of the items for the President's Commission.

The items were photographed on April 8, 1964, and the originals returned to you by special messenger on April 9, 1964.

I am enclosing herewith three copies each of the photographs of a discharge paper of Curtis Lawrence Crawford, three copies each of two photographs of a subpoena issued to Curtis L. Crawford, and three copies each of eleven photographs of a leather-bound Memoranda Book. The photographs of the Memoranda Book are numbered with the letter A to identify the front cover and numbers one through ten to identify each page of the book which contained writing as taken in consecutive order.

Sincerely yours,

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Airtel

62-109090 -

To: SAC, Buffalo (44-214) (Enclosure)  
Milwaukee (44-173) (Enclosure)  
Minneapolis (44-240) (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI (44-24016)

JACK L. RYAN, AKA.  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
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Enclosed herewith for each office is a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from the President's Commission dated 4-3-64 requesting certain specified information.

Milwaukee will upon receipt review their files for available information concerning the Triangle Manufacturing Company, Calhoun, Wisconsin. If information is not available in files identifying the company and the nature of its business, you should conduct sufficient inquiry through available public records and reliable sources of your office so that your indices can be checked regarding the officers of the company.

Minneapolis will refer to their file 71-173 relating to an Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices investigation and 103-2 relating to an Interstate Transportation of Wagering Paraphernalia investigation concerning a Triangle Manufacturing Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota. If this company is identical or connected with the company in Calhoun, Wisconsin, mentioned in the letter of the President's Commission, conduct a similar inquiry concerning this company in your division.

1 - Dallas (Info) (Enclosure) (44-1639)

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Airtel to SAC, Buffalo, Buffalo, Buffalo, Buffalo  
RE: JACK L. RUDY, AKA.

Buffalo will immediately conduct the requested inquiry concerning Mr. A. Hillebrandt, East Rochester, New York. In the event there is no information regarding Hillebrandt available in your files, you should contact appropriate credit and criminal checks and contact reliable sources of your office to identify Hillebrandt and the nature of his business connections.

All offices submit results by letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the President's Commission no later than 4-14-64. Submit appropriate FD-302's (25 copies) to Dallas for inclusion in a subsequent report.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: April 3, 1964

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS - R - CUBA

On 4-3-64 Special Agent James J. Maligan testified before The President's Commission concerning the results of paper examinations in this case. His testimony lasted approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles was the only member of the Commission present during the testimony. The testimony was, in essence, that the paper and Manila tape used to make the paper sack found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building (TSB) designated Q10 in this case and Commission Exhibit 142 were the same in all observable physical characteristics as the paper and tape sample obtained 11-22-63 at the TSB, Laboratory Exhibit D-1, Commission Exhibit 677, and these two exhibits were different from the paper and Manila tape used to make the replica paper bag on 12-1-63 at the TSB, Laboratory Exhibit K52, Commission Exhibit 364. The significance of this testimony is that the materials comprising Q10 (the paper bag believed used by Oswald to conceal the assassination rifle) are similar to material (Samples D-1) available to Oswald in the Texas School Book Depository Building, and could have come from that source.

The ultraviolet light box used in the Laboratory was taken to the Commission Hearing Room at the request of Mr. Eisenberg and used to demonstrate the similarity under ultraviolet light of the Q10 paper sack and the D-1 known sample and the difference between these two and the K52 paper sample. Both Mr. Dulles and Mr. Eisenberg made their own comparisons and agreed with SA Cardigan's testimony in this regard.

A microphotograph of the surface of Q10 and K2 illustrating the similarity was also shown to Mr. Dulles and marked as Commission Exhibit 678. A copy of this microphotograph is attached.

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Enclosure:

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad  
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
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Mr. Eisenberg orally requested SA Cadigan to conduct a fiber analysis of the three-inch Manila tape on the paper bag, Q10, and the three-inch Manila tape on the known sample D-1 and that the results be furnished to him by letter. This will be done.

Mr. Cadigan reports that the testimony went smoothly and appeared to be favorably received.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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

APRIL 3, 1964

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Dallas

From: Director, FBI

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

Attached is letter from J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, President's Commission, requesting Special Agents Manning Clements and James Bookhout be available at the U. S. Attorney's Office, Dallas, for interview by Mr. Samuel A. Stern of the President's Commission staff on April 8 or 9, 1964. This will confirm telephone conversation with you 4-2-64, concerning this matter.

Mr. Rankin is being advised that Agents Clements and Bookhout will be available on April 8 or 9, when desired. He is also being advised that in the event developments occur which make it advisable for Mr. Stern to take depositions of other Agents in the Dallas Office that this will be permissible. In this connection you should, of course, ascertain the nature of the material to be covered with the Agents and be guided accordingly as to whether or not the requests of Mr. Stern or other representatives of the Commission are appropriate.

Agents should answer any questions concerning investigative activity and results of investigation but should not give personal opinions as this is not their function.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Sullivan (Room 807 RB)

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NOTE: Agents Clements and Bookhout were at the Dallas Police Department on 11-22-63, at the time Lee Harvey Oswald was brought into the PD, having been sent there by SAC Shanklin. Oral instructions were issued to the Dallas Office relative to proper procedure for Agents to follow when being contacted by Mr. Stern or any other representative of the President's Commission. This is covered in memorandum Rosen to Belmont 4-2-64.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 3/16/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

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Mr. J. Lee Rankin, while being contacted today on other matters, advised that he had been confined to his home for the past several days due to illness.

Mr. Rankin stated he learned of several instances wherein letters had been sent to the Bureau making what he termed unreasonable requests in that a considerable amount of work was requested and sufficient time was not allowed for the Bureau to handle these items. Rankin was calling these situations to the attention of his staff and indicated he would try to see that all additional requests made of the Bureau were reasonable insofar as the time element was concerned.

Mr. Rankin advised that as is typical of most attorneys, they would complete their own work in sufficient time to handle the presentation of matters to the Commission and to question witnesses who would be brought before the Commission but did not give any consideration to the fact that third parties, such as the Bureau, might be involved in winding up matters which were necessary for the proper questioning of witnesses.

Mr. Rankin specifically mentioned the request for maps, diagrams, photographs and items of this nature, which were time consuming in nature, and that such items should be requested and presented to the Bureau to handle considerably in advance of the date they were desired.

In view of the opportunity presented by Mr. Rankin, it was mentioned to him that several such items had been requested wherein representatives at Bureau headquarters had been sent to Dallas to carry out requests and after returning from finishing one request, the Bureau had then received an additional request requiring the services of specially qualified men from Bureau headquarters. It was mentioned to Mr. Rankin that if there were to be a number of such requests and they could be anticipated in advance; it would be most helpful for such requests to be made immediately so that all of these requests could be handled as expeditiously as possible and eliminate the necessity for men traveling back and forth between Washington and Dallas.

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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RE: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

Mr. Rankin indicated he would look into this matter and see if the staff could not make arrangements for all such requests to be furnished to the Bureau immediately so that they would be fully aware of all requests and work out the details as best suited to the Bureau rather than having last-minute requests coming in on a piecemeal basis.

During the discussion with Mr. Rankin, he commented the original request to the Bureau had been to get the basic facts and submit a report in the shortest possible time, which request had been complied with by the Bureau in a very expedite and excellent manner. Mr. Rankin stated with the establishment of the President's Commission an entirely different situation came into existence. He advised a large staff of attorneys has been obtained who had been given the specific assignment of reviewing all the material available from the Bureau as well as any other sources to try and develop all possible facts concerning the President's assassination. He stated with regard to the Bureau's reports these attorneys were able to sit down without any interference and very tediously examine these reports in most minute detail trying to pick out any situations which could possibly need future investigation or clarification. He advised that while a number of letters had been directed to the Bureau indicating additional investigation was desired, there was no intention of being critical in any way of the Bureau's work; that he and other members of the staff felt that the Bureau had done an excellent job of investigating the over-all situation and he intended to direct a letter to the Bureau at some time in the near future when he felt the time was proper, so indicating the Commission's pleasure with the excellent cooperation that the Bureau had afforded the President's Commission in handling their over-all problem.

ACTION

None. The foregoing is submitted for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

DATE: April 4, 1964

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

Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission, while discussing other matters on April 3, 1964, stated that the members of the President's Commission that had been present during the past few days listening to testimony given by Bureau personnel were extremely complimentary concerning the testimony of the various experts from the Bureau. Mr. Rankin stated that he would appreciate the Director being advised of the very favorable impression the Bureau experts made and that Chief Justice Earl Warren had made favorable comments and had asked Mr. Rankin to make known to the Director his feelings concerning the Bureau experts' testimony.

Mr. Rankin commented that as soon as all of the Bureau experts had completed their testimony before the Commission he intends to direct a letter to the Bureau commenting on each one of the individuals that testified. The individuals that have testified thus far are the following: SA Robert A. Frazier, SA Cortlandt Cunningham, SA Paul Stombaugh, SA James C. Cadigan, all assigned to the Laboratory, and Sebastian F. Latona assigned to the Identification Division. Mr. Rankin advised that the testimony of the Bureau personnel was far superior to testimony received from anyone else that has appeared before the Commission, each of the Bureau employees testified with complete confidence and their testimony was given in such a manner that any possible doubt that anyone had had been completely removed by the Bureau experts' testimony.

Mr. Rankin mentioned that in those instances where outside Laboratory examinations had been made these individuals had corroborated the testimony of the Bureau personnel and that for the Commission's record he felt that a good purpose had been achieved.

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

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in having the outside testimony. He reiterated his previous statements that there had never been any lack of confidence in examinations made by the Bureau but the outside testimony corroborating the Bureau's testimony would place the Commission in a more favorable position as far as the permanent record of the Commission is concerned.

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I place no credence  
in any complimentary  
remarks made by Wagon  
nor the Commission if they  
were looking for FBI  
"gaps" & hoping to find  
some yet they try to get  
"sympathy".



April 14, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

A confidential source of this Bureau has advised that Melvin M. Belli, former attorney of Jack L. Ruby, directed a letter to Ruby dated March 21, 1964, in which Mr. Belli acknowledged Ruby's letter asking him to withdraw as counsel. Mr. Belli commented in his letter concerning the record for reversal which had been built up and specifically mentioned the court's denial of the motion to change venue.

The source also advised that Joe H. Tonahill, one of Ruby's defense attorneys, on March 13, 1964, directed a letter to Ruby in which he commented on the many reversible errors in the case and said he earnestly believed the appellate court will reverse Ruby's conviction. He said the biggest error was the failure of the court to transfer the case from Dallas County.

Mr. Tonahill said that next in importance were the statements of Officers Archer, McMillon, King, Leavelle, and Dean, of the Dallas Police Department, which statements were admitted by the court over defense objection. According to Mr. Tonahill, these statements seemed to indicate intent, malice, and premeditation on the part of Ruby. The statement of Officer Dean was the strongest against Ruby. Mr. Tonahill said, of course, "To deny, you know, that the statements

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NOTE:

This information is not being furnished to the Department as it would be of no interest to them. See note continued on page two.

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were made by you (Ruby). The testimony of McMillon was completely destroyed, McMillon having testified he saw certain things, whereas, photographs showed McMillon was not looking in the direction of Oswald at the time he was shot.

Mr. Tonahill's letter continued by stating that, without the testimony of the officers as to statements allegedly made by Ruby at the time of and immediately following the shooting, the District Attorney would at best have a case of murder without malice. "Of course, our testimony would completely contradict that." The penalty for murder without malice is from two to five years. "We can reverse the case and get a change of venue from the appellate court," and the statements of the police officers will not be admissible as res gestae.

Mr. Tonahill said that, should Ruby enter a plea of guilty, he would, undoubtedly, get credit for the time he spent in jail and should not have to serve over a year, considering time off for good behavior, under a maximum sentence of five years. A second trial would likely take less than a week and a jury would find Ruby not guilty, because the approach would be somewhat different in the next trial. "Also, Jack, even if you entered a plea and commenced to serve out that short sentence, you would get the treatment you need during that time."

The above is furnished to you for your information in view of its relationship to the appeal and possible retrial of Jack L. Ruby.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Note continued.

Sheriff Decker of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, who is also in charge of the county jail, has been routinely censoring Ruby's mail as he is a prisoner. He is not censoring Ruby's mail at the request of the FBI. In view of the FBI's investigation of Ruby, Decker has voluntarily furnished information of interest to the Bureau's investigation and we have been furnishing the information to the President's Commission. We should not in this instance be placed in a position of receiving information regarding Ruby without furnishing it to the Commission.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 4/3/64

FROM : R. W. Jevons

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

On 3/31/64, SA Robert O. Frazier, Firearms Unit, FBI Laboratory, testified before the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy. On 4/1/64, SA Cortlandt Cunningham testified before the Commission. Numerous exhibits were introduced during SA Frazier's testimony concerning the identification of Oswald's rifle with bullets and cartridge cases recovered at the scene of the assassination. Other exhibits and diagrams were used to illustrate various aspects of his testimony.

During SA Frazier's testimony, Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, Commission staff attorney, requested the Commission be permitted to use portions of SA Frazier's notes so that a permanent record could be available of items which either were not subject to accurate verbal description or which were detailed notes containing reference material which would have required overly lengthy testimony. Exact copies of this material are retained in the Bureau's records.

In order that a record might be available as to the identity of the exhibits used, there is attached a list of all exhibits with a description of each. Copies of the exhibits have previously been made a matter of record except items 6, 7, 9, 11, 12 and 13. Copies or copies of photographs of 6, 7, 9, 12 and 13 are attached. A duplicate of the sulfur cast, number 11, is retained in the Bureau's records. It will be noted that 14 and 31 on the attached list are test bullets and cartridge cases of which we have photomicrographs as a matter of record.

The exhibits used to illustrate SA Cunningham's testimony concerning the shooting of Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippit, numbers 24 through 30, 32 and 33, have all been made a matter of record.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. Rosen Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach Enclosures

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- 1 - Mr. Malley Room 5710 Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. Rogge Room 5730 Enclosures

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LIST OF EXHIBITS

1. Photographs of Oswald's rifle, C14, and manufacturers serial number and other marks appearing thereon
2. Diagram illustrating crosshair adjusting mechanism in telescopic sight
3. Cartridge case ejection pattern for C14 rifle showing distance and direction of ejection
4. Same as number 3 showing height of ejection
5. Four 300 feet speed-accuracy targets fired with C14 (originals)
6. Two 45 feet speed-accuracy targets fired with C14 (Xerox copies)
7. One 75 feet speed-accuracy target fired with C14 (original)
8. Diagram illustrating sighting lead necessary when shooting at moving target
9. Original page of SA R. A. Frazier's notes referring to number 3 above
10. Photograph of bolt face of C14 rifle
11. Sulfur cast of barrel of C14 rifle (from original notes, duplicate available)
12. Photograph of clip of C14 rifle loaded with six rounds
13. Photograph of clip of C14 rifle, unloaded, showing manufacturer's marks
14. Two test bullets and two test cartridge cases from C14 rifle (no duplicates available of test bullets, duplicates available of cartridge cases)
15. Photomicrograph illustrating identification of C14 rifle with C1 (bullet from stretcher)
16. Same as number 15 except C2 (bullet jacket fragment from front seat of Presidential limousine)
17. Same as number 15 except C3 (bullet jacket fragment found beside front seat of Presidential limousine)
18. Same as number 15 except C6 (cartridge case from Texas School Depository (TSBD) Building) breech face marks
19. Same as number 15 except C7 (cartridge case from TSBD) breech face marks

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20. Same as number 15 except C33 (cartridge case from TSSD) breech face marks
21. Same as number 15 except C3 (cartridge case from TSSD) firing pin marks
22. Same as number 15 except C7 (cartridge case from TSSD) firing pin marks
23. Same as number 15 except C38 (cartridge case from TSSD) firing pin marks
24. Photomicrograph of cartridge case (found near Officer Tippit's slaying) identification with Oswald's revolver, (C47 - C15 breech face marks)
25. Same as number 24 (C48 - C15 breech face marks)
26. Same as number 24 (C49 - C15 breech face marks)
27. Same as number 24 (C49 - C15 firing pin marks)
28. Same as number 24 (C50 - C15 breech face marks)
29. Photograph of breech face and firing pin of C15 revolver
30. Photograph of C252 (Remington-Peters) and C253 (Winchester-Western) bullets with similar brands of test bullets from the C15 revolver
31. Test bullets and cartridge cases obtained from C15
32. Sample Western and Remington-Peters cartridges in calibers .38 Special and .38 S & W
33. Schematic diagram of .38 Special Smith and Wesson revolver, from National Rifle Association publication "Firearms Assembly Handbook"



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 4-7-64

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
VISUAL AIDS

Commission Attorney Melvin Eisenberg called and stated that the Commission had tentatively scheduled a conference for 10:30 AM, 4-14-64, at the Commission's office for the purpose of re-enacting the shooting sequence on the scale model of the assassination site. He requested that I be present to assist the staff in the use of the scale model to re-enact the views of those present concerning the approximate location of the assassin's shots.

Mr. Eisenberg mentioned that he had also requested the presence of Special Agent Shaneyfelt who has conducted extensive tests on three movie cameras used in filming the shooting sequence. Also scheduled to be present according to Eisenberg will be two doctors who he stated were experts in the field of "wound ballistics" to form conclusions concerning muscular reaction of the human body to gunfire under a given set of circumstances and to be available to reply to questions the Commission staff is interested in developing concerning the wounds inflicted on the President and Governor Connally. Mr. Eisenberg feels that the doctors can possibly give some medical insight concerning the time required for a bullet to penetrate certain parts of the body and any divergent path likely to occur when a bullet comes in contact with bone structure.

The purpose of my presence will be to re-enact on the scale model certain findings made by the experts present. My participation will be limited to following the instructions of the Commission with regard to fixing the approximate location of each shot.

Mr. Eisenberg was advised that I would be present at the Commission's office as scheduled and that facilities to project the movies will be made available by the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

None; for information only.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad (Sent Direct)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Sent Direct)

Inspector Malley will be present.

- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley) (Sent Direct)

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*Inspector Malley will be present.*  
*1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley) (Sent Direct)*  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (80-New)  
 SUBJECT: LARRY GROVE  
 DALLAS MORNING NEWS  
 DALLAS, TEXAS  
 RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)  
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Re Bureau airtel to Dallas, 3/30/64.

On 4/3/64, I contacted [redacted] Managing Editor of the "Dallas Morning News", an SAC contact. I explained to him the purpose of my contact and then advised him that the FBI was conducting an investigation concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to the assassination on the basis of his attempted defection to the Soviets and that we were interested in whether he was being used by the Soviets in any espionage undertaking in this country, since he had indicated through his actions and statements that he advocated principles contrary to the best interest of the United States.

It was pointed out to [redacted] that OSWALD's background and activities fully justified our action concerning him, but the data we had gave absolutely no clue indicating he was a potential assassin.

[redacted] was further advised that in the absence of justifiable information, it would be highly inappropriate for us to furnish information on persons to local authorities or the Secret Service which might result in the detention or questioning of such persons. It was also pointed out that we had to draw a very careful line between what information may properly be disseminated and unwarranted dissemination in violation of the rights of the individual.

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I explained to [redacted] that the full facts surrounding Agent HOSTY's name being in OSWALD's notebook had been furnished to the President's Commission. I also advised him that OSWALD had never been an informant of the FBI.

[redacted] was very appreciative of the information furnished. He stated he was a great admirer of the Director and the Bureau, and he felt his newspaper had consistently been one of the strongest supporters of the Director. He stated he well appreciated our position, but that he did feel that the President's Commission, by not making public its findings, was putting the Bureau in a somewhat bad position. He stated the longer the Commission took to make a public report, the more speculation there was concerning: Was there any connection between OSWALD and RUBY, was there a plot, and was OSWALD actually the assassin? He said this was not a question which was bothering him, but that the general public would indulge in such speculation until the final report was made.

[redacted] stated that LARRY GROVE had come to the "Dallas Morning News" from radio and TV station WBAP in Fort Worth, and prior to that time, he lived in Oklahoma. He regularly writes a column for the "Dallas Morning News" known as "Poor Larry's Almanac", which is a general column dealing with current human interest items of the day. GROVE is not a police reporter.

[redacted] considers him a good, loyal American citizen and a fairly good reporter. KRUEGER noted that GROVE was much more liberal in his views than the newspaper is. [redacted] then stated that he would call in GROVE and in my presence explain to him exactly the FBI's position, which he did.

GROVE stated that he certainly did not want to be critical of the Bureau, but that his comments concerning the Bureau in the article published in "Quill" magazine had been publicized in other papers. He stated he now appreciated the Bureau's position in this matter, but he also stated that he felt the public should have some report as to our position. It was pointed out to him that the full facts had been given to the President's Commission.

The entire meeting was handled in a very pleasant, cordial manner.



April 10, 1964

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - R. E. Lenihan
- 1 - B. F. Rose
- 1 - Mail Room
- 1 - L. L. Anderson

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

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

Your attention is directed to the enclosed report of Special Agent Harry E. Widbe, dated March 18, 1964, at Los Angeles, California. Pages 13 and 14 of this report set forth information received on March 11, 1964, from LA T-4, a reputable businessman who was acquainted with George De Mohrenschildt from about 1942 to 1956.

LA T-4 was contacted on March 11, 1964, by an Agent of this Bureau in Santa Barbara, California. However, the interview was not completed at the request of LA T-4 as he stated he was exhausted from travel and work and requested deferment of further interview until his return to Dallas, Texas.

On March 17, 1964, LA T-4 was recontacted by an Agent of this Bureau, at which time he requested that the information previously furnished by him on March 11, 1964, not be disseminated outside this Bureau or, if disseminated, that his identity as the source be concealed. LA T-4 stated he feared he might be the subject of a possible suit for slander by the De Mohrenschildts, "knowing what kind of people they are," if the information furnished by him and his identity ever came to their attention. He further stated he had no

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firsthand information in support of the remarks made during the March 11, 1964, interview and consequently did not desire the information to be disseminated outside the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nor did he wish to make any additional remarks concerning George De Mohrenschildt except under proper subpoena or on the basis of complete assurance it would not be disseminated outside the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No such assurance was given LA T-4 and he furnished no further information.

On March 20, 1964, LA T-4 contacted our Dallas Office and advised that after thinking it over and consulting his attorney, he wanted to volunteer to furnish any information he has to the Federal Bureau of Investigation if his information might result in action, or would be of positive assistance in the Leo Harvey Oswald and George De Mohrenschildt investigations. He stated, however, he did not want to be further interviewed if our investigations were merely going to be a "historical document" compiled by the President's Commission.

In the event you desire to subpoena LA T-4 to appear before the Commission, it is requested that this Bureau be advised so that LA T-4 may be made cognizant of your request.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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