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The Warren Commission,
Washington, D. C-

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Yours truly

Mrs. J. Anclin

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Yours truly
Luis J. Guelin.

Mrs. J. Avellan
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To: SAC, Dallas (100-10431)
 From: Director, FBI (105-22555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Reference is made to the report of SA Robert P. Gemberling dated 12-10-63 in captioned matter. Pages 381-722 of SA Gemberling's report contain data concerning an article which appeared in the "Dallas Morning News" on 11-22-63.

The President's Commission by letter dated 4-7-64 requested this Bureau to investigate the source of the funds used to pay for this advertisement. The Commission noted that Larrie Schmidt, a friend of Bernard Weissman, stated that Joseph P. Grinnan solicited the funds from prominent Dallas businessmen.

You should immediately contact Mr. Grinnan and interview him in accordance with the Commission's request. You may inform Mr. Grinnan that the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy has specifically requested that he be interviewed to determine the source of the funds used to pay for the advertisement which appeared in the "Dallas Morning News" of 11-22-63.

This matter should be afforded immediate attention by your office and results of your interview with Mr. Grinnan should be forwarded to the Bureau in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the President's Commission.

NOTE: See memo Branigan to Sullivan 4-10-64 re same subject, REL:mhw.

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J. LEE

APR 7

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On pages 684 to 721 of SA Gemberling's Report of December 10, 1963 there appear several reports concerning an advertisement which appeared in the Dallas Morning News of November 22, 1963. This advertisement was signed by Bernard Weissman whose interview is reported on page 715 of the aforementioned report.

The Commission would like your Bureau to investigate the source of the funds used to pay for this advertisement. We note that Larrie Schmitt, a friend of Weissman's, stated in an interview (p. 712) that a Joseph P. Grinnan solicited the funds from prominent Dallas businessmen. We request that either Grinnan or Weissman be interviewed to learn the names of the contributors to the advertisement.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

*Miss B. Gemberling
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In connection with its investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald's Marine career, the Commission is interested in taking the testimony of one Kerry W. Thornley.

The report of Agents Chlager and Kennedy of November 27, 1963, indicates that at that time Mr. Thornley resided at 1824 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. It appears, however, that he is no longer there.

It would be helpful to the work of the Commission if you would locate Mr. Thornley and inform us of his present address - and telephone number, if he has one - so that we can contact him and take his testimony.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr

DATE: 4-24-64

FROM: C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: WILLIAM MANCHESTER
AUTHOR OF BOOK REGARDING
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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My memorandum of 3-31-64 indicated that Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy had invited captioned individual to do a book concerning the six days surrounding the assassination of the President. This book will be published in 1968 or 1969. Referenced memorandum reported that Ed Guthman of the Department was most anxious for the Director to meet with Mr. Manchester concerning the book. Guthman promised that no questions would be asked concerning the FBI investigation of the assassination.

The Director indicated that he would not meet with Manchester in view of the false allegations mentioned by Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach to the Warren Commission indicating that information had been "leaked" by the FBI concerning our investigation of the assassination. The Director indicated that Manchester should see me.

Guthman's office called again on 4-21-64 and asked that I see Manchester at 3:30 p. m. on 4-22-64. Upon seeing Manchester, he advised me that he was primarily interested in the activities of the Director immediately following the assassination of the President. I told Manchester that the Director of course was the first one to advise the Attorney General that his brother, the President, had been shot and that the Director later advised that his brother was dead. Manchester told me that he knew this to be a fact and that he had visited the Attorney General's home and the swimming pool where the Attorney General had been standing at the time the Director had called him. He pointed out however that he desired to obtain this information from the Director rather than from an assistant.

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Manchester told me that he was having some difficulty in obtaining the information that he wanted. He mentioned that most people felt that nothing could be given to him until after the report of the Warren Commission had been issued. I told Manchester I thought that for the most part this would certainly be true for the FBI inasmuch as we were the agency appointed by the President to be chiefly responsible for the investigation of both the assassination and the murder of Oswald. Manchester told me that his questions actually would not involve the FBI investigation of this case. He stated that even if this were true he still felt that answers should be given to his questions inasmuch as his book would not be published for 4 or 5 years following the issuance of the Commission report.

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Malley

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DeLoach to Mohr memo
RE: William Manchester
Author of Book Regarding
Assassination of President Kennedy

I told Manchester that I felt certain he could understand our position in being reluctant to give him specific facts concerning our investigation, particularly inasmuch as a Departmental official had seen fit to allege to the Warren Commission that the FBI was "leaking" information. I told Manchester that this allegation had of course been false. However, the fact still remained that the FBI did not want to be placed in the position of releasing information prior to the issuance of the Commission report.

Manchester stated that although he could understand our viewpoint he would still like to talk to the Director concerning the Director's specific activities immediately following the assassination. I asked Manchester what he had in mind. He stated it would be far better if we furnish him a great deal of information and then let him later pose specific questions in order to round out the information. I told him this seemed to be the cart pulling the horse inasmuch as we would first want to know what he had in mind and before we went to a great deal of work. I told him regardless of what he desired he would still have to realize that no information concerning our investigation could be released until after the issuance of the Commission report.

Manchester asked if the allegation were true that the FBI had known that Oswald was in Dallas, Texas, and at the Texas Book Depository at the time of the assassination of the President. I answered in the affirmative. However, explained at great length the fact that Oswald was not a violent-type person and there had been no reason to notify Secret Service of his presence. I also explained to Manchester the cooperation which had existed for many years between the FBI and Secret Service and of the fact that we constantly informed Secret Service of threats made against the President.

Manchester told me that he was having considerable difficulty in getting any information from Secret Service. He stated that this organization has been criticized so severely and its personnel are so heartbroken over the tragedy that they are reluctant to talk about the assassination.

In leaving, Manchester told me that he would be in town for approximately three months living in a rented apartment. He stated that sometime during this three months he would appreciate having a visit with the Director. I told him that the Director's schedule was quite filled, however, we would be in touch with him if the Director had an opportunity to see him. I also told him that rather than wait for an appointment he might desire to write out his questions and give them to me. I reminded him, however, that it was doubtful that we could be of any assistance to him until after issuance of the Commission report.

The meeting with Manchester was on a cordial and pleasant basis, however, he fully understands our position. Bufiles reflect that our relations with him in the past have been most cordial. He does appear, however, to be somewhat of a dreamy non-specific type of individual.

ACTION: None at this time.

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

April 21, 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.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

We have received from our Dallas Office two sixteen millimeter motion picture films relating to the events in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

One of the rolls of film was taken by Thomas P. Alyea, WFAA-TV newscaster, and contained photographs taken outside the Texas School Book Depository Building immediately after the assassination, as well as photographs taken inside the building during the search for the assassin, the finding of the rifle in its original position and the dusting of the rifle for fingerprints by the Dallas Police Department.

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The other film is a composite of film strips obtained from numerous Dallas citizens that were taken on November 22, 1963, depicting the President's visit to Dallas and related events. This film is a black and white copy of a sixteen millimeter color film which is being offered for sale by the Dallas Cinema Associates Corporation of Dallas, Texas.

The films are available for viewing if you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO DIRECTOR FBI (105-32555) (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM SAC DALLAS (100-10461)
SUBJECT LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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Enclosed for the Bureau is one canister of 16 mm film which was received on 4/10/64 from BOB TURNER, WFAA-TV, Dallas, Texas.

The above film is that which WFAA-TV was able to identify from the film which TOM ALYEA had shot in the Texas School Book Depository on the afternoon of 11/22/63.

The film was reviewed at Dallas and nothing of significance was noted.

The film is furnished to the Bureau for their review and possible furnishing to the President's Commission.

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APR 24 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed for duplication are Commission Exhibit
Nos. 701, 712, 713, and 714. Please retain the originals
and forward three copies to the Commission.

Your continued cooperation in the work of the
Commission is appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO DIRECTOR FBI (62-109060)
ATTENTION: INSPECTOR JAMES R. MALLEY

FROM SAC DALLAS (89-43)

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

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & TAX UNIT

On 4/17/64, FRANK L. ELLSWORTH, Special Agent, ATTU, Dallas, while being contacted on another matter, advised SA RICHARD L. WIEHL that several nights ago he was interviewed at his residence by an investigator from the President's Commission whose name he did not know but whom he characterized as being the same individual who had become involved in difficulty during an interview with a Dallas police officer. This is believed to be BURT GRIFFIN. ELLSWORTH stated the Commission investigator was accompanied by a Secret Service Agent, name unknown.

Have Sisson ask Rowley about this.
ELLSWORTH advised the general questioning by the Commission investigator was concerning Cubans and gun activities with which Cubans were connected in the Dallas area. Subsequent to this questioning, the Commission investigator inquired as to what ELLSWORTH knew about FBI Agents JAMES P. HOSTY, Jr., and SA WIEHL. ELLSWORTH stated he inquired as to what connection this had into the inquiry into the assassination at which time ELLSWORTH stated he received a most evasive answer.

Thereafter, the Commission investigator asked ELLSWORTH about the relations with the FBI and whether there had been any instances where the FBI had withheld information which should have been disseminated.

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*memo from J. Brennan
to Mr. W.C. Sullivan 4/23/64
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ELLSWORTH stated he advised the Commission investigator that the relations with the FBI in Dallas were excellent.

The above is being furnished the Bureau for its information.

1 - Mr. Belmont; 1 - Mr. Mohr; 1 - Mr. Conrad; 1 - Mr. DeLoach;
1 - Mr. Malley; 1 - Mr. Sullivan; 1 - Mr. Branigan; 1 - Mr. Lenihan;
1 - Mr. Rose

April 30, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

62-109090

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

MR. J. R. MALLEY
MAY 1 1964
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 22, 1964, making inquiry as to whether this Bureau possesses any information not hitherto disclosed to the Commission concerning the association of Lee Harvey Oswald with any communist or subversive organizations or individuals either in the United States or abroad, or with any criminals or criminal groups either in the United States or abroad.

Reference is also made to your inquiry of Mr. J. R. Malley of this Bureau on April 18, 1964, if all Bureau informants had been contacted for information concerning any connection Oswald may have had with the Communist Party.

You may be assured the Commission has been furnished all information developed by this Bureau concerning the aforementioned associations of Lee Harvey Oswald and that all informants of this Bureau have been contacted for any information they could furnish concerning any connection Oswald may have had with the Communist Party.

We will continue to furnish you with communications in duplicate containing further results of our investigations.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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HONORABLE J. LEE RANKIN

NOTE:

All information contained in Bureau files and information developed subsequent to the assassination of President Kennedy has been furnished to the Commission. To date, contacts with live informants have developed no information to indicate Oswald was a member of the Communist Party or any subversive organization or that he was in contact with any criminals or criminal groups either in the U.S. or abroad, and information developed through sources other than live informants has been disseminated to the Commission. Bureau teletype to all offices 11-22-63 captioned "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy" and Bureau airtel 4-15-64 to all offices, copy to Legat, Mexico, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS - R - Cuba," instructed informants be contacted to develop any information bearing on the assassination of the President or Oswald's activities.

The above letter is fully responsive to the Commission's inquiries, and the Commission has been advised the Bureau will continue to furnish communications in duplicate containing the results of our investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 30, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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With reference to the three Agents that have been requested to confer with commission staff members on May 4, prior to taking their testimony on May 5, Mr. Samuel Stern advised Malley today that there would be no objections to his being present during the conferences with the Agents. Malley will therefore be with the Agents Monday during their conferences with the commission staff members.

Mr. Stern also advised that when other Government personnel have testified before the commission, the commission has permitted officials of the agency to be present during the testimony and that if the Bureau desired, it could have any Bureau representative it desired present during the official testimony. In view of this, Malley will sit in on the official testimony being taken from the Agents on Tuesday, May 5.

The foregoing is submitted for information.

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

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Assume Belmont will be present.

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TO: Mr. Conrad

DATE: April 30, 1964

FROM: C. F. Downing

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
REQUEST OF PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

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Pursuant to a conversation between Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, staff member of the Commission and Mr. W. D. Griffith, Section Chief, Document Section, as set forth in memo, Griffith to Conrad, dated 4/27/64, SA Bertil W. Rolander went to the Commission on 4/27/64 for the purpose of matching the Commission Exhibits with their respective translations. This work was completed on 4/28/64.

Mr. Eisenberg, on 4/28/64, orally requested the translation of the title page of a Russian language book constituting Item 324.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. J. Lee Rankin, dated May 1, 1964, furnishing the requested translation.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

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Washington, D. C., _____, 1964

Respectfully referred to

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

Warren Commission

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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A. Willie Robertson, S.S.

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over the Commission. McCloy also has
heavy commitments elsewhere. In the
end, Allen Dulles is the only one who
is around most of the time.

Doubtless this was to be expected
of such a high level committee. Most
of the members have other engagements
and claim a higher priority than the case of Lee Oswald. Therefore, it becomes all the more important to know just who is left behind to do the routine day-by-day work. The candidate is Ike's old aide, General... Rankin, an Eisenhower wing... And Rankin's... Norman Redlich, a New York University law professor.

Mr. Redlich's background is particularly... because he is a member of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee... 28-year-old Communist... Mr. Redlich is supposed to... the FBI... the Vietnam... it is interesting that... Committee on Un-American Activities reports that the ECLC... to abolish the HCU... the FBI." The Senate... subcommittee also... adds that "when the Communist Party itself is under investigation... a bulwark of protection... hysteria since the assassination, some people have tried to convince the world that it is the FBI and not a Marxist fanatic whose record is under investigation.

Moreover, Mr. Redlich has just renewed his endorsement of this Communist front. *National Review* was hardly in the mails last Monday when ECLC took a large ad in the *New York Times* for a birthday celebration. There in the list of co-signers, under the name of chairman Corliss Lamont, was the name of Norman Redlich. The special assistant to the Warren Commission was in curious company.

Some of the co-signers of the ad are stubborn innocents, ever ready to be taken for a ride—Poet John Ciardi, for example, and Professor Stringfellow Barr. Others on the ECLC's list have a record of more personal involvement—Anne Braden, and Carey

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The apparent... affinity of Communist front... with a key staff member of the... investigation does not inspire confidence in the Warren Commission, despite the presence of some capable men. After all, we are told, the Commission is considering secrets which are vital to national security. How did Mr. Redlich get on the Commission's staff? Did Chief Counsel Rankin pick him? *National Review* says only that "Rankin will tell you he did not himself hire Redlich

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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:

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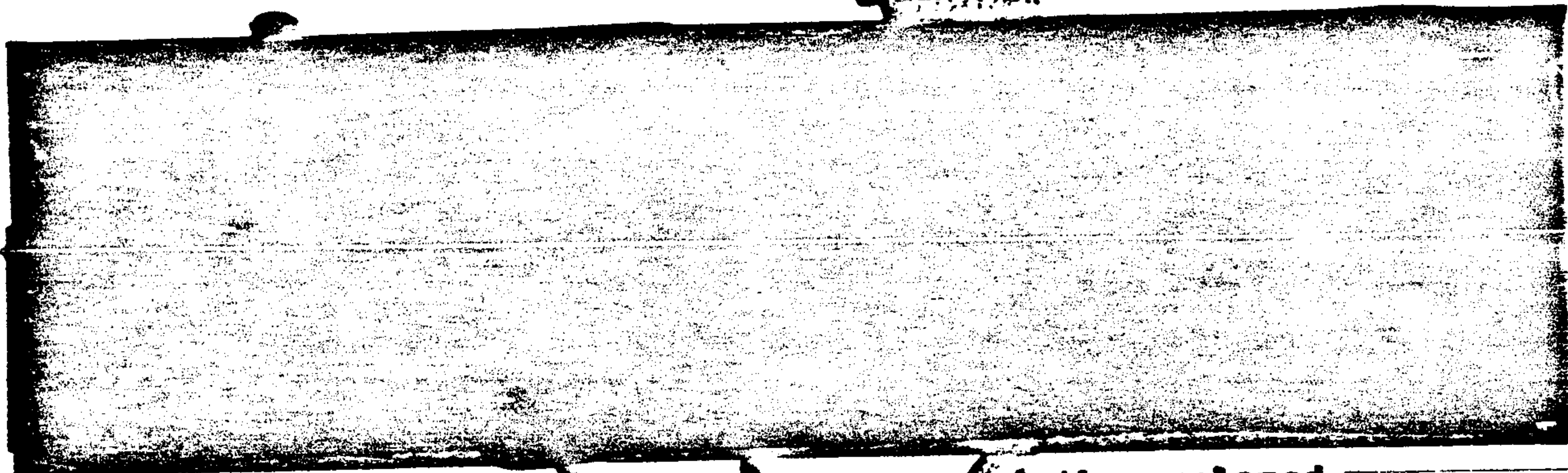
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For your information, copies of the enclosed memorandum have been furnished to the Central Intelligence Agency in view of its interest in Oswald's activities while in Russia. (4)

Sincerely yours,

H. Edgar Hoover

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD aka
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ReBuairtel to Dallas, 4/6/64.

On 4/10/64, Mr. EDDIE BARKER, News Manager, KLRD-TV and Radio Stations, Dallas, Texas, advised he had obtained a copy of the 16 mm color film which is being offered for sale by the Dallas Cinema Associates Corporation of Dallas, Texas, and he would have a black and white 16 mm copy of this film made and furnish the same to the FBI.

BARKER related this corporation had obtained film strips from numerous Dallas citizens which were taken on 11/22/63, depicting President JOHN F. KENNEDY's visit to Dallas, Texas. BARKER advised the film also has scenes taken at the Dallas City Building, but does not contain any film taken inside the building of film depicting RUBY shooting LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

A review of this film by the Dallas Office of the FBI reveals that the film does not have scenes of the assassination of President KENNEDY or film showing the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory is a 16 mm black and white copy of the film which was furnished to the Dallas Office of the FBI by EDDIE BARKER, of KLRD-TV & Radio. This film is being furnished to the Bureau for review and possible dissemination to the President's Commission. This film need not be returned.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

The "Dallas Morning News," Dallas, Texas had an article in its April 24, 1964, edition entitled "FBI Knew Oswald Capable of Act, Reports Indicate." The article, written by Hugh Aynesworth reported that "A source close to the Warren Commission told The Dallas News Thursday that the commission has testimony from Dallas police that an FBI agent told them moments after the arrest and identification of Lee Harvey Oswald on Nov. 22, that 'we knew he was capable of assassinating the president, but we didn't dream he would do it.'" A copy of the article in question is attached for the information of the Commission.

There is enclosed for the Commission an affidavit executed by Special Agent James P. Hosty, Jr., wherein Special Agent Hosty explains the purpose of his contact with the Dallas Police Department on November 22, 1963. Special Agent Hosty unequivocally denies ever having made a statement to Lieutenant Revill or anyone else that the FBI knew Oswald was capable of assassinating the President or that Oswald possessed any potential for violence. Special Agent Hosty specifically denies ever having made the statement as quoted in this article "we knew he was capable of assassinating the president, but we didn't dream he would do it." Special Agent Hosty points out that prior to the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, he never had any information indicating potential violence on the part of Lee Harvey Oswald.

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Sincerely yours,
 J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE: The "Dallas Morning News" carried the scurrilous article wherein SA Hosty is quoted as making the statement that FBI knew Oswald was capable of assassinating the President but we didn't dream he would do it. The allegations are completely false and have been repudiated by the Director in a statement which has been given wide coverage in the press. We are enclosing a sworn affidavit executed by SA Hosty for the Commission's information and for record purposes.

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7:05 AM CST URGENT 4/24/64 PS

TO DIRECTOR (105-82555)

FROM DALLAS (100-10461) 5P

ALSO KNOWN AS INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.; IS - R - CUBA.

REMYTEL CALL THIS A.M. TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR C. D. DELOACH.

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS OF FRIDAY, APRIL TWENTY-FOUR,

CARRIES A STORY BY HUGH AYNESWORTH, REPORTER, WHICH REFLECTS

THAT A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE WARREN COMMISSION HAD TOLD THE DALLAS

NEWS ON THURSDAY THAT THE COMMISSION HAD TESTIMONY FROM DALLAS

POLICE THAT AN FBI AGENT TOLD THEM MOMENTS AFTER THE ARREST AND

IDENTIFICATION OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD THAT "WE KNEW HE WAS

CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT BUT WE DIDN'T DREAM HE

WOULD DO IT." LIEUTENANT JACK REVILL OF THE DALLAS POLICE

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SQUAD SUPPOSEDLY IN A MEMO OF NOVEMBER

TWENTY-TWO REPORTED THAT SPECIAL AGENT JAMES (JOE) HOSTY HAD

ACKNOWLEDGED AWARENESS OF OSWALD IN THE BASEMENT OF THE CITY

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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IT WAS NOTED REVILL APPEARED BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION IN DALLAS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AND THAT POLICE CHIEF JESSE CURRY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, LAST.

CHIEF CURRY WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THIS MATTER AND WAS SAID TO HAVE GIVEN THE COMMISSION A PHOTOSTAT COPY OF LIEUTENANT REVILL'S FIVE-PARAGRAPH MEMO. HE WAS ALSO SAID TO HAVE GIVEN THE COMMISSION THE NAME OF A SECOND DALLAS POLICE OFFICER WHO SUPPORTED REVILL'S STATEMENT AND FILLED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN REVILL AND HOSTY. THE SECOND OFFICER WAS SUPPOSEDLY V. J. "JACKIE" BRYAN.

IT WAS NOTED IN THE STORY THAT THE COMMISSION HAD NOT TALKED TO AGENT HOSTY BUT THAT THE NEWS' SOURCE SAID HE ANTICIPATED THE AGENT WOULD BE CALLED TO TESTIFY.

REVILL'S MEMO, IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, WAS SUPPOSED TO INCLUDE OTHER FACTS ABOUT THE ONE-TIME RUSSIAN RESIDENT AND ADMITTED MARXIST. CURRY PRIVATELY HAS TOLD FRIENDS, "IF WE HAD KNOWN THAT A DEFECTOR OR A COMMUNIST WAS ANYWHERE IN THIS TOWN, LET ALONE ON THE PARADE ROUTE, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN SITTING ON HIS LAP, YOU CAN BET ON THAT", BUT HE HAS REFUSED PUBLIC COMMENT.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO MY TELS OF APRIL ELEVEN AND APRIL

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THIRTEEN LAST, WHICH REFER TO THE SAME ALLEGED MEMO FROM LIEUTENANT REVILL. MY REFERENCED TEL OF APRIL THIRTEEN SETS OUT A SUMMARY OF THE MEMO FURNISHED ME BY SA HOSTY. IT IS NOTED THAT SA HOSTY DENIES ANY MENTION WHATSOEVER BEING MADE OF OSWALD'S POSSIBLE POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE AND THAT THIS WAS NOT DISCUSSED AND NOTHING ALONG THIS LINE WAS MENTIONED BY SA HOSTY. SA HOSTY DID TELL REVILL THAT OSWALD HAD DEFECTED TO RUSSIA AND HAD RETURNED TO THIS AREA IN NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO AND WAS EMPLOYED BY THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY AND WAS THE MAIN SUSPECT IN THE ASSASSINATION.

IT IS NOTED THAT THIS STORY REFLECTS THAT THE CONVERSATION OCCURRED ABOUT TWO ZERO FIVE P.M., AND THAT HOSTY'S REMARKS WERE MADE AS OFFICERS BROUGHT OSWALD IN FROM OAK CLIFF. THIS IS ENTIRELY INCORRECT AS HOSTY DID NOT GO TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT UNTIL AFTER OSWALD HAD BEEN BROUGHT IN, IDENTIFIED, AND WAS IN CAPTAIN FRITZ'S OFFICE, AND THE CONVERSATION ACTUALLY OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY THREE P.M., BECAUSE HOSTY SAT IN ON AN INTERVIEW WITH OSWALD, BEGINNING AT THREE FIFTEEN P.M.

SA HOSTY HAS ADVISED ME THAT DURING THE TIME HE WAS PROCEEDING UP THE STAIRWAY FROM THE BASEMENT TO THE THIRD FLOOR AND TALKING

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TO LIEUTENANT REVILL, HE DOES NOT RECALL SEEING OFFICER V. J. "JACKIE" BRYAN. IT IS NOTED THAT THE ABOVE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE WHILE BOTH HOSTY AND REVILL WERE RUNNING UP THE STAIRS AND THAT THERE WERE NUMEROUS PEOPLE GOING UP AND DOWN, THE NOISE LEVEL WAS VERY HIGH AND IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO HEAR ANYTHING.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, SA HOSTY, AT HIS HOME AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FIFTY P.M., APRIL TWENTY-THREE LAST, RECEIVED A CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS BEING WITH THE UNITED PRESS AND HE QUOTED A PORTION OF THE STORY, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT HOSTY IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SAID, " WE KNEW HE WAS CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT BUT WE DIDN'T DREAM HE WOULD DO IT." HOSTY ADVISED ME THAT HE TOLD THE MAN HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT AND FOR HIM TO CALL ME. THE SAME INDIVIDUAL APPARENTLY CALLED ME, IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MR. GARY OF THE UPI, AND I ADVISED HIM THAT I WOULD MAKE NO COMMENT. HE STATED HE WAS GOING TO HAVE HIS WASHINGTON OFFICE CONTACT BUREAU HEADQUARTERS.

SINCE THAT TIME I HAVE RECEIVED CALLS FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, KRLD RADIO STATION, AND I HAVE MADE NO COMMENT. I EXPECT NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL PRESS, RADIO AND TV INQUIRIES AND, UACB, I
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WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE NO COMMENT.

SINCE IT APPEARS DEFINITELY THAT CHIEF CURRY HAS TESTIFIED BEFORE THE COMMISSION REGARDING THIS MATTER AND THE COMMISSION IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A PHOTOSTAT COPY OF LIEUTENANT REVILL'S MEMO, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT I SECURE A SWORN AFFIDAVIT FROM SA HOSTY, FURNISH THE SAME FOR THE BUREAU AND THE BUREAU CONSIDER FURNISHING SAME TO THE COMMISSION.

IT IS NOTED THAT CHIEF JESSE CURRY HAS NEVER MENTIONED THIS MEMO TO ME, AND SINCE HE HAS APPARENTLY GIVEN THE SAME TO THE COMMISSION, HE HAD NO INTENTION OF EVER MENTIONING IT.

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 24, 1964, requesting this Bureau to make arrangements for the appearance of Special Agents James P. Hosty, Jr., and John L. Quigley and Mr. John W. Fain before the Commission May 4 and 5, 1964.

In accordance with your request, we have issued appropriate instructions for Special Agents Hosty and Quigley to appear before the Commission on the dates indicated. We are also contacting Mr. Fain to inform him of your request. If Mr. Fain has any difficulty in making arrangements for his appearance before your Commission, we will immediately bring such matter to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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NOTE: Commission indicated it desired to take a representative group of FBI Agents who interviewed the Harvey Oswald, his wife Marina Oswald, and Mrs. Ruth... whose home Marina Oswald was residing at the time of the assassination. Commission indicated it desired SA Hosty and Quigley and retired SA Fain to appear before the Commission Monday, May 4, 1964, for preliminary informal review with members of the Commission staff of the testimony

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

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they would give on the following day, Tuesday, May 5, 1964, before the Commission. By separate communication the Dallas, New Orleans and Houston, Offices are to have Losty, Quigley and Fain, respectively, appear in Washington, 5/4/64. In the event Mr. Fain has a problem in connection with such appearance, we will so advise the Commission in order that it can make arrangements with him directly.

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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J. LEE RANKIN,
General Counsel

APR 24 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Commission desires to take the testimony of a representative group of the FBI agents who interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald, Marina Oswald, and Mrs. Ruth Paine, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. It would appear that these interviews could be covered by the testimony of Special Agents James P. Hosty, Jr. and John L. Quigley, and retired Special Agent John W. Fain.

The Commission would greatly appreciate your making arrangements for the appearance of Messrs. Hosty, Quigley and Fain on Tuesday, May 5, 1964, before the Commission. It would be particularly helpful if these individuals could come to the Commission on Monday, May 4th, for a preliminary informal review with members of the Commission staff of the testimony they would give on the following day, so as to expedite the proceedings before the Commission.

If there is any difficulty in making arrangements for Mr. Fain's appearance, because of his retired status, please let us know and we will make arrangements with him directly.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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RE: P.A.H
4/28/64

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4/28/64

SAC LETTER NO. 64-23

(B) MRS. MARK E. MARTIN, AKA - SHIRLEY MARTIN - BOX 566, HOMINY, OKLAHOMA - INFORMATION CONCERNING -- Mrs. Martin is currently engaged in a campaign of disseminating to FBI Offices, Federal agencies, members of Congress and other prominent individuals, communications apparently authored by her. These communications relate to the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy and are critical of the FBI. She reportedly is conducting her own investigation of the assassination which has included telephonic and personal interviews of principals connected with this investigation.

Mrs. Martin has been previously interviewed and exhibited an insulting, argumentative and antagonistic attitude toward the FBI and its personnel. She recently contacted one of our Southwest offices by telephone and although identifying herself, endeavored to elicit information pertinent to the assassination by using the pretext of belonging to a ladies garden club. Two days later this office received a communication which in effect was a transcript of Mrs. Martin's telephone conversation with our Agent.

It would appear Mrs. Martin is endeavoring to embarrass the FBI and may possibly telephone your office under pretext. You should be extremely circumspect in any dealings with her and be particularly alert to the possibility she may be recording your conversation. Any contacts with Mrs. Martin or pertinent data developed relating to her should be promptly furnished to the Bureau marked for the attention of the Crime Records Division. Letters from Mrs. Martin are not being acknowledged by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Malley
DATE: 4-28-64

TO: MR. SULLIVAN *MS*

FROM: MR. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Pursuant to the request of Mr. Wesley Liebeler, I contacted him with reference to the Commission's letter of 4-14-64. In this letter the Commission requested that it be furnished the originals of certain items of correspondence between the subject and the Communist Party; the subject and the Socialist Workers Party; and the subject and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).

Mr. Liebeler requested that we locate in our files and furnish the original of a letter from the FPCC to Oswald dated 5-22-63. He noted that this was furnished as Exhibit 52 of the Bureau's report on the President's assassination. Mr. Liebeler requested a similar letter to Oswald dated 5-29-63 which is exhibit 53 in the Bureau's report on the President's assassination. Mr. Liebeler noted that these items may have already been furnished to the Commission but he did not think so since none of the men could remember them.

Mr. Liebeler further requested that the Commission be furnished the original of a letter from Farrell Dobbs to Oswald dated 11-5-62 which was referred to on page 258 of the report of SA Robert Gemberling dated 1-22-64. Liebeler requested that the Commission be furnished the original of a letter from Bob Chester to Oswald dated 12-9-62 which was referred to on page 260 of SA Gemberling's report.

Liebeler requested any other letters which may have been sent from officials of the Socialist Workers Party or the FPCC to Oswald.

ACTION:

The letters referred to are being located in our files and will be promptly furnished to the Commission.

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TO DIRECTOR

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED FOUR TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

RETIRED SA JOHN W. FAIN CONTACTED ON FOUR TWENTY NINE INSTANT AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO APPEAR BEFORE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON MAY FOUR - MAY FIVE NEXT. FAIN WILL REPORT TO INSPECTOR MALLEY BY EIGHT AM MAY FOUR NEXT AS REQUESTED.

FAIN HAS RESERVATIONS TO DEPART HOUSTON ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM MAY THREE NEXT VIA BRANIFF FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT, CONNECTING AT DALLAS WITH BRANIFF FLIGHT ONE ONE ZERO. HE WILL ACCOMPANY SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR, FROM DALLAS TO WASHINGTON DEPARTING DALLAS TWO THIRTY PM MAY THREE ON BRANIFF FLIGHT ONE ONE ZERO, ARRIVING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT EIGHT PM SAME DATE.

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MR. FAIN DESIRES GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR TRAVEL FROM HOUSTON TO WASHINGTON AND RETURN. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ARRANGE THIS MATTER WITH COMMISSION. FAIN RESIDES ONE TWO SEVEN ONE ONE PEBBLEBROOK, HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENCE TELEPHONE HO FIVE DASH ZERO EIGHT FIVE THREE. FAIN'S OFFICE LOCATED TWO TWO ONE ZERO MARONEAL, HOUSTON, OFFICE TELEPHONE MO SIX DASH TWO FIVE THREE ONE.

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*J.R. Mallory
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TO : Mr. Belmont *W*

DATE: April 29, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

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With reference to the three Agents who will appear before the President's Commission to give testimony relative to the captioned case, Mr. Howard Willens called Malley and advised that he would like to have a rather detailed discussion relative to the testimony to be obtained from the three Agents on May 4 + 5, 1964.

When questioned as to the nature of the conference that was desired, Willens stated that he and Samuel Alan Stern would probably be handling the questioning and that he realized there were some areas which could possibly be "a little ticklish" where the Bureau is concerned. When asked to explain this, he said he was referring to over-all Bureau policies where he did not feel that the Agents that were being called in for testimony would be in a position to answer and, for this reason, he desired a conference to explore these matters so that the Agents would not be placed in a position of being asked questions they were not able to answer. He further stated that he desired to discuss this matter so that if it were necessary to have some representative of the Bureau to officially answer such questions consideration could be given as to the proper person from the Bureau to testify before the Commission.

Inasmuch as it is believed the line of questioning will deal with policies of the Domestic Intelligence Division, it appears desirable that a representative from the Domestic Intelligence Division accompany Malley to the conference to be held sometime during the day of April 30, 1964.

RECOMMENDATION:

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That Assistant Director Sullivan accompany Malley on the above-mentioned conference, the time of which will be decided in the early a.m. of April 30, 1964.

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

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Memorandum

Mr. Mohr

DATE: April 24, 1964

C. J. DeLoach

ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

SAC Shanklin of the Dallas Office called me at approximately 3:00 a.m. today relative to an article that was scheduled to come out in the "Dallas Morning News" this morning by Hugh Lynesworth. The article quoted Special Agent Hosty of the Dallas Office as stating to a Dallas police officer in discussion regarding Lee Harvey Oswald, "We know he was capable of assassinating the President but we didn't dream he'd do it." The story is attributed to a source close to the Warren Commission. It mentions a memorandum given the Commission by Dallas Police Officer Jesse Curry which contains the alleged remarks by Agent Hosty. I told Shanklin to get in touch with Editor Krueger of the "Dallas Morning News" and remind him that Shanklin had seen him two weeks ago and had put the lie to the same story. I further told Shanklin not to make any comment about the story if it was printed but to let us know at FBI Headquarters of the results of his contact.

SAC Shanklin advised me telephonically at approximately 11:00 a.m. today that he had contacted Krueger after a number of attempts and that Krueger had claimed that the story had already been printed prior to his having a chance to knock it out. He apologized to Shanklin for not stopping the story, particularly since Shanklin had advised him two weeks ago that the story was false.

Shanklin told me that Felix McKnight, head of McKnight Newspapers, had called and was irritated over the fact that the "Dallas Morning News" had engaged in irresponsible journalism. McKnight stated he would like to put the lie to this story. Shanklin referred him to FBI Headquarters.

I discussed this matter with Messrs. Belmont, Tolson and the Director. After receiving the Director's approval, and in talking with McKnight who called FBI Headquarters, I told McKnight that the above-mentioned statement which had been attributed to SA Hosty was absolutely false and had no basis in fact whatsoever. McKnight stated he certainly appreciated the opportunity to set the record straight and he would see to it that an article was prepared immediately for the afternoon edition of his newspaper. He wanted to know if he could quote the Director as making this statement. I told him the Director was the spokesman for the FBI at all times.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Jones
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 DALLAS--A DALLAS FBI AGENT TODAY FLATLY DENIED HE EVER SAID THE PRESIDENT WAS CAPABLE OF KILLING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE. "I COMPLETELY SAID NOTHING LIKE THAT," SAID AGENT JAMES HOSTY. "I COMPLETELY DENIED IT."
 THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS IN A COPYRIGHT STORY BY HUGH JAMESWORTH, TODAY A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE WARREN COMMISSION TOLD OF A NEWS RELEASED REMARK BY HOSTY.
 ACCORDING TO THE NEWS, THE NEWS SAID, HOSTY, ONLY MOMENTS AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED, SAID: "I KNEW HE WAS CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT BUT WE DREAMED WE'D DO IT."
 HOSTY SAID HE COULD ONLY DENY THAT HE EVER MADE SUCH A STATEMENT, AND WOULD NOT COMMENT FURTHER. THE HEAD OF THE DALLAS FBI OFFICE, GEORGE SHANKLIN, SAID ANY OFFICIAL COMMENT WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM WASHINGTON. THE FBI IN WASHINGTON SAID IT HAD NO COMMENT.
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CRIME REPORT

Memorandum

TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: 4/24/64

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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SAC Shanklin called at 10 a.m. from Dallas, with reference to the teletype sent in by Dallas this morning showing that allegedly the Dallas police testified before the Warren Commission that Agent Hosty had made a statement to the police, on 11/22/63, following the assassination, that "we knew he was capable of assassinating the President, but we didn't dream he would do it."

I told Shanklin that he should go ahead and get the affidavit from Agent Hosty and advise us as to its content, and thereafter get it notarized in the Dallas office.

Shanklin recommended that he not attempt to contact the police on this matter at this time. I told him that we contemplated contacting Mr. Rankin of the President's Commission, advising him of this story, advising him that Hosty denied it flatly; asking what the Dallas police testimony was before the Commission, and asking whether the Commission had leaked this to the press.

Malley Rankin

For information.

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Mr. Sullivan

Pls follow with Shanklin to get affidavit at once

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

DATE: 4/29/64

FROM : R. H. Jevons *RHJ*

President's Commission

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

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Reference memorandum dated 2/26/64, from W. D. Griffith to Mr. Conrad concerning a continuing project wherein the Bureau has undertaken to furnish the Commission with photographs of all Commission exhibits.

On 4/27/64, Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, a Commission Staff Member, called SA Roy H. Jevons, Section Chief of the Physics and Chemistry Section of the Laboratory, and requested that a Bureau representative take custody of the exhibits listed on the attached sheets, and maintain them along with the other items presently in the Bureau's custody.

Further, Mr. Eisenberg requested that the Commission be furnished with three photographs of each exhibit not previously photographed.

As a matter of record, SA Robert E. Neill, on 4/27/64, received from Mr. Eisenberg, the listed exhibits which are now in the Bureau's custody.

The photography will be handled by an Agent examiner of the Laboratory's Document Section.

ACTION:

The exhibits will be photographed and three copies of each will be supplied to the Commission as requested. Since all of these were originally supplied to the Commission by the Bureau, they will be maintained in the Laboratory in accordance with Mr. Eisenberg's request.

Enclosure

- 1-Mr. Belmont - Enclosure
- 1-Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
- 1-Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
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| <u>ITEM NO.</u> | <u>COMMISSION'S EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
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| C12 | 140 ✓ | Blanket from Oswald's garage |
| C8 | 141 ✓ | 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge from Texas School Book Depository Building |
| C11 | 150 ✓ | Oswald's shirt |
| C1 | 399 ✓ | Bullet from stretcher |
| | 540 | Barrel cast of C14 rifle |
| | 541-1 | Photograph of C14 rifle |
| | 541-2 | Photograph of serial number of C14 rifle |
| | 541-3 | Photograph of barrel inscriptions and telescopic sight of C14 rifle |
| | 541-4 | Photograph of barrel inscriptions and rear sight of C14 rifle |
| | 541-5 | Photograph of inscription on receiver of C14 rifle |
| | 541-6 | Photograph of inscription on side of rear sight of C14 rifle |
| | 541-7 | Photograph of inscription on cocking piece of C14 rifle |
| | 541-8 | Photograph of inscription on bolt handle of C14 rifle |
| | 541-9 | Photograph of inscriptions on bottom of receiver of C14 rifle |
| C250 | 542 | 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano Italian military rifle, serial number UC5209, with telescopic sight |
| C6 | 543 ✓ | 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge case from Texas School Book Depository Building |
| C7 | 544 ✓ | 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge case from Texas School Book Depository Building |
| C38 | 545 ✓ | 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge case from Texas School Book Depository Building |
| | 546 | Photograph of chart showing dispersion pattern of cartridge cases ejected from C14 rifle |
| | 547 | Photograph of chart showing angles of ejection of cartridge cases from C14 rifle |
| | 548 | Xerox copy of 15-yard target showing six bullet holes |
| | 549 | Xerox copy of 15-yard target showing three bullet holes |
| | 550 | 25-yard target showing six bullet holes |
| | 551 | 300-foot (5.9 seconds) target showing three bullet holes |
| | 552 | 300-foot (6.2 seconds) target showing three bullet holes |

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| <u>ITEM NO.</u> | <u>COMMISSION'S EXHIBIT NO.</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
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| | 553 | 300-foot (5.6 seconds) target showing three bullet holes |
| | 554 | 300-foot (6.5 seconds) target showing three bullet holes |
| | 555 | Photograph of diagram of internal mechanism of telescopic sight |
| | 556 | Chart showing "lead" and firing angles |
| | 557 | Test cartridge cases from C14 rifle |
| | 558 | Photograph of bolt face of C14 rifle |
| | 559 | Comparison photomicrograph - breech face marks of C14 rifle and C6 cartridge case |
| | 560 | Notes concerning firing angle, bullet velocity and car speed |
| | 561 | Comparison photomicrograph - firing pin marks of C14 rifle and C6 cartridge case |
| | 562 | Comparison photomicrograph - breech face marks of C14 rifle and C7 cartridge case |
| | 563 | Comparison photomicrograph - firing pin marks of C14 rifle and C7 cartridge case |
| | 564 | Comparison photomicrograph - breech face marks of C14 rifle and C38 cartridge case |
| C40 | 641 ✓ | Cardboard box from Texas School Book Depository Building |
| C40 | 648 ✓ | Cardboard box from Texas School Book Depository Building |
| C40 | 653 ✓ | Cardboard box from Texas School Book Depository Building |
| C40 | 654 ✓ | Cardboard box from Texas School Book Depository Building |

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of March 31, 1964, which was received by this Bureau April 6, 1964, requesting that further investigation be conducted in New Orleans, Louisiana; Fort Worth, Texas; and Dallas, Texas, concerning the receipts and expenditures of Lee Harvey Oswald during the period June 13, 1962, through November 22, 1963.

Enclosed for the Commission are two copies of a memorandum dated April 15, 1964, at New Orleans, Louisiana, which sets forth results of our inquiries in this particular matter in New Orleans, Louisiana. Our inquiries in Fort Worth, Texas, and Dallas, Texas, are continuing and the results of such investigation will be promptly forwarded to the Commission upon receipt at our Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

The Commission is making a very thorough inquiry into Oswald's finances. The Commission in this particular

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE CONTAINED:

Inquiry is interested in determining the amount of fee charged Oswald for cashing his checks at various businesses and also is interested in determining whether Oswald made purchases from the various merchants. The enclosures are responsive to the Commission's request in New Orleans. The Dallas investigation is being given expeditious handling and by airtel 4/17/64 Dallas indicated the letterhead summarizing its investigation in Fort Worth and Dallas would be submitted at earliest possible time. We are closely correlating this financial investigation of Oswald, but to date have developed no information which would change our initial picture of Oswald, that is that he was living most frugally and had no income outside his unemployment checks and known salary checks.