

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will confirm telephone conversations between Mr. Wesley J. Liebeler of our staff and Mr. Malley and Mr. Branigan of your office, in which Mr. Liebeler requested the following documents:

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1. The originals of all correspondence between Lee Harvey Oswald and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.
2. Photostats of the correspondence between the Socialist Party and Lee Harvey Oswald. Those photostats are referred to in the report of Special Agent Richard L. Kesler (Internal Security-R), dated December 18, 1963, at Charlotte, N.C.
3. The file of the New York City Department of Welfare relating to the assistance rendered by them to Oswald and his family in June 1962. That file is referred to in the report of Special Agent John James O'Flaherty (Internal Security-R), dated December 17, 1963, at New York.
4. The original copies of correspondence sent to Lee Harvey Oswald by the Communist Party USA, the Socialist Workers Party, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and any individuals associated with any of those organizations. Those letters would, of course, have been found in Oswald's effects. A partial inventory of them appears at pages 386-389 of the report of Special Agent Gemberling, dated January 7, 1964, at Dallas, Texas.

We would also like to have any materials which you may have obtained from the Travelers Aid Society in New York City relating to Oswald's contacts with them in June 1962 and any material which you may have obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York City concerning Oswald's return to the United States at that time.

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Sincerely,

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J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Spillers

April 13, 1964

BY LIAISON

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In accordance with your request a full field investigation has been completed on Mr. Joseph Anthony Ball under the Federal Employee Security Program. Attached for your information are single copies of nine reports and two memoranda prepared as a result of this investigation. This investigation supplements the investigation conducted by the Civil Service Commission the results of which were previously furnished you by that Commission.

For your further information no dissemination of the enclosed material will be made to the Civil Service Commission in the absence of instructions from you.

This is not intended as an approval or a disapproval of Mr. Ball for Federal employment.

[REDACTED]

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: [REDACTED] ENCLOSURES:
 LA rept 4-1-64 (Exhibits A and C); SF rept 3-31-64 (Exhibit A);
 CG rept 3-23-64; CG rept 3-31-64, DN rept 3-30-64, SU rept 3-31-64,
 OH rept 3-31-64; WFO rept 4-1-64 (Exhibits A thru E); WFO rept
 4-1-64 (Exhibits F & G); SF memo 3-31-64 & LA memo 4-1-64.

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

(See cover memo Cleveland to Evans dated 4-10-64, CWS:pjh)

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Memorandum

TO : MR. GELMONT

DATE: 4/8/64

FROM : A. ROSEN

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

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Reference is made to the airtel from the Baltimore office in the above-captioned matter indicating a book on the front seat of a car believed belonging to a Member of Congress was seen at Friendship Airport. The book was stamped "Top Secret" and it was a reprint on the Presidential Fact Finding Committee on the Assassination of President Kennedy. The door of the car did not seem locked and the individual reporting this to the Baltimore office thought this was a major breach of security.

This matter has been checked by the Washington Field office and we have ascertained that the black Mercury with Washington, D. C. license 7J173 is a ~~road~~ lease car by the Lincoln Mercury Division of the Ford Motor Company. The car is supposed to be assigned to the U. S. House of Representatives to the Majority Whip, 261 Constitution Ave. N.W. The Majority Whip of the House of Representatives is Representative Hale Boggs (D-La.) who is a member of the Presidential Commission looking into the Assassination of President Kennedy.

The Washington Field office in checking this today ascertained that the Secret Service was also interested in this same matter.

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- Mr. Casper
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- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Evans
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Clayton
- Miss Gandy
- Miss Holmes
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- Mr. Malley
- Mr. D. Moore
- Mr. Sizoo
- Mr. Stanley
- Mr. White
- Mr. Donahoe
- Mrs. Henley
- Miss Martis
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- Teletype Room
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- Call Me
- Note & Return

It is suggested that Mr. DeLoach call this to the attention of Congressman Boggs, so that he will be prepared for possible criticism.

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Signature of A. H. Belmont
A. H. Belmont
Room 5736, Ext. 555

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: MR. ROSEN

FROM: SAC, WFO (89-75)

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

Re Baltimore airtel 4/7/64.

The records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Washington, D. C., reflect that 1964 D. C. license 7J173 is a cover number, the identity of which is not released to the public. According to Mr. CHARLES HEFLIN, Department of Motor Vehicles, this tag is listed to the Lend-Lease Office of the Lincoln-Mercury Division for a 1964 four-door Mercury for the use only of the U. S. House of Representatives Majority Whip, 261 Constitution Avenue. The Washington Telephone Directory reflects that the District Sales Offices of the Lincoln-Mercury Division of the Ford Motor Company are located at 261 Constitution Avenue, N. W. The House Majority Whip is HALE BOGGS from Louisiana. Mr. HEFLIN advised that the U. S. Secret Service had also made inquiry concerning the listing of this number on 4/8/64.

No further action being taken by WFO.

- ③ - Bureau
- 1 - Baltimore (Info)
- 1 - Dallas (Info)
- 1 - WFO
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*See memo to Belmont
Re: 4-8-64
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Approved: _____

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President's Commission

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (89-30)

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

On 4/6/64 HARRY KENNETH JOHNSON, 341 E. Moreland Road, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, telephone OL 9-0293, area code 215 telephonically advised that on 4/3/64 he had parked his car in front of a Congressman's car at Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, and while walking by the car he noticed a book on the front seat stamped "Top Secret", and upon further notice he saw that it was a reprint on Presidential Fact Finding Committee on the Assassination of President Kennedy. [JOHNSON] noted that the car appeared to have a door lock not secured and he considered this a major breach of security and, therefore, was notifying the Baltimore Office.

[JOHNSON] stated the car was a black Mercury with Washington, D.C. license 7J173 and had a plaque, blue with white lettering, which said "Member of 83rd Congress H 51".

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At Washington, D.C.

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Will attempt to determine discreetly to whom license number 7J173 and plaque lettered "Member of 83rd Congress H 51" were issued, and advise Bureau, Baltimore and Dallas.

No further action being taken by Baltimore, UACE.

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- 1 - Dallas (Info.)
- 2 - WFO (89-75)
- 1 - Baltimore

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 Re: info to Belmont
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Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN *UC?*

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: MARK LANE
SECURITY MATTER - C

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

DATE: 4-10-64

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. J. M. Sizoo
1 - Mr. Branigan

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Mark Lane is the New York attorney who injected himself into the Oswald case through the "National Guardian" newspaper. He was publicly announced as having been retained by Marguerite Oswald as attorney for her son although on a recent date the newspapers reported that she had disassociated herself from him. He has been traveling throughout the U.S. giving lectures attempting to show that Oswald was not the assassin of President Kennedy. At the request of the President's Commission, we have been obtaining recordings of his public appearances.

On 3-23-64 Lane applied for a passport, indicating he planned to depart the U.S. by air about 4-1-64 to visit England, France, Hungary, Denmark and Czechoslovakia for a stay of approximately 17 days. He indicated the purpose of the travel was to attend the convention of International Association of Democratic Lawyers and to lecture. The Commission was advised by letter 4-1-64 of Lane's proposed European trip.

We have received a copy of a telegram from the American Legation, Budapest, Hungary, addressed to the Secretary of State dated 4-7-64. Therein is reported that on 4-5-64 Lane delivered a speech at the International Lawyers' Congress. Lane was quoted in the press as disparaging the Warren Commission's investigation. Western press men who attended the address described his attacks on the U.S. in general and U.S. foreign policy specifically as "vitriolic" and "vituperative." One Western reporter asserts that he saw photostatic copies of FBI investigative reports which Lane was using in attempts to document his charges that the Kennedy killer is still at large and that the Oswald case was a frame-up.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SULLIVAN
RE: MARK LANE

OBSERVATIONS:

It seems highly unlikely that Lane would have copies of FBI reports. In a speech made by him at Reed College, Portland, Oregon, on 3-23-64, he stated that he had trouble obtaining complete transcript of his testimony from the Warren Commission and when he did he had to sign that he was aware he was in possession of "Top Secret" material. It is possible that the newsmen were referring to this transcript rather than FBI reports.

Lane is an unsavory character who is currently carried on our Reserve Index. It was determined that the District Attorney, Queens County, New York, had conducted an investigation of Lane in 1962 for alleged sodomy. In 1953 he was reportedly elected an ex officio member of the board of directors of the National Lawyers' Guild. In 1962 he was sponsored by "Burning Issues" to be drafted as a candidate for Congress. According to a confidential source this organization followed the principles of the National Communist Party leadership. Lane, in October, 1962, spoke at a meeting of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee supporting Cuba and condemning the U.S. In 1962 and 1963 he was active with the New York Council to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Lane is hardly the type of person who would cooperate with us during an interview. Nevertheless, because of the serious nature of the allegation that he had photostatic copies of FBI investigative reports, it is incumbent that we contact him and make a demand for the alleged reports. Lane's present whereabouts is unknown since the Department of State advised that he left Budapest 4-6-64 with no given destination.

ACTION:

If you agree, New York will be telephonically instructed to contact Lane as soon as he returns to the U.S. and make a demand of him for the return of any FBI investigative reports. New York will be told to have two very experienced and capable Agents contact Lane.

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TO : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

FROM : R. H. Jevons *RHJ*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA
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During the course of the pretestimony conference, Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, an attorney on the staff of the President's Commission, requested SA John F. Gallagher to obtain certain background information on the analytical technique known as neutron activation analyses. The public source information consists of excerpts from quarterly reports prepared under Atomic Energy Commission contract AT (04-3)-167. They are being furnished to Mr. Eisenberg on this date. The reports furnished all carry the title "Applications of Neutron-Activation Analyses in Scientific Crime Detection" and the three reports furnished are for the periods ending October 31, 1962, January 31, 1963, and July 31, 1963. Copies of these items are attached hereto.

Although the above documents are public source information, Dr. Spofford G. English, Assistant General Manager for Research and Development, Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) was telephonically contacted. He advised AEC has absolutely no objection to the dissemination of these items to the President's Commission.

ACTION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rose
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley

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**TO: SACs, WFO (89-75)
Detroit (62-3550)**

FROM: Director, FBI (62-109060)

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING**

ReWFOlet 4-3-64, and Baltimore airtel 4-14-64.

In connection with Glenn T. Carthron, Jr, and his allegation that a "Voice from God" said that James Riddle Hoffa "triggered" the assassination of President Kennedy, WFO is instructed to verbally furnish complete background details concerning Carthron, including his arrest and possession of a weapon to the Metropolitan Police Department in view of the fact that Carthron may take some positive action against Hoffa.

Enclosed for Detroit are a letterhead memorandum dated April 10, 1964, and an FD-302 dated April 3, 1964, at Washington, D. C., concerning Carthron.

For your additional information, on March 25, 1964, Mr. Robert Cleary was interviewed at which time he informed Agents of WFO he was acquainted with Mr. Glenn T. Carthron, Jr., At a luncheon Carthron alleged James Riddle Hoffa "triggered" the assassination of President John F. Kennedy by obtaining \$1,500,000 from the Teamsters Pension Fund and paid it to Jack Leon Ruby, who inturn obtained the services of Lee Harvey Oswald to carry out the assassination. Carthron has claimed that while he was residing in a hotel room in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania a "voice" spoke to him saying, "Hoffa triggered the assassination."

(Enclosures (2)- Detroit)

- 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)
- 1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)
- 1 - 44-24016 (Jack Leon Ruby)

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In Mr. Cleary's interview he commented that Carthron was possibly in the same category as a person like Jack Ruby, who would take the law into his own hands to revenge the President's assassination, contending Hoffa bears the responsibility for it.

Sufficient information is contained in the attached enclosures concerning Carthron and his mental deficiency, which should be verbally furnished to the Detroit Police Department.

The Bureau is not aware whether Carthron has been taken into custody for placement in a mental institution in Georgia; he was last known to be in Washington, D. C.

The dissemination of this information to both the Metropolitan Police Department and the Detroit Police Department should be handled expeditiously and advise the Bureau by airtel when this has been done.

In view of subject's propensity for violence, copies of letterhead memorandum and insert being furnished to Secret Service.

April 20, 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:

In reply to your letter of April 3, 1964, requesting information from this Bureau's files concerning the Triangle Manufacturing Company, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and Mr. A. Hillenbrandt, I am enclosing herewith three letterhead memoranda as follows:

1. A letterhead memorandum dated April 15, 1964, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, setting forth available information from our files and the results of our inquiry to identify the Triangle Manufacturing Company, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

2. A letterhead memorandum dated April 13, 1964, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, relating to the former Triangle Manufacturing Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a review of this Bureau's files disclosed the existence of this company, the inquiry as set forth in this letterhead memorandum was conducted to determine whether or not there was any possible connection between the Triangle Manufacturing Company of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and the company by the same name in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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3. A letterhead memorandum dated April 13, 1964, at Buffalo, New York, setting forth results of inquiry conducted in an effort to identify Mr. A. Hillenbrandt. There is no information in FBI files identifiable with Mr. Hillenbrandt.

The investigation requested in your letter of April 3, 1964, is concluded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

NOTE:

The President's Commission by letter 4/3/64 stated that Earl Ruby had made a telephone call to the Triangle Manufacturing Company, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on 11/1/63 and had been in frequent contact with a Mr. A. Hillenbrandt, East Rochester, New York, and they requested that we furnish available information from our files on the Triangle Manufacturing Company and Hillenbrandt together with any other information indicating a connection between them and subversive activities, illegal armament sales, or organized criminal endeavors. Investigation conducted at Milwaukee indicates that Triangle is a reputable company manufacturing ball bearings and they had no knowledge of contact with Earl Ruby. Bureau files disclosed a Triangle Manufacturing Company in Minneapolis which manufactured punch boards and paper novelties which has been out of business since 1962 and had no connection with the Triangle Manufacturing Company in Oshkosh. Buffalo could not identify Hillenbrandt from their files and from records and public sources determined that an Austin E. Hildebrandt had been employed as manager of the Hooper Holmes Bureau, Rochester, New York, and had inherited a large sum of money from the death of his father-in-law in 1959.

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: 4/8/64

FROM : MR. D. J. BRENNAN, JR.

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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On 4/7/64 Allen Dulles advised SA Tovich that representatives of the Bureau's Laboratory had recently testified before the President's Commission. Dulles stated that based upon the comments which he personally heard all members of the Commission were greatly impressed with the testimony of all of the Bureau's representatives. Dulles stated that he personally felt each one of the men did an excellent job. Dulles advised that he was particularly impressed by the testimony of James Cadigan* who convinced all present that "he know his business."

ACTION: *SPECIAL AGENT IN LABORATORY

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Rogge

April 15, 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:

Reference is made to my letters dated March 20, 1964, and April 3, 1964, as well as discussions held by Mr. J. R. Malley of this Bureau with you and Mr. Howard P. Willens relating to requests by Mrs. Marie Muchmore for the return of her camera.

On April 7, 1964, Mrs. Muchmore telephonically contacted our Dallas Office and stated she was having difficulty in renting a similar type camera. Mrs. Muchmore indicated she was considering writing to you or having her close personal friend, Congressman Bruce Alger of Texas, make inquiries in an effort to have this camera returned to her.

Subsequently, on April 7, 1964, Mrs. Muchmore again telephonically contacted our Dallas Office and advised she had arranged to rent a camera from Mr. W. H. Parr of the Glendale Camera Shop, 4448 South Marsalis, Dallas, Texas, for a seven-week period at a cost of five dollars per week commencing April 13, 1964. Mrs. Muchmore stated when she receives the rental bill, which is being made out to her, she would forward it to the President's Commission for payment. This is in accord with arrangements previously discussed with the President's Commission.

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① - 62-109060 (Assassination of Pres. Kennedy) RDR:jgs
1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald) (14)

1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Shaneyfelt
1 - Mr. Lenihan

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NOTE: See A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont memo 4/13/64 captioned, "Lee Harvey Oswald, aka, IS - R - CUBA," RDR:phh.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

On April 6, 1964, Mr. Orville O. Nix telephonically contacted our Dallas Office inquiring as to when he could expect the return of his camera in view of the approaching vacation season. Mr. Nix stated if his camera was still needed, he would make every effort to get along without it as he desired to fully cooperate with the President's Commission.

The above is being furnished for your information and for whatever action you deem appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

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

April 14, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated April 9, 1964, at Chicago, Illinois, captioned, "Eugene B. Dinkin," which is self explanatory.

Based on information revealed in this memorandum, no further action is being initiated by this Bureau unless specifically requested by you.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (2)

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62-109090 (President's Commission)

1 - 163-7273 (Eugene B. Dinkin)

1 - Mr. R. E. Lenth

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
105-82555

This latest article by Buchanan is typical of his previous articles in "L'Express" in that he deals in implications and previously published speculation on the guilt or nonguilt of Oswald, the claim that Oswald was part of a conspiracy, and the allegation that Ruby was also involved in that conspiracy.

By attached letter the President's Commission is being furnished a copy of the 3/19/64 "L'Express" article by Buchanan and two copies of a translation thereof. Future articles by Buchanan will also be furnished to the Commission.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the attached letter be sent to the President's Commission.

2. That Secret Service be furnished a copy of the translation of the Buchanan article by Liaison.

*4-13-64 Copy furnished to
U.S. Army Liaison, OSHA*

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *WB*

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FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Reference is made to the March 26, 1964, letter from Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission and the Bureau's reply dated April 6, which sets forth detailed answers to thirty questions the Commission asked relative to the Lee Harvey Oswald matter.

It was ascertained today that Mr. Rankin is in New York and will not return until April 13, 1964. It was also determined that Mr. Howard Willens, who handles matters for the Commission in Mr. Rankin's absence, was en route to Mexico.

In view of this development, Mr. Rankin was called at his New York Office and advised that the Bureau's reply to his March 26 letter was ready and he was asked whether or not he desired this letter be delivered to the Commission today or whether he would prefer that this letter be held by the Bureau so that it could be delivered to him personally.

Mr. Rankin requested that this letter be retained by the Bureau until his return on April 13. He expressed his appreciation for this matter being handled in this manner inasmuch as he did not feel that he wanted this to be floating around the Commission offices in his absence.

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The Bureau's letter will be delivered to Mr. Rankin upon his return from New York City on April 13, or as soon as he is available.

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

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To: SAC, Dallas (44-1339)
From: Director, FBI (44-24016)

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JACK L. RUBY, AKA.
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM
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Enclosed herewith are two copies each of two letters from the President's Commission dated 4-3-64 marked letter number 1 and letter number 2 for identification purposes.

Your attention is called to paragraph 4 of letter number 1 and to letter number 2. The items mentioned are set forth in report as named in the case entitled "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS-R." A review of the Ruby file reflects that in the very early stages of the Ruby investigation both of those items mentioned were thoroughly run out, however, the results have not been included in investigative reports in the Ruby case.

With regard to the item in letter number 1, paragraph 4, see AT teletype to Bureau, MEI and DL dated 11-30-63; MEI teletype to Bureau, AT and DL dated 11-30-63 and MEI teletype to Bureau, AT and DL dated 12-1-63, all captioned "Jack L. Ruby, aka; Lee Harvey Oswald, aka. - Victim. CR."

With regard to letter number 2, see IP teletype to Bureau, DL and CG dated 11-27-63; MEI teletype to Bureau, DL, CG, CI and IP dated 11-27-63; DL teletype to Bureau, IP, CG, NY, CI and MEI dated 11-27-63; CI teletype to Bureau, CG, DL, IP and MEI dated 11-27-63; MEI teletype to Bureau, LA and DL.

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RE: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.

Dated 11-23-63; IP teletype to Bureau and DL dated 11-20-63;
IP teletype to Bureau and DL dated 11-20-63; CI airtel to
Bureau and DL dated 12-5-63 all captioned "Jack L. Ruby, aka;
Lee Harvey Oswald, aka - Victim. CR."

Immediately upon receipt thoroughly review your files
to determine if all logical investigation necessary to completely
resolve the two matters mentioned in the Commission's letters
has been conducted. If they have been fully resolved, submit
results of the investigation by report suitable for dissemination
to the Commission. If results were furnished to your office in a
form unsuitable for dissemination in the report, advise the
auxiliary offices involved by teletype to submit appropriate
FD-302's of interviews conducted by them by return airtel. If
the items mentioned were not fully resolved, set out appropriate
leads to do so immediately by teletype.

Include all investigation conducted to thoroughly
resolve the two items mentioned in the Commission's letters in
your next report in this case to be submitted no later than
4-20-64.

With regard to paragraph 1 of letter number 1, Chicago
and WFO have been advised by airtel dated 4-9-64, copy to Dallas,
to conduct appropriate check of DNS records, and CG will conduct
such further investigation necessary to clarify the point raised
by the Commission.

With respect to paragraph 2 of letter number 1, the
Bureau is preparing a letterhead memorandum with respect to
McKown which will be furnished to the Commission. The item
mentioned in paragraph 3 of letter number 1 is being handled
by San Francisco pursuant to instructions in Buairtel to SF
dated 4-7-64 with copy to Dallas.

Pres.

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APR 8

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In examining the materials available to the Commission with respect to Cuban ties of Jack Ruby, we have noted some confusion as to whether or not Ruby made one or two trips to Cuba in 1959. Immigration and Naturalization Service records reflect that Ruby flew from Miami to Havana, Cuba on September 12 and returned via New Orleans on September 13. Inasmuch as Ruby himself has admitted to being in Cuba only once, for about one week, in September 1959, and three Chicagoans, Jack Marcus, Jay Bishov and Sherwin Braun, reported meeting Ruby in Havana during Labor Day week-end of 1959, please examine immigration records of Marcus, Bishov and Braun, and conduct such further investigation as is necessary to clarify the number of trips which Ruby made to Cuba in 1959 and succeeding years.

To shed further light on connections between Jack Ruby and Robert Ray McKeown, the Commission would appreciate your detailing the material available in FBI files concerning McKeown, including the names of any suspects or confederates in his armament sales to Cuba.

In evaluating the testimony of Nancy Elizabeth Perrin, it would also be helpful to the Commission if you would provide information as to how Mrs. Perrin came originally to be interviewed by the FBI.

Finally, your informant [#2 in Atlanta, Georgia (Report of St. Charles S. Harding, December 1, 1963, Atlanta)] has stated that Clifton T. Doves, Leslie Lewis and Joe Harris are persons having information with respect to Ruby's Cuban activities but our files do not reveal any follow-up of those leads. In addition, Eddie Browder, formerly incarcerated on a liquor violation in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, would seem to be identical with Donald

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NOTE:

The Commission by letter dated 4-3-64 pointed out an allegation set forth in one of the Oswald case reports as received from an Atlanta informant to the effect that Ruby was involved with a group of ex-airline pilots in an attempt to smuggle arms to Cuba. File review reflects that in teletypes submitted the persons connected with the enterprise were interviewed and leads were set out to further resolve the matter. In a second letter from the Commission dated 4-3-64, they mention an interview with one George Fehrenbach which is contained in a report in the Oswald case wherein Fehrenbach alleges that he met a person he believed to be Ruby in Muncie, Indiana, in 1947, which person was participating in Communist Party activities. A review of Bufiles reflects that this item was also thoroughly run out in teletypes and participants interviewed. In both instances from information available in Bufiles, it was indicated that the allegations were without factual basis. Dallas is being instructed to immediately include this investigation in a report for dissemination to the Commission.

Edward Browder, alleged by AT-1 to have been associated with Ruby
in an arms smuggling operation. Appropriate steps to bring the
Commission up to date on those leads would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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

April 8, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to the request of Mr. Wesley James Liebeler, Commission staff member, concerning a chronology regarding interviews and related information with Mr. Dial D. Ryder, Irving Sport Shop, Irving, Texas.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated April 2, 1964, Dallas, Texas, captioned, "Lee Harvey Oswald." This memorandum incorporates the information Mr. Liebeler desired.

Sincerely yours,

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1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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NOTE: See memo A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont dated 4/2/64 captioned, "President's Commission, Assassination of President Kennedy," JRM:mpd.

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NOTE:

ASAC Clark, Dallas, received a request from Mr. Wesley James Liebeler, Commission staff member, who desired to interview the two Agents who conducted investigation at the Irving Sport Shop, Dallas. He desired to obtain their evaluation of comments furnished by Mr. Ryder as to whether he was telling the truth or not. Mr. Liebeler was advised Agents had no personal opinions regarding this matter, and all information was reduced to writing. Mr. Liebeler understood our position and desired a chronology covering interviews with Ryder.

FBI

Date: 4/8/64

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16601)
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.
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Re New Orleans telephone call to Assistant Director W. C. SULLIVAN, 4/8/64, advising that JAMES LEIBLER of the President's Commission investigating the assassination of President KENNEDY had telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office concerning information previously furnished by Attorney DEAN ANDREWS. LEIBLER advised during this telephonic contact he had not planned to interview ANDREWS but due to some circumstances he did not explain, had decided he would interview ANDREWS. He further advised he did not have with him information previously furnished the FBI by ANDREWS and although he had reviewed such data, desired to have his recollection refreshed in regard to information supplied to the FBI by ANDREWS.

Mr. SULLIVAN advised that if possible, New Orleans should avoid furnishing LEIBLER with additional copies of interviews conducted with ANDREWS but that if it became imperative to do so, such action would be satisfactory.

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LEIBLER subsequently appeared at the New Orleans Office and advised he had taken a deposition from CARLOS JOSE BRINGUIERE, who operates the Casa Loca Clothing Store, 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans, who had furnished information concerning OSWALD reportedly having been in the Habana Bar accompanied by a Mexican. LEIBLER stated in view of this he thought there might be some possible connection between the Mexican referred to above and the Mexican who DEAN ANDREWS allegedly had accompanied OSWALD on one occasion that OSWALD called at ANDREWS' office. He stated BRINGUIERE had furnished a rather lengthy deposition which contained some information pertaining to OSWALD distributing Fair Play for Cuba Committee pamphlets and other data and particularly in view of the reference made to a "Mexican", he thought it was advisable to talk to DEAN ANDREWS.

LEIBLER asked to be informed in general of the information supplied by ANDREWS and the information obtained during interviews with ANDREWS set out on page 305 of a report of SA WARREN C. deBRUEYS dated 12/2/63 at Dallas, Texas was furnished him. He was also furnished with the results of a reinterview with ANDREWS on 12/3/63, which is set out in report of SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS dated 12/6/63 at New Orleans.

After considering the above referred to data, LEIBLER stated he felt the best procedure to follow would be to have the deposition taken from BRINGUIERE transcribed and thereafter furnish a copy through regular channels to the FBI with a request for any further inquiries that might be deemed appropriate. He added that he might talk with ANDREWS but does not believe he will take a deposition from ANDREWS at this time until after the deposition obtained from BRINGUIERE has been transcribed.

It is noted that BRINGUIERE has been contacted in connection with the OSWALD case on several occasions.

No further action being taken by New Orleans Office at this time and above submitted for the Bureau's information.

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

DATE: April 6, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

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SYNOPSIS:

The President's Commission by letter dated March 3, 1964, stated that they would like to have copies of all records of interviews with Ruby contained in all FBI records and also copies of all records of interviews of other persons at all places at any time prior to November 23, 1963, wherein Ruby is mentioned. In view of the extremely broad nature of the Commission's request, it was necessary to have all field offices check their indices thoroughly for any references whatever to Ruby and furnish copies of the original source material containing these references for submission to the Commission.

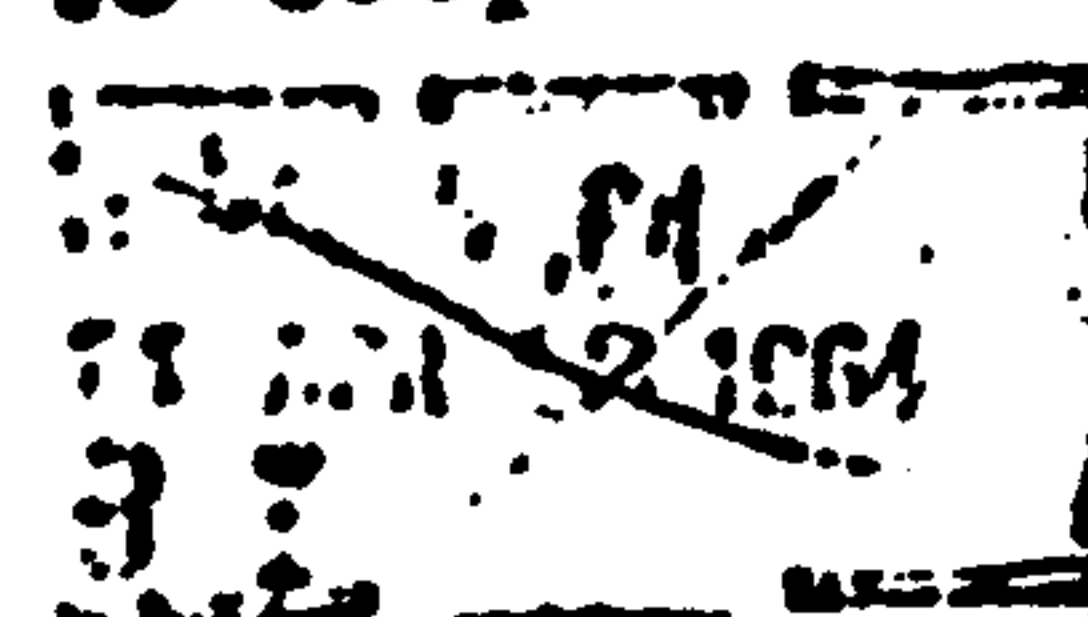
Copies of the original records as submitted by the field have been carefully reviewed at the Bureau. No material was submitted by the field other than that wherein the information pertaining to Ruby had been excerpted therefrom and adequately reported and furnished to the Commission. The only purpose to be served in furnishing copies of the records of the original interviews or other original source material wherein Ruby is mentioned is to satisfy the Commission's request. The material submitted does not contain any information which could logically serve as a basis for further inquiry relating to Ruby or his possible connection with Oswald or the assassination itself. In all investigation conducted to date we have not developed any positive indication that Ruby ever knew Oswald or ever had any connection or association with him prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

It is noted that Ruby was contacted by an Agent on March 11, 1959, to determine if Ruby was in a position to furnish information regarding criminal matters and if he would be willing to do so. He was advised of the Bureau's criminal jurisdiction and he expressed a willingness to cooperate. Ruby was subsequently

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contacted on eight occasions between 3/11/59 and 10/2/59. All of the contacts were completely negative. Ruby did not furnish any information, he was never paid any money, and he was never an informant of this Bureau. The Commission was previously advised of this by letter dated 2/27/64. This Bureau did not at any time, at any place, have any other contacts with Ruby or interview him prior to 11/23/63.

ACTION:

Copies of the original records setting forth interviews of persons who mentioned Ruby and copies of material from our files wherein Ruby is mentioned prior to 11/23/63 are being furnished to the Commission by cover letter attached for approval. This material is set forth verbatim from our files with the exception of instances wherein it is necessary to protect the identity of a confidential source or informant.

DETAILS:

There is set forth as follows a detailed description of each item being furnished to the President's Commission.

1. The material in Item 1 being furnished to the Commission is taken from the report of SA Robert M. Barrett, Dallas, dated 3/1/62 entitled "Crime Conditions in the Dallas Division, Anti-Racketeering" wherein it states that the Carousel Club, operated by Jack Ruby, is one of three burlesque houses in Dallas catering mostly to tourists and featuring "strip-tease" dancers.

2. This item was taken from the report of SA James W. Eookhout at Dallas dated 10/10/50 in the case entitled "Ralph Eugene Young; Joyce Skillman, Atomic Energy Act" and sets forth an interview [redacted] who requested that his name be kept confidential. He furnished information from the records of the hotel regarding Ralph Eugene Young who was registered there. Included in the information was a list of telephone calls from Young's room, one of which was made to the Silver Spur, 17 South Every (billing to Norma Miller and Jack Ruby). The listings for the telephone numbers called were furnished by another confidential source at the telephone company. Ralph Eugene Young, then employed by Chance Vought Aircraft Company doing work for the Government, was allegedly attempting to obtain Government information which was the basis for the Atomic Energy Act investigation.

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RE: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.

3. This item was taken from an airtel from Los Angeles to the Bureau and Dallas dated 3/20/56 entitled "James Breen, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning." The airtel sets forth information relating to a contact of the Los Angeles Office on 3/18/56 by Eileen Curry, Breen's common-law wife [redacted] and had moved to Dallas. It states that Curry indicated that she believed James Breen, who was allegedly handling narcotics, had in some fashion gotten the OK to operate through Jack Ruby of Dallas. This item is the basis for information set forth in the report of SA Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated 11/30/63 indicating that Ruby was known to be an associate [of Eileen Curry]

4. This item was taken from a memorandum to the SAC, Dallas, from SA Robert M. Barrett dated 7/9/59 entitled "Gambling Activities, Dallas Division." It contains information obtained from Lt. Jack Revill, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, indicating that the Dallas Police Department had been advised on 4/2/59 that Sidney Siedband, a Dallas gambler, had been arrested in Oklahoma City at which time he had in his possession a large number of telephone numbers of Dallas and Fort Worth contacts. Among the telephone numbers included was the name and number of Jack Ruby, operator of the Vegas Club.

5. This item was taken from Dallas airtel to Detroit dated 9/14/61 entitled [redacted] Criminal Informant." It sets forth a contact of the Dallas Office on 8/7/61 by [redacted] an informant of the Detroit Office, wherein [redacted] a prostitute, advised that she and [redacted] had brought [redacted] to Dallas from Bossier City, Louisiana, and obtained a job for her as a stripper at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club.

6. This item was taken from a memorandum to the SAC, Dallas, from Investigative Clerk Pearce dated 9/28/61 entitled [redacted] Criminal Informant." It relates a contact of the Dallas Office by Jean Boetick, [redacted] Casino Club, wherein she advised [redacted] was residing with her and Harvey Boetick, a bartender at the Carousel Club, and was presently employed by Jack Ruby at the Carousel as a waitress.

7. This item was taken from a memorandum to the SAC, Dallas, from SA W. Harlan Brown entitled "Mrs. Eva Grant, aka. Eva Ruby, Eva Rubenstein, General Intelligence Information File"

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.

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dated 11/16/62. This memorandum sets forth an interview of [redacted] Dallas, Texas, on 11/16/62. [redacted] advised that she had received information to the effect that Eva Grant, who operates the Vegas Club in Dallas, was formerly connected with the Al Capone Gang in Chicago, Illinois. She related that a brother of Eva Grant's currently owned and operated the Carousel Nightclub in Dallas.

8. This item sets forth the contents of a memorandum to the SAC from SA Ralph J. Miles entitled "General Intelligence Information File, Dallas, Texas" dated 8/11/53 which relates that SA Miles while in the office of Vincent Lee, American Guild of Variety Artists, Dallas, on 3/11/53 observed Jack Ruby, operator of the Silver Spur, make certain demands of Lee in a blustering manner that Lee supply Ruby with some girls to put on entertainment at the Silver Spur Club. After the incident Lee advised SA Miles that Ruby considered himself a very tough character and always carried a gun. He also stated that Ruby hung out with other hoodlum types.

9. This item was taken from a memorandum to the SAC from SA Robert P. Gemberling dated 6-5-61 entitled [redacted] Potential Criminal Informant." It sets forth an interview with [redacted] a potential criminal informant of the Dallas Office, by SAs Gemberling and Kenneth C. Howe on 5/31/61 in which [redacted] furnished information regarding activities of girls known to [redacted] in Dallas whom she believed to be active in prostitution. [redacted] stated that Jack Ruby was the owner of the Carousel Club. She termed Ruby as "no good" and stated he would not permit girls to work for him unless they were intimate with him.

10. This item is taken from Dallas file number [redacted] entitled "Jack L. Ruby, Potential Criminal Informant." It sets forth a description of Ruby which was obtained by SA Charles W. Flynn at the time Ruby was initially contacted on March 11, 1959, to determine if he would be willing to furnish information regarding criminal matters to the Bureau. No other information was furnished by Ruby at the time of this contact or at the time of any of the eight subsequent contacts between March 11 and October 2, 1959. This description was set forth in the report of SA Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated 11/30/63 which was furnished to the Commission.

[Handwritten signatures and initials: "Flynn", "Gemberling", "Howe", "Clements", "V.", "D"]

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APR 3

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On November 25, 1963, George William Fehrenbach informed Special Agents James J. Lallaney and J. Eldon Durn at Ashland, Oregon (Report of SA Brown, December 1, 1963, Portland, Oregon) that he had met a person whom he believes to be Jack Ruby in June 1947 in Muncie, Indiana in connection with Communist Party business. Fehrenbach states that he turned the names of Rubenstein and others present at that meeting over to Mervin Collins, then a member of Muncie Police Department.

This Commission would appreciate being informed of your efforts to verify that story including the determination of whether or not Mr. Fehrenbach did provide such names as he indicated.

Sincerely,

Benjamin

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Memorandum

TO :

W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 1, 1964

FROM :

W. R. Wannall

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SUBJECT: LEZ HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

By letter 3/26/64, Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of Warren Commission, requested detailed information available in Bureau files concerning four Cuban organizations, all of which have been subjects of extensive FBI investigations.

Rankin pointed out that Commission's investigation has uncovered references to Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), a pro-Castro group, as well as three anti-Castro organizations, the DRE (Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil), the JURE (Juventud Revolucionaria Cubana), and the 30th of November Movement. According to Rankin, the Commission is interested in what FBI files show concerning these four groups in the following respects: origin and growth of organizations; activities, both present and over past few years, including inter-relationships, if any; names, identifying data and activities of leaders, both present and over last few years; location of headquarters and any other important or special places of activities; sources and methods of financial and other material support; and known or suspected underworld contacts, if any.

Rankin's letter specifically requested details of foregoing, not only on a national level but also specifically relating to activities in Dallas and State of Texas generally, New Orleans, Chicago, Miami, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Puerto Rico and Mexico City.

OBSERVATIONS:

As can be seen, Commission's request is a most extensive one and in effect encompasses virtually the entire range of our investigation of the four groups in question. It is, therefore, believed that the only way to fully satisfy the Commission's inquiry is to furnish the Commission with copies of all of our investigative reports (including letterhead memoranda) covering the activities of these groups on a national level and with regard to the local areas specified.

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- 1 - 105-114542 (JURE)
- 1 - 105-92196 (30th November)

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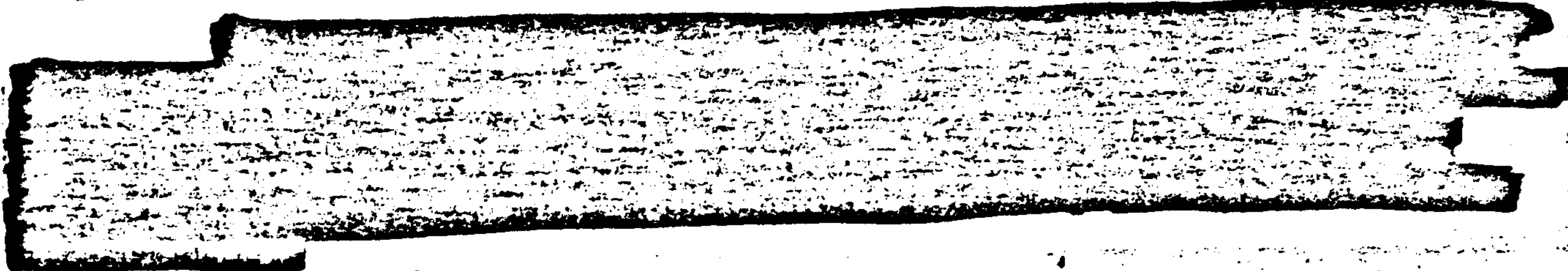
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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

It is pointed out that our investigations of these groups have been most extensive (dating back to 1960 in case of FPCC and to 1961 or 1962 in case of three anti-Castro groups). A total of some 80 reports and memoranda are involved with respect to three anti-Castro groups and approximately 200 reports and memoranda are involved with regard to FPCC. It is recognized that in furnishing Commission with copies of all of these communications we would be providing it with a mass of information, the great majority of which has no direct bearing on the Oswald case.

Nevertheless, it is not believed that we can properly respond to the Commission's request except through this means. In addition, if we sought to be selective and furnish only a portion of the data in our files, it is quite possible the Commission might check files of other agencies (such as Central Intelligence Agency--CIA--and State Department) to which we have disseminated copies of reports in these cases and Commission might in this way become aware that we have not furnished it complete details. This would be undesirable.



ACTION:

If you approve, letter will be sent to Warren Commission transmitting copies of reports and memoranda concerning the four organizations in question.

RSM

J. Edgar Hoover

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

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Reference is made to my letter to you dated February 27, 1964, the same caption, regarding attorney Mark Lane.

Enclosed are two copies of a communication from our Portland, Oregon, Office dated March 30, 1964, relating to an appearance by Mark Lane at Reed College, Portland, on March 23, 1964. For your information Lane was recently dismissed by Mrs. Marguerite Oswald as her legal counsel.

Your attention is directed to information on pages five and nine which reports Lane's statement that he plans to visit you in the future. Lane is currently traveling in Europe for several weeks.

The Honorable J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the President's Commission, is being furnished copies of the above document.

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NOTE:

See memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan, dated 4/13/64, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, Internal Security - Russia - Cuba," prepared by JMS:pah.

- Mr. Tolson
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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 4-15-64

FROM : W. S. Tavel

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MRS. J. ANCLIN
TO THE WARREN COMMISSION
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*See Victim
Statement (Enclosure) [Signature]*

A letter dated March 28, 1964, from Mrs. J. Anclin was received in the Records Branch of the Files and Communications Division in an envelope addressed to "The Warren Commission, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C." Mr. Tolson has requested an explanation as to why this envelope was opened.

The letter was opened by Mrs. M. Helen Rose, an employee in the Routing Unit of the Records Branch. Mrs. Rose states that she felt the envelope should be opened and did so since it was addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We, of course, receive hundreds of misaddressed envelopes, many of which have mixed addresses, which include the FBI as part of the address. Each piece must be evaluated individually and handled by the router since no general rule covering all such situations can be established. Since Mrs. Rose was acting within her discretion and since the "Federal Bureau of Investigation" was included as part of the address, I feel that no administrative action should be taken against Mrs. Rose in this instance. In view of Mr. Tolson's comment, I have instructed the employees in the Routing Unit that any envelopes in which the Warren Commission is included in the address should not be opened but should be sent unopened to Inspector James R. Malley who is acting in a liaison capacity with the Warren Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted for information.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Personnel file of M. Helen Rose

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

Re Dallas airtel to Director 4/8/64 captioned LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka, IS - R - CUBA.

SA NAT A. PINKSTON appeared before Mr. JOE BALL, Attorney for the President's Commission, at Dallas on 4/9/64. He gave a deposition in which he first gave his name, residence address, occupation, length of service with the FBI, and then testified that on 12/2/63 while he was at the Texas School Book Depository FRANKI KAISER advised him that he, KAISER, had found something on the sixth floor of the building. He testified he then accompanied KAISER to the sixth floor where KAISER pointed out a clip board containing some orders. KAISER said he had made this clip board and had given it to LEE HARVEY OSWALD when OSWALD came to work for the Texas School Book Depository. SA PINKSTON then testified to the details of the orders which were on this board (see report SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING, 12/10/63, Dallas).

Mr. JOE BALL then asked what was done with this clip board and he was advised it was left with Mr. TRULY and later picked up by an Agent of the FBI and made exhibit No. D-155.

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER *LJG*

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DATE: 4-8-64

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On 3-31-64 Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, President's Commission, in a letter to the Director acknowledged receipt of a brochure captioned "Killing of Dallas Patrolman J. D. Tippit" furnished by the FBI on 3-12-64.

Mr. Rankin devoted the closing paragraph to expressing the Commission's special gratitude for the high degree of industry and skill exhibited by the employees of the Bureau's Exhibits Section in preparing visual aids that have been extremely useful in enabling witnesses called before the Commission to testify with greater detail and precision than would otherwise have been the case. He specifically mentioned my name in connection with meeting the deadlines fixed by the Commission.

The untiring skillfulness and enthusiastic efforts of all the employees in the Exhibits Section to insure a "job well done" were without a doubt the basic factors which prompted the Commission to express its appreciation.

Xerox copies of the Commission's letter are attached for the personnel files of those employees whose names are listed at the bottom of each copy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached copy of the Commission's letter of 3-31-64 be made a matter of record in the personnel file of each employee whose name is listed at the bottom of each copy.

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TO :

Mr. Conrad *JWC*

DATE: 4/2/64

FROM :

R. H. Jevons *RHJ*

SUBJECT:

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On 4/1/64, SA Cortlandt Cunningham, Firearms Unit, FBI Laboratory, testified before the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy, beginning at 9:05 a. m. and ending at 3:10 p. m. Various members of the Commission were present at different times during the day. Chief Justice Earl Warren was present for approximately one hour. Representative Gerald R. Ford (Republican - Michigan) was present during the testimony and Representative Hale Boggs (Democrat - Louisiana) was present for a short time. In the afternoon session of the testimony, Allen W. Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, was also present.

The testimony given concerned the firearms aspect of the slaying of Officer J. D. Tippit by Lee Harvey Oswald on 11/22/63, especially the identification of the cartridge cases found in the area of the slaying.

Testimony was also given concerning the revolver which was taken from Oswald at the time of his arrest by the Dallas Police Department, as well as the results of the Laboratory examination of the four bullets removed from Officer Tippit's body. Three of the bullets were caliber .38 Special copper-coated lead bullets of Winchester-Western manufacture which were fired from a barrel rifled with five lands and grooves, right twist. The fourth bullet is a caliber .38 Special lead bullet of Remington-Peters manufacture which was fired from a barrel rifled with five lands and grooves, right twist. One of the copper-coated lead bullets was so mutilated that no microscopic marks of value for identification purposes were remaining on its surface. Although microscopic marks remain on the other three bullets for comparison purposes, no conclusion could be reached as to whether or not these bullets were fired from the same weapon or whether or not they were fired from Oswald's revolver. In addition, it was found that even

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1-Mr. Belmont - Enclosure *F135*

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1-Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure

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consecutive .38 Special bullets test fired from this revolver could not be identified with each other. Smith and Wesson revolvers such as Oswald's revolver, are among the weapons producing general rifling characteristics of the type found on these bullets. Mr. Cunningham also testified in detail as to the probable causes of the inconsistent microscopic characteristics on these bullets.

The results of the paraffin tests conducted by the Firearms Unit, as set forth in my memorandum of 3/31/64, as well as the limitations of these tests, were testified to by Mr. Cunningham. At the specific request of Melvin Eisenberg, Staff Attorney, the testimony given by SA Robert A. Frazier, Firearms Unit, regarding the bullet removed from General Walker's residence was essentially repeated by Mr. Cunningham. Oswald is alleged to have fired this bullet on 4/10/63. While the bullet was extremely mutilated and lacked identifying markings, it was found to bear rifling characteristics of the type produced by the assassination rifle and was similar to the type of ammunition used in the assassination.

During the luncheon break and after the completion of Mr. Cunningham's testimony, Mr. Cunningham received very complimentary remarks from the members of the President's Commission as well as members of Mr. J. Lee Rankin's staff. The comments were in reference to the smoothness and manner of presentation of his testimony.

As a matter of record, Mr. Joseph D. Nicol, Superintendent, Criminal Identification and Investigation, Illinois Department of Public Safety, Springfield, Illinois, intimated, during a break in Mr. Cunningham's testimony, that he had also identified the bullet and bullet fragments from the assassination as well as the cartridge cases from the scene of Officer Tippit's slaying. Mr. Nicol volunteered this information and it was in no way solicited by SA Cunningham. These are the same identifications made by the Bureau.

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

ACTION:

For information.

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April 14, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

addressed jointly to the Commission and the Federal

The enclosed letter and its envelope, Bureau of Investigation, received at this Bureau, are being forwarded to you. The writer of the letter states that she was in contact with Ernesto (Che) Guevara, an official of the Castro regime in Cuba, in New York City during 1959 or early 1960, and that Guevara was accompanied by an individual believed to have been Lee Harvey Oswald.

A review of the public press discloses that Guevara traveled in Europe, Asia and Africa from mid-June, 1959, to September 8, 1959, when he returned to Cuba. Guevara visited the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Communist China in the months of October, November and December, 1960. Our investigation to date indicates that Oswald was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro, California, from December, 1958, until his release from active duty on September 11, 1959. Oswald arrived in the Soviet Union in October, 1959, and returned to the United States in June, 1962.

For your information, a check of the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has failed to disclose any record of entry by Guevara into the United States during 1959 or 1960.

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In view of the above information, no further action is being taken by this Bureau in this matter.

Sincerely yours, APR 21 1964

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE:

Writer of letter to Commission, Mrs. J. Anclin, Les Vignes, Premery (Nievre) France, indicated that she handled ticketing and reservations at Pan-American Airways, New York City, for Guevara sometime in 1959 or early 1960 while he was on his "round-the-world trip." Mr. Carl Kearns, Intelligence Branch, INS, advised SA Robert Haynes, Liaison Agent, on 4-13-64, that INS has no record of entry by Guevara into the United States from 1957 to the present time. No identifiable derogatory information in Bufiles re writer of letter, Mrs. J. Anclin. Commission being furnished original of incoming letter and its envelope, since it was addressed to "The Warren Commission" at the FBI.

This incoming letter was received in the Records Section on 3/31/64 and was opened, as it was believed to be addressed jointly to the FBI and the President's Commission, and was actually sent to the FBI. It was sent over to the Domestic Intelligence Division for handling, by Crime Records. Rather than just transmitting it to the Commission, it was felt desirable to check the accuracy of the statements therein. A check was, therefore, made including the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, and this outgoing which we are sending to the Commission shows that the writer of the letter is inaccurate in her statements, and winds the whole thing up with one letter to the Commission.