

CABLEGRAM TO MEXICO CITY  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
105-82555

PAREN FOUR END PAREN LARGE CLEAR MAP OF MEXICO CITY WITH PLACES VISITED BY OSWALD IDENTIFIED. ALSO INDICATE ON MAP LOCATION OF HOTEL CUBA. PAREN FIVE END PAREN COPY OF THE QUOTE DOSSIER UNQUOTE ON OSWALD FURNISHED TO AMBASSADOR THOMAS MANN/SHORTLY AFTER ASSASSINATION. PAREN SIX END PAREN CHECK OF THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES ON PAGE FORTY-SEVEN OF OSWALD'S ADDRESS BOOK WHICH WERE DISPLAYED TO BUREAU AGENT, MEXICO CITY, BY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE, TO ASCERTAIN IF NUMBERS ARE, IN FACT, THOSE OF CUBAN AND SOVIET CONSULATES AND/OR EMBASSIES AND, IF NOT, INQUIRE TO ASCERTAIN WHOSE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES THEY ARE. PAREN SEVEN END PAREN CHECK AT MUSEUMS IN MEXICO WHERE OSWALD MAY HAVE VISITED TO OBTAIN ANY AVAILABLE EVIDENCE OF SUCH VISITS AND ALL INFORMATION RELATIVE THERETO. REQUESTS IN COMMISSION'S APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST LETTER ARE, IN PART, AT VARIANCE WITH ORAL REQUESTS YOU DESCRIBED IN YOUR CABLE NUMBER FIVE FOUR FOUR. COMPLY WITH ABOVE REQUESTS AND REQUESTS IN YOUR CABLE FIVE FOUR FOUR, EXCEPT THE INQUIRY CONCERNING ANALYSIS OF WORKING HOURS OF CUBAN AND SOVIET CONSULATES AND OPERATING PROCEDURES IN OBTAINING CUBAN TRANSIT VISAS, IN WHICH REGARD COMMISSION HAS BEEN REFERRED TO CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. ADVISE SPECIFICALLY AS TO EXACTLY WHAT MATERIAL WAS GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR MANN AND FURNISH

CABLEGRAM TO MEXICO CITY  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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COPY THEREOF. ALSO ADVISE AS TO EFFORTS TO LOCATE ALBERT  
OSBORNE AND WHETHER OR NOT HE HAS BEEN PLACED ON QUOTE TWO-  
WEEK REPORTING SCHEDULE UNQUOTE BY MEXICANS. DALLAS BEING  
ADVISED BY MAIL.

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April 30, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of April 7, 1964, requesting this Bureau to conduct further investigation for the purpose of locating a safe-deposit box which Leo Harvey Oswald may have rented in his name, in the name of a member of his immediate family or in any assumed name in Irving, Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston or Laredo, Texas.

Enclosed are two copies of each of the following memoranda which contain results of our investigation in this matter:

- (1) Memorandum dated April 17, 1964, at San Antonio, Texas
- (2) Memorandum dated April 17, 1964, at Houston, Texas
- (3) Memorandum dated April 21, 1964, at Dallas, Texas

Your attention is directed to page 12 of the memorandum dated April 21, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, which reflects that a \$25,000 charge was made on January 7, 1964, against the account at the First National Bank of

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

Grand Prairie, Grand Prairie, Texas, entitled "The Oswald Trust Fund." This account was opened on December 5, 1963, by James H. Martin and Marina N. Oswald.

For your information, we are conducting additional investigation concerning this \$25,000 charge against the account in question. We are attempting to determine whether this sum of money was deposited by Marina Oswald and/or James H. Martin in another account or in another bank. Results of such investigation will be furnished to the Commission upon receipt.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (6)

NOTE: At the request of the President's Commission we have made an exhaustive survey of banks in each of the cities mentioned herein in an attempt to locate a safe-deposit box Oswald may have rented. Our investigation failed to disclose that Oswald rented such a deposit box; however, his mother rented a safe-deposit box in Fort Worth, Texas, 12-26-63, and such data is reported in the 4-21-64 Dallas memorandum which is being furnished to the Commission herewith. There was a large withdrawal of \$25,000 from one account opened by Marina Oswald and Martin which is currently unexplained. Dallas, has been instructed to run this lead out and furnish results in order that such data can be disseminated to the President's Commission. The enclosures herewith have been read by Mr. Belmont and Mr. Malley.



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SULLIVAN  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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still in the possession of Duke University and it was indicated in the report that the Bureau had Photostats of this material. The report itself merely contains a typed copy of the material. Liebeler requested that the Bureau furnish him with the Photostats that we are supposed to presently have.

Liebeler also made reference to the report of SA John James O'Flaherty 12-17-63, New York City. According to Liebeler the Bureau was furnished the original of the New York Department of Welfare file on Oswald. Liebeler requested that he be furnished the original documents.

Liebeler also made reference to the report of SA Robert P. Gemberling 1-7-64, pages 386 to 389 in which we inventory the original effects of Lee Harvey Oswald, particularly pertaining to the correspondence sent to him by the CP, FPCC and SWP. Mr. Liebeler requested that the Commission be furnished the originals of such documents inventoried in the report of SA Gemberling. It was suggested to Mr. Liebeler that since he was requesting original documents of the Bureau that he should make his request in a written communication and this he agreed to do. However, he stated that he would like the material before 4-15-64.

**ACTION:**

This is an extremely short deadline to assemble the material in question but we will do the best that we can and an appropriate communication will be prepared for the Commission forwarding the requested material.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 4-15-64

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FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

Presidents

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

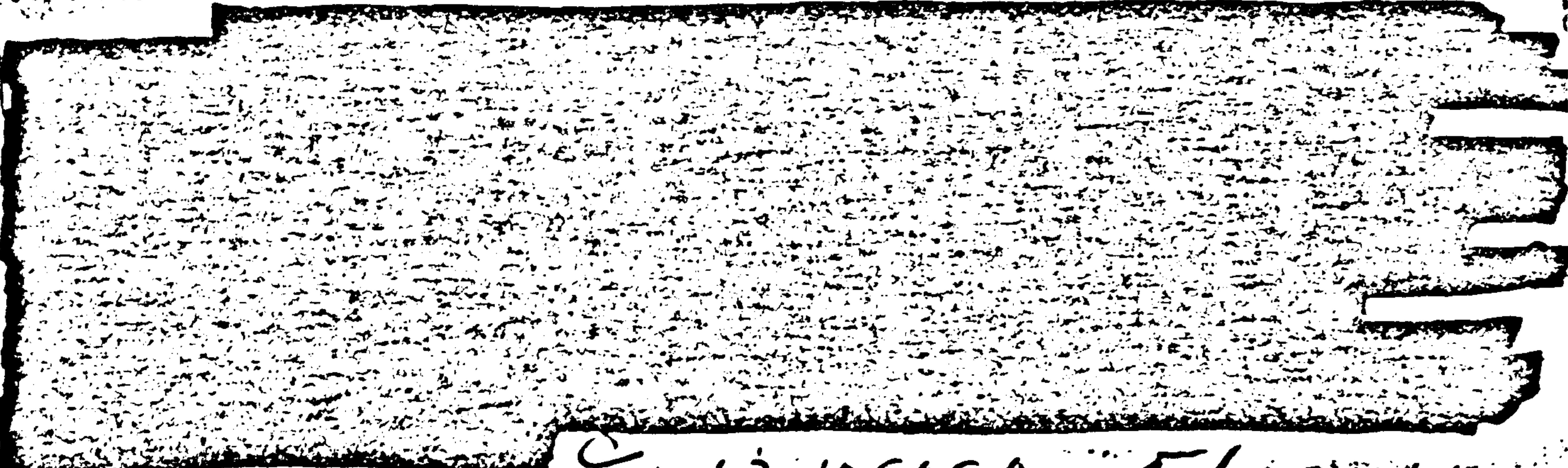
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On 4-15-64 Inspector Malley received a call from J. Lee Rankin in New York City. It will be noted that on 4-17-64 the Commission contemplates interrogating functionaries of the Communist Party (CP) in New York concerning their knowledge of Oswald. U

Mr. Rankin made reference to the report of Special Agent Thomas P. Estep dated 12-18-63 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Rankin noted that the report referred to a meeting which occurred at Wheeling, West Virginia, on 12-8-63. Mr. Rankin noted that the report was marked "Confidential" and he wanted to know if, in talking to CP people, it would be satisfactory for him to ask questions concerning the details of the meeting without interfering with any of our operations. U

The report in question contains information furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted] who advised that Arnold Johnson of New York City, public relations man for the CP, gave a talk dealing with the assassination of President Kennedy. The information, while helpful, does not add anything of particular significance to the Oswald investigation and is generally self-serving to the CP. U



- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: Lee Harvey Oswald

OBSERVATIONS:

It would be highly undesirable for the Commission to question CP functionaries concerning the particular meeting. Questioning would not add to the investigation of the President's assassination and could only lead to uncovering valuable informants who are enabling us to stay abreast of CP activities in their particular locality. *u*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is, therefore, recommended that Inspector Malley tactfully advise Mr. Rankin that any reference to this particular meeting or the contents of our classified report would tend to uncover valuable informants of the Bureau. *u*

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*Let the Commission do as it pleases.*

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TO DIRECTOR 105-82,555 ATTN: ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR, A. H. BELMONT

FROM DALLAS 100-10,461 I-P.

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSIAN

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, ~~ISUR~~ - CUBA.

Presidents Commission

REMYTEL CALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

FORMER SAC WILLIAM A. MURPHY THIS DATE FURNISHED ME WITH

A LETTER, THE ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY OF WHICH IS BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY AIRTEL. MR. MURPHY STATES THAT SOMETIME IN JANUARY, SIXTYFOUR, CHIEF JESSE CURRY REFERRED TO A PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WHICH MURPHY HAD HAD WITH HIM CONCERNING CURRY APPEARING ON TELEVISION ON NOV. TWENTYTHREE. CURRY EXHIBITED TO MURPHY A MEMO WHICH HE RECALLS WAS ON POLICE DEPT. STATIONERY FROM LT. JACK REVILL TO EITHER CAPT. GANNAWAY OR CHIEF CURRY. THIS MEMORANDUM WAS INNOCUOUS IN NATURE, BUT DID GIVE SOME BACKGROUND CONCERNING OSWALD HAVING BEEN DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE MARINE CORPS, ETC. MURPHY, IN HIS LETTER STATES "THIS ENTIRE MEMORANDUM CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY THREE OR FOUR BRIEF PARAGRAPHS AND POSITIVELY THERE WAS NO INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THAT MEMORANDUM INDICATING THAT HOSTY HAD IN ANY WAY REPRESENTED THAT OSWALD HAD ANY DANGEROUS TENDENCIES OR THAT HE WAS IN ANY WAY CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT."

*L. J. H.*

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# Memorandum

TO: Mr. Belmont

DATE: 4/17/64

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FROM: A. ROSS

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

By memorandum dated 4/15/64 it was recommended that Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission be contacted to discuss with him the contents of a classified report which, if utilized by the President's Commission in questioning certain Communist Party officials in New York, might uncover valuable informants of the Bureau.

Malley today telephonically discussed this matter with Mr. Rankin who is in New York. Mr. Rankin was advised the Bureau would defer to the judgment of the Commission as to whether they desired to utilize this material in questioning the Communist Party functionaries. Mr. Rankin was most appreciative and stated he fully realized the report was marked "Confidential" and would attempt to handle the matter in such a way that it would not interfere in any way with Bureau operations.

Submitted for information.

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

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

Lane was advised that it had been alleged that he was in possession of FBI reports. Lane was asked if he had such documents in his possession. Lane asked who had made the allegation and when it had been made, noting that he had been out of the country for several days. He was advised that the information had been received from a confidential source.

Lane stated that any information concerning his testimony before the President's Commission could be obtained from that Commission. Lane was advised that our inquiry in no way concerned his testimony before the Commission and that the only interest the FBI had at the moment was his alleged possession of FBI reports. Lane stated that any information he possessed had been discussed publicly by him under oath with the Commission and that he presumed the Commission and the FBI, as Government agencies, are working together.

Lane protested this interview by Special Agents Hollner and Di Marchi declaring that such an approach could be expected in a totalitarian state. Lane advised he thought that the information should have been sought by letter and that if I wanted the information I should write him a letter.

A demand was then made of Lane that he produce any FBI reports which he had in his possession. After this demand was made, Lane repeated that any information concerning the allegation should be requested by letter. The interview was terminated at approximately 10:15 a.m. when Lane departed in a taxicab.

The Special Agents were en route to Lane's residence to attempt to interview him there, when he was encountered as he emerged from that residence. An interview was conducted with him at that time, since it was known that Lane would be departing New York City later in the day on an extended speaking trip. At the outset of the interview, Lane appeared nervous; however, he quickly regained his composure and, thereafter, did not appear ill at ease.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

The New York Office of this Bureau was advised at approximately 1 p.m. on April 23, 1954, that Lane had contacted "The New York Times" and stated that he was writing a letter to the President's Commission complaining of and objecting to being accosted by FBI Agents on the street in front of his home in the rain at approximately 10 p.m. that date. Lane had advised "The New York Times" of the names of the two Agents who interviewed him.

Lane stated to "The New York Times" that such an interview was the action of a police state and that the Agents had demanded to know whether or not Lane had in his possession FBI reports. Lane indicated that he had informed the FBI Agents that if they were interested they should contact the President's Commission for such information. The Agents were reported by Lane as advising that they were not interested in the Commission, but merely wanted to determine if he had reports which were obtained illegally. Lane stated to "The New York Times" that he again referred the Agents to the Commission. He advised that he felt that in a democratic society such inquiries should be made by letter to an attorney and not by accosting an individual on the street. Lane advised "The New York Times" that the Agents demanded that he produce any FBI reports he had in his possession and that at this point he walked away from the Agents and entered a taxicab.

Inasmuch as Lane stated to our Special Agents that he had discussed with the Commission any information he possessed, it is requested that you make a review of testimony given by Lane before the Commission to determine whether or not Lane gave any indication that he had access to or possession of FBI reports. This Bureau desires to be advised of the results of such a review in order to complete our inquiry into the allegation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE:

A confrontation of Lane regarding the allegation he possessed photostatic copies of FBI reports was approved by memorandum from Mr. Branigan to Mr. Sullivan dated 4/14/54, captioned "Mark Lane, Security Matter - C," although it was

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

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recognized he was hardly the type of person to cooperate with us. New York teletype 4/29/64, captioned "Mark Lane, SM- C" set forth information regarding interview of Lane contained in instant letter to Commission and advised that New York Office made "no comment" reply to inquiry from "New York Times" reporter, Peter Higgs, regarding Lane's call to him about interview by FBI. Letter to Commission being classified "Confidential" since its reports information from State Department which was so classified.

Concerning certain Communist Party officials in New York, might also be informants of the Bureau.

Mr. [Name] today telephonically discussed this matter with Mr. [Name] of New York. Mr. [Name] was advised that the Bureau is not in the judgment of the Commission as to whether it is desired to utilize material in questioning the Communist Party functionaries. Mr. [Name] was appreciative and stated he fully understood the report was marked "Confidential" and would endeavor to handle the matter in such a way that it would not be in any way a Bureau disclosure.

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. [Name]

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# Memorandum

TO: Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 24, 1964

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

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While at the President's Commission Offices today, Mr. J. Lee Rankin advised Malley that the Commission intended to call on four or five Agents of the Bureau who conducted investigation concerning Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of the President. He named James P. Hosty of the Dallas Office as one of the Agents and indicated there was possibly one or two more from the Dallas Office and one or two from the New Orleans Office. He did not indicate the dates when the Agents would be called upon for their testimony.

In this connection, investigation of Oswald has been conducted in the Dallas Office by John R. Fain (now retired), James P. Hosty, B. Tom Carter and Arnold J. Brown. In the New Orleans Office, investigation was conducted by John Lester Quigley and Milton R. Kaack (recently requested retirement).

Relative to the foregoing, Mr. Rankin indicated that the Commission had the detailed reports covering the Agents but the Commission desired to obtain testimony from these Agents.

Foregoing submitted for information.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA. THE PRESIDENT'S

COMMISSION ON APRIL TWENTY SEVEN REQUESTED THIS BUREAU TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPEARANCES OF SAs JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., JOHN L. QUIGLEY AND RETIRED SA JOHN W. PAIN BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON MONDAY, MAY FOUR AND TUESDAY, MAY FIVE NEXT. COMMISSION INDICATED IT DESIRED TO TAKE TESTIMONY OF A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF FBI AGENTS WHO INTERVIEWED LEE HARVEY OSWALD, MARINA OSWALD AND MRS. RUTH PAINE PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. COMMISSION INDICATED HOSTY, QUIGLEY AND PAIN WOULD HAVE A PRELIMINARY INFORMAL REVIEW WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION'S STAFF ON MAY FOUR NEXT RE TESTIMONY THEY WOULD GIVE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, MAY FIVE, BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

DL SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SA HOSTY TO REPORT TO INSPECTOR MALLEY, ROOM FIVE SEVEN ONE ZERO, JUSTICE BUILDING, BY EIGHT A.M., MAY FOUR NEXT.

NO SHOULD MAKE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS WITH SA QUIGLEY.

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TELETYPE TO DALLAS, HOUSTON AND NEW ORLEANS  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

HOUSTON SHOULD CONTACT MR. JOHN W. FAIN AND INFORM HIM OF THE COMMISSION'S REQUEST. MR. FAIN SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT HE SHOULD CONTACT INSPECTOR MALLEY OF THE BUREAU BY EIGHT A.M., MAY FOUR NEXT, FOR ADVICE AS TO WHERE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMISSION. INFORM MR. FAIN HE CAN CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT FOR HIS TRAVEL EXPENSES FROM THE COMMISSION WHILE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. IF MR. FAIN DESIRES A GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR SUCH TRAVEL, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE BUREAU BY TELETYPE IN ORDER THAT SUCH MATTER CAN BE IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMISSION. IN THE EVENT MR. FAIN HAS ANY PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR HIS APPEARANCE, PLEASE ADVISE BUREAU IMMEDIATELY BY TELETYPE IN ORDER THAT COMMISSION CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH MR. FAIN DIRECTLY. ADVISE BUREAU BY TELETYPE THAT REQUESTED ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN EFFECTED IN EACH OFFICE.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

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TO DIRECTOR (105-82,555)

FROM DALLAS (100-10,461) IP

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSIA

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA., IS-R-CUBA. RE DALLAS TEL TO BUREAU,

APRIL TWENTYFOUR, PERTAINING TO "DALLAS MORNING NEWS" ARTICLE BY HUGH AYNESWORTH.

THE "DALLAS TIMES HERALD", FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, HAD FRONT PAGE TOP HEADLINE, "FBI DENIES STATEMENT ON OSWALD".

IN A COPYRIGHT STORY BY GEORGE CARTER, IT IS NOTED THAT THE DIRECTOR DENIED THAT THE FBI KNEW LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS "CAPABLE" OF KILLING PRESIDENT KENNEDY PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER TWENTYSECOND ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS, AND THAT THE PUBLISHED REPORT WAS

"ABSOLUTELY FALSE". THE STORY IS VERY FAVORABLE TO THE FBI.

CLIPPINGS BEING FORWARDED.

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THE "DALLAS MORNING NEWS" OF SATURDAY, APRIL TWENTYFIVE,

CARRIES A STORY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FBI REPORTEDLY DENIES OSWALD

STATEMENT MADE AND THEN STATED THAT DALLAS POLICE OFFICERS WILLING

TO TAKE LIE DETECTOR TESTS IF WARREN COMMISSION MEMBERS DOUBT ANY

TESTIMONY GIVEN THEM. IT APPEARS THAT LT. JACK REVILL, WHO IS

ATTENDING A POLICE CONVENTION IN SACRAMENTO, CALIF., WAS INTERVIEWED,

AND HE CONFIRMED THAT HE WROTE A MEMO TO HIS SUPERIORS STATING AGENT

HOSTY HAD MADE SUCH REMARKS SOON AFTER OSWALD'S CAPTURE. REVILL

SUPPOSEDLY STATED "HE WAS EXCITED. EVERYBODY WAS EXCITED, AND HE

PROBABLY SAID THINGS HE SHOULDN'T HAVE".

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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TO DIRECTOR (105-82555) ATTN ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT

FROM DALLAS (100-10461) 5 P

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

President's  
Commission

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
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REMYTEL APRIL TWENTY-FOUR INST CONCERNING DALLAS MORNING

NEWS ARTICLE BY HUGH AYNESWORTH AND MY TELEPHONE CALL TO ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR BELMONT TODAY.

THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED AFFIDAVIT OF SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.:

I, JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSE AS FOLLOWS:

I AM A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND HAVE BEEN SO EMPLOYED SINCE JANUARY TWENTY-ONE, NINETEEN FIFTY-TWO.

MY ATTENTION HAS BEEN CALLED TO AN ARTICLE APPEARING ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE "DALLAS MORNING NEWS" OF APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR, CAPTIONED "FBI KNEW OSWALD CAPABLE OF ACT, REPORTS INDICATE," WRITTEN BY HUGH AYNESWORTH, WHICH READS IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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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. TWENTY-TWO, THAT "WE KNEW HE WAS CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT, BUT WE DIDN'T DREAM HE WOULD DO IT."

IN A MEMORANDUM TO SUPERIORS ON NOV. TWENTY-TWO, LT. JACK REVILL, HEAD OF THE DALLAS POLICE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SQUAD, REPORTED THAT FBI SPECIAL AGENT JAMES (JOE) HOSTY HAD ACKNOWLEDGED AWARENESS OF OSWALD IN THE BASEMENT OF THE CITY HALL AT TWO ZERO FIVE P.M. NOV. TWENTY-TWO. HIS REMARK WAS MADE AS FIVE OFFICERS BROUGHT OSWALD IN FROM OAK CLIFF, REVILL REPORTED.

THE ARTICLE REFERS TO "LT. REVILL'S FIVE-PARAGRAPH MEMO" CONCERNING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED INCIDENT AND ALSO STATED THAT A SECOND OFFICER, V. J. (JACKIE) BRYAN OF THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD "SUPPORTED REVILL'S STATEMENT AND FILLED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN REVILL AND HOSTY."

THE ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT "IN ADDITION TO MENTIONING THAT HOSTY SAID THE FBI KNEW OSWALD WAS CAPABLE OF SUCH AN ACT, THE

FURTHER ADVISED LIEUTENANT REVILL THAT OSWALD HAD DEFECTED

AND HAD RETURNED TO THIS AREA IN NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO,

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MEMO SAID HOSTY TOLD REVILL OTHER FACTS ABOUT THE ONE-TIME RUSSIA RESIDENT AND ADMITTED MARXIST. . . .

ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE, AT APPROXIMATELY THREE P.M., I ARRIVED AT THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SITTING IN ON AN INTERVIEW OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD. WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE BASEMENT OF THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT I MET LIEUTENANT JACK REVILL, WHOM I KNOW TO BE THE HEAD OF THE INTELLIGENCE UNIT OF THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT. LIEUTENANT REVILL ADVISED ME THAT HE "HAD A HOT LEAD" ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND THAT A MAN WHOSE FIRST NAME WAS LEE WAS THE ONLY EMPLOYEE OF THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY WHO HAD NOT BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. I THEN TOLD LIEUTENANT REVILL THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD HAD ALREADY BEEN ARRESTED ABOUT ONE HOUR PREVIOUSLY BY THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WAS AT THAT TIME IN THE OFFICE OF CAPTAIN WILL FRITZ, HOMICIDE BUREAU, DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, BEING INTERROGATED.

TO MY KNOWLEDGE THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT LIEUTENANT REVILL KNEW OF OSWALD'S ARREST.

I FURTHER ADVISED LIEUTENANT REVILL THAT OSWALD HAD DEFECTED TO RUSSIA AND HAD RETURNED TO THIS AREA IN NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO,

AND THAT OSWALD WAS EMPLOYED AT THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY.

I ALSO ADVISED LIEUTENANT REVILL THAT OSWALD WAS AT THAT TIME

THE MAIN SUSPECT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THE ABOVE CONSTITUTES THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF MY CONVERSATION

WITH LIEUTENANT REVILL WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THE STAIRWAY FROM THE

BASEMENT TO THE THIRD FLOOR AT THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT,

DURING WHICH TIME BOTH LIEUTENANT REVILL AND MYSELF WERE RUNNING

UP THE STAIRS AND NOT FACING EACH OTHER. THERE WERE NUMEROUS

PEOPLE GOING UP AND DOWN THE STAIRS AT THE TIME OF MY CONVERSATION

WITH LIEUTENANT REVILL AND THE NOISE LEVEL WAS VERY HIGH, MAKING

IT VERY DIFFICULT TO HEAR ANYTHING. ALTHOUGH I KNOW DETECTIVE

V. J. (JACKIE) BRYAN OF THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT BY SIGHT, I

DO NOT RECALL SEEING HIM ON THIS OCCASION OR EVER HAVING A CONVER-

SATION WITH LIEUTENANT REVILL IN BRYAN'S PRESENCE, OR HAVING A

CONVERSATION WITH DETECTIVE BRYAN.

I UNEQUIVOCALLY DENY 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.

I SPECIFICALLY DENY EVER HAVING MADE THE STATEMENT AS QUOTED

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IN THIS ARTICLE, "WE KNEW HE WAS CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT, BUT WE DIDN'T DREAM HE WOULD DO IT."

MY CONVERSATION WITH LIEUTENANT REVILL ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE, LASTED NOT MORE THAN A MINUTE AND A-HALF.

FURTHERMORE, I DID NOT REACH THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT UNTIL APPROXIMATELY THREE P.M., NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO, WHICH WAS AFTER OSWALD HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, IDENTIFIED, AND WAS IN CAPTAIN WILL FRITZ'S OFFICE. AS STATED ABOVE, MY PURPOSE IN GOING TO THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS TO SIT IN ON AN INTERVIEW WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND I COMMENCED THIS ASSIGNMENT AT THREE FIFTEEN P.M., ACCORDING TO MY WRIST WATCH.

ABOVE AFFIDAVIT WILL BE SUBMITTED TODAY, UACB. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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TO : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

DATE: April 24, 1964

FROM : R. H. Jevons *RHJ*

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

Reference memorandum dated February 26, 1964, captioned as above from W. D. Griffith to Mr. Conrad. This memorandum advised of a continuing project wherein the Bureau has undertaken to furnish the Commission with photographs of all Commission exhibits.

On April 23, 1964, Miss Mary Norton, a Commission employee, called SA Robert A. Frazier and requested that a Bureau representative pick up exhibits as listed on the attached enclosure.

She further requested that the Commission be supplied with three photographs of each exhibit.

As a matter of record, SA Robert E. Neill on 4/24/64, received from Miss Norton the listed items which are now in the Bureau's custody for photographing.

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

It is noted that none of these items are original evidence items which have been previously furnished the Commission by the Bureau.

**ACTION:** These items will be photographed as requested and will be returned to the Commission along with the photographs.

Enclosure

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

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- 679 Front and back body diagram, marked by Dr. Shaw to show entry and exit wounds on Governor Connally's chest, wrist and thigh.
- 680 Left and right side-body diagram, marked by Dr. Shaw, to show angle at which bullet passed through Governor Connally's body.
- 683 Picture showing front view of coat worn by Governor Connally at time of shooting.
- 684 Picture showing back view of coat worn by Governor Connally at time of shooting.
- 685 Picture showing back view of shirt worn by Governor Connally at time of shooting.
- 686 Picture showing front view of shirt worn by Governor Connally at time of shooting.
- 687 Picture showing front view of pants worn by Governor Connally at time of shooting.
- 688 Picture showing back view of pants worn by Governor Connally at time of shooting.
- 689 Diagram of body in sitting position, marked by Dr. Shaw, to show position of Governor Connally at time of the shooting and inclination of bullet to cause all three wounds.
- 697 Photograph of President and Mrs. Kennedy, Governor and Mrs. Connally, Special Agents Kellerman and Greer as positioned in car on day of assassination.
- 698 Picture of President's car as it passed through downtown area of Dallas.
- 699 Overhead shot of Dealey Plaza marked by Governor Connally indicating his estimate of the location of the President's car at the time of the shooting.
- 700 Photograph of Governor Connally's tie.

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# Memorandum

Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 4, 1964

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Memorandum from Mr. Jevons to Mr. Conrad dated 3-19-64, set forth information concerning the President's Commission asking the Bureau to maintain certain Commission exhibits which had never before been in the custody of the Bureau. It was recommended that this matter be discussed with Mr. Rankin to see if it could not be arranged so that the Commission would maintain their exhibits which had not been previously in the custody of the Bureau.

This matter was discussed with Mr. J. Lee Rankin on 4-3-64, and Mr. Rankin stated that there would be very little material that the Commission would ask us to maintain for them. He stated he was fully aware of the tremendous burden that had already been placed on the Bureau with the numerous exhibits the Commission was interested in and that he would personally see to it that no items were made available to the Bureau except where there was a very special reason.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

In the event any members of the Commission staff make any further requests for the Bureau to maintain custody of Commission exhibits which we have not previously had in our possession, it is recommended the individual request be taken up with Mr. Rankin in order to determine whether or not the request needs to be complied with.

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

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: April 23, 1964

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
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At the request of The President's Commission, Special Agent Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt testified before members of the Commission on the morning of April 23, 1964, regarding Laboratory examinations made in this case. He testified from approximately 9:15 A.M. until 10:30 A.M.

SA Shaneyfelt testified on the identification of a negative of one of the photographs of Oswald holding the rifle with a duo lens Imperial Reflex camera recovered during the investigation and reported to be the property of Oswald. He testified that the negative was exposed in Oswald's camera. It should be noted that Marina Oswald has previously testified that she took these two photographs with this camera. SA Shaneyfelt also testified that he had examined the photographs to determine whether or not they were "fake" or composite photographs and stated that he found no evidence that they were composites. It is reported that Oswald, before his death, stated that they were fake photographs and the face was his and had been put on a photograph of the body of some other individual.

Testimony was also given regarding the comparison of the rifle in the photograph of Oswald with the actual rifle and SA Shaneyfelt testified that he compared the rifle with the rifle in the photograph and found them to be the same in all visible characteristics. He found no differences, but found no specific individual characteristics on which to base a positive identification to the exclusion of all other rifles of the same general configuration as to contour of weapon and telescopic sight.

SA Shaneyfelt then testified regarding the reproduction of the photograph of Oswald holding the rifle that appeared on the cover of Life Magazine. He stated that in his opinion this photograph on the cover was the same as the photograph recovered from one of Oswald's residences. However, some retouching had been added to the photograph before making the half tone engraving for the printed picture. He further testified that this is a normal procedure in reproduction of photographs in publications.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information only.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
  - 1 - Mr. Rosen (Malley)
  - 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Lenihan)
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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 24, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

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With reference to the story appearing in the Dallas Morning News on Friday, April 24, 1964, the following is submitted.

Mr. J. Lee Rankin was advised by Malley on April 24, 1964, that the story appearing in the Dallas Morning News was false; an affidavit has been obtained from SA James P. Hosty setting forth in detail what conversation did take place on November 22, 1963, with members of the Dallas Police Department (DLPD) and that this affidavit will be made available to the Commission.

*President's Commission*

Mr. Rankin advised that he was in New York on the evening of April 23, 1964, and had received a telephone call between 9:30 and 10:00 p. m., from an individual who identified himself as Mike Quinn of the Dallas Morning News. Quinn stated to Mr. Rankin he had information concerning the existence of two affidavits from members of the DLPD containing the information which was furnished by the Dallas Office as set forth in the Dallas Morning News. He inquired of Mr. Rankin as to whether the Commission actually had such affidavits. Rankin states he told Quinn he would neither deny nor affirm the existence of such affidavits and had no comment to make. Rankin was not concerned too much concerning this news story inasmuch as he, Rankin, felt certain SA Hosty would not have made the statements attributed to him.

Mr. Rankin was told that because of the type of information that was appearing in the press, the Bureau was desirous of obtaining a copy of the testimony that had been given to the Commission by officers of the DLPD. Mr. Rankin stated that because of rules of the President's Commission, he was not at liberty to comply with this request, but that he would make the Bureau's request known to the members of the Commission. Rankin stated that he would, however, state that Lieutenant Jack Revill did furnish an affidavit containing approximately the same information that appeared in the news story. He also advised that a second affidavit prepared

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

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DATE: April 23, 1964

by Officer V. J. "Jackie" Bryan had been made available to the Commission. He stated these two affidavits were almost verbatim, and that because of the similar wording of these affidavits, the members of the Commission had doubts concerning their veracity.

Mr. Rankin advised that it was the opinion of the Commission that Chief of Police Curry and Lieutenant Day, when they appeared before the Commission, were forthright and truthful in their comments, and they had no reason to question the statements of these two officers. Mr. Rankin did not at this time furnish any information concerning their testimony.

Mr. Rankin was advised that the story appearing in the Dallas Morning News stated a source close to the Warren Commission had furnished this information, and he was told the Bureau would like to know if anyone connected with the Commission staff had made such information available to the newspaper. Mr. Rankin was not surprised at this statement. He commented that he did not feel that any member of the staff had disclosed any information. He advised that recently, while members of the Commission staff were in Dallas, rumors were prevalent to the effect that these members had told witnesses that they were not under any conditions to reveal to the press questions they were asked or the nature of their testimony. Rankin stated that the Commission has had a flat rule that no member of the staff should at any time tell a witness that he could not reveal to the press or anyone else what information he had furnished to the Commission. He advised that witnesses had been told that, if they did reveal such information, they would probably be besieged by news media for further details.

Mr. Rankin advised that members of the staff while in Dallas were firmly convinced that stories were being planted concerning the activities of the Commission staff members and that, in his opinion, the story appearing in the April 24th issue of the Dallas Morning News had probably been a planted story. He advised he had no facts to back up the feelings of the Commission but they strongly suspected the stories might be emanating from William Alexander of the Dallas District Attorney's Office. Mr. Rankin stated that he did not desire the Bureau to conduct any investigation relative to this matter but would certainly appreciate being advised in the event any information concerning the source of these stories was developed. Mr. Belmont has discussed this situation with SAC Shanklin and requested Shanklin to be on the alert to pick up any information that can be obtained relative to this.

Foregoing submitted for information.

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad  
Re: Assassination of President Kennedy

ADDENDUM: Photographs of the exhibits used at the Commission  
are attached.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ON THE  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Commission has completed its study and use of the following exhibits furnished to your Dallas Office by Mrs. Ruth Hyde Paine:

1) Date book and calendar entitled "Hallmark Date Book 1963" and marked with your number D-78, picture copies of which you furnished the Commission.

2) Rough draft of a letter in the handwriting of Lee Harvey Oswald which Mrs. Paine testified she found in her residence sometime during the middle part of November, 1963, the salutation and first paragraph of which read: "Dear Sirs: This is to inform you of events since my interview with comrade Kosteine in the Embassy of the Soviet Union, Mexico City, Mexico." Picture copies of this exhibit were furnished to the Commission by your office. The picture copy bears the identification mark D-72. The exhibit is set forth in full in Agents Odum and deBrueys' report of January 23, 1964, your file number DL 100-10461.

Mrs. Paine has requested the return to her of each of the foregoing exhibits and the Commission has approved that request and authorized their return.

Sincerely,

*J. Lee Rankin*

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

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Lee Harvey Oswald  
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Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter from The President's Commission, dated 4/17/64, concerning the return of exhibits D-72 and D-73 to Mrs. Ruth Hyde Paine.

The original exhibits D-72 and D-73 are being returned to your office herewith for return to Mrs. Paine.

Appropriate photographs of these exhibits are retained in the Bureau's files.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

DATE: April 22, 1964

FROM : W. D. Griffith *W.D.G.*

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

(At the request of the President's Commission, Inspector J. R. Malley of the General Investigative Division, Inspector L. J. Gauthier of the Administrative Division and Special Agent Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt of the Laboratory on 4/21/64 were at the Commission for a review of the Zapruder film of the assassination. Purpose of this review was to determine from Governor and Mrs. John Connally, who were present, whether or not it could be established at what point in the film the Governor was shot. The following individuals were also present:

Dr. Gregory and Dr. Shaw who examined Governor Connally at Parkland Hospital in Dallas

Dr. F. W. Light, Jr., and Dr. A. G. Olivier from the Wound Assessment and Wound Ballistics Department of Edgewood Arsenal

Dr. Joseph Dolce, consultant to the Biophysics Division of Edgewood Arsenal

It is noted that representatives of the Secret Service who have attended past reviews were not present.

The principal fact brought out by the Governor and Mrs. Connally was their selection of a portion of the film where "he has been hit"; however, they could not pin point the exact frame of the motion picture film where the bullet struck. The portion of the sequence they selected is only one-fourth to one-half second after the approximate point where the President

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley Room 5710)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Mr. Lenihan Room 645-RB)
- 1 - Mr. Mohr (Mr. Gauthier Room 331 OPO)

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was believed to have been shot at the base of the neck. Allowing for variations in reaction times, this lends support to the theory that one bullet passed through the President's neck, the Governor's chest, hit in the Governor's leg and lodged in his clothing.

Both the Governor and Mrs. Connally stated that they heard the first shot and the second shot was the one that hit the Governor, however, neither of them saw the President between the first and third shots or can state that the President was actually hit by the first shot.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information only.

*Ad* *V. JWC* *gnc*

- 1 - Belmont
  - 1 - Mohr
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  - 1 - Malley
  - 1 - Branigan
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Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.  
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

In reference to your request for coverage of the public appearances of Mark Lane, the following items are enclosed:

(1) Two copies of a communication dated April 22, 1964, at our San Francisco Office concerning appearances by Lane in the San Francisco area in March, 1964.

(2) Two reels of tape recording of Lane's comments at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 21, 1964.

(3) Two copies of a communication dated April 24, 1964, at our Cincinnati Office relating to Lane's appearance at the University of Cincinnati on April 21, 1964.

(4) One reel of tape recording of Lane's comments in the auditorium of the Ohio Museum of Natural History, Columbus, Ohio, on April 22, 1964.

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Mr. Conrad

April 22, 1964

(5) Two copies of a communication dated April 24, 1964, at our Cincinnati Office regarding Lane's appearance at the Ohio Museum of Natural History on April 22, 1964.

(6) One reel of tape recording of a news conference held by Lane on the campus of Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, on April 22, 1964.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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We cover Lane's public appearances at request of the President's Commission. Items being furnished by airtels from San Francisco, 4/22/64, captioned "Mark Lane, EM-C" and Cincinnati airtels 4/24/64 and 4/25/64 captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS - R - Cuba; Mark Lane, EM-C." Lane repeats numerous unfounded claims he has made in his past appearances. He continues to be critical of the public press handling the Oswald case and claims that Oswald would not have received a fair trial because of the press' finding him guilty; Lane claims the photograph of Oswald holding a rifle which appeared on "Life" magazine cover 2/21/64 has been altered (our inquiry shows no indication the photograph was altered); Lane complains that the entire investigation is shrouded in secrecy and even though he requested his testimony before the President's Commission be made public, it was classified "Top Secret"; Lane claims he has interviewed witnesses who insist the shot came from the direction of an overpass in front of the President's motorcade and not from the Texas School Book Depository Building (while several individuals have stated similar views to us, the preponderance of evidence refutes this view).

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

April 30, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Sizoo

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your request for coverage of the public appearances of Mrs. Marguerite Oswald.

There are enclosed a copy of an article by Mrs. Oswald in the weekly French newspaper, "Le Nouveau Candide," issue of April 2-9, 1964, and two copies of a translation thereof. "Le Nouveau Candide" has been characterized by the American Embassy, Paris, France, as a weekly newspaper which is sensational in nature and strongly pro-de Gaulle in its political leanings.

Further articles by Mrs. Oswald appearing in the above newspaper will be obtained and forwarded to you along with copies of translations thereof.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: See memorandum Mr. Branigan to Mr. Sullivan 4/29/64 captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS - R - Cuba," JMS:hc. Dallas being furnished copy of article and translation by routing slip 4-29-64. Paris also being furnished translation per request in 4-13-64 letter.

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- 1 - Mr. Gheesling

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter dated April 24, 1964, and to my previous communications concerning Ruth Hyde Paine and Michael Ralph Paine. The investigation requested by you has been completed, and the results have been furnished to you.

Should additional pertinent information be received by this Bureau concerning the Paines during our continuing investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, you will be promptly advised.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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See memorandum Mr. Branigan to Mr. Sullivan dated 4-29-64, captioned "Ruth Hyde Paine, IS - R; Michael Ralph Paine, IS - R," WEG:hc.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 4/20/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
EXAMINATION OF VISUAL AIDS BY  
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

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Memorandum from Gauthier to Callahan dated 4/15/64 discussed the possibility of the President's Commission having a re-enactment at the scene of the assassination and recommended that this matter be taken up with Mr. Rankin in order to advise him of the Bureau's views relative to any such re-enactment.

Malley discussed this matter with Mr. Rankin today, at which time Mr. Rankin was advised that the FBI had rendered every assistance possible by providing models of the area, technical data, and technical advice in assisting the Commission to interpret events which occurred in Dallas. He was told that in view of this, plus the fact that a complete re-enactment had been previously made by the Secret Service, there did not appear to be a great deal that could be done by having a re-enactment. He was also told that if a decision was made to have the re-enactment, the FBI would prefer not to be involved in any such plan.

Mr. Rankin advised he had not been fully briefed concerning this matter. He said there had been some minor discussions concerning it and he would not favor any re-enactment which would cause a tremendous amount of publicity. He stated there were some technical problems and the Commission's only desire was to try and establish the approximate places where the three shots hit the target so that the distances involved would not be out of line with the number of seconds in which it is believed the three shots were actually fired.

Mr. Rankin stated that there would be considerable study on this matter before any actual requests of any kind would be made and he doubted at this time that there would be any re-enactment in Dallas.

Submitted for information.

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Gauthier

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

April 29, 1964  
 BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to various communications, the most recent being my letter dated April 24, 1964, concerning Mrs. Shirley Martin also known as Mrs. Mark E. Martin of Hominy, Oklahoma.

Enclosed for your information are two copies of a self-explanatory communication from our Dallas Office dated April 24, 1964, relating to information furnished by Mrs. Jean Lollis Hill. This communication concerns a telephone call Mrs. Hill reportedly received from an unidentified woman in Oklahoma on April 22, 1964.

From the information contained in the enclosed communication and from prior experience with Mrs. Martin, it is possible she is the unidentified caller.

For your information, Mrs. Hill was interviewed by this Bureau on November 22, 1963, the results of which were submitted to you and appear on page 35 of the report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling at Dallas, Texas, dated November 30, 1963. Mrs. Hill was reinterviewed on March 13, 1964, and the results were furnished to you with my letter dated April 2, 1964.

This is being furnished in view of your prior interest in Mrs. Martin and no further action is being taken.

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- Sincerely yours,
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| 1 - SAC, Oklahoma City (89-41)       | 1 - Mr. J. E. Herington |
| 1 - SAC, Dallas (89-43)              | 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan   |

SAC Oklahoma City and Dallas see note page two. SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

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NOTE TO SAC OKLAHOMA CITY AND DALLAS:

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

MISC. - INFORMATION CONCERNING

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Re DL airtel 4/24/64 relating to a possible contact by Mrs. Mark E. Martin of Hominy, Oklahoma, with Mrs. Jean Lollis Hill of Dallas, Texas.

You should continue to furnish the Bureau with pertinent data relating to Mrs. Martin and be extremely circumspect in any dealings with her, being constantly alert to the possibility any conversation with her may be recorded. The Bureau's views relative to any such re-encounter

NOTE:

This is the eighth letter to the Commission concerning Mrs. Martin.

We have had unsatisfactory dealings with her in the past and she recently recorded or took verbatim notes of a telephonic conversation with an Agent of our Dallas Office. In view of the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau and to alert the field, SAC letter 64-23 dated 4/28/64 was immediately prepared for dissemination.

Martin has been described as a "bright nut" and since the assassination has been conducting her own investigation. The enclosed communication from Dallas relates to a telephonic complaint from Hill indicating she was contacted on 4/22/64 by an unidentified woman in Oklahoma who was very persistent in questioning Hill concerning the assassination. Hill states she was likewise persistent and refused to furnish any information. Hill stated the caller made some reference to either furnishing information to Mark Lane or that Lane was interested in information she was obtaining. As you are aware, Lane is the [redacted] and espouser of communist causes who formerly represented Lee Harvey Oswald's mother.

Hill was alongside the Presidential motorcade on 11/22/63 when President Kennedy was assassinated. When she was initially interviewed she reported hearing one shot and seeing the President fall forward. She later became somewhat controversial when Mark Lane publicly used a taped interview with her as evidence that more than three shots were fired. Hill on reinterview reported hearing four to six shots.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: Mr. Callahan

DATE: 4-15-64

FROM: L. J. Gauthier

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

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Reference memo Gauthier to Callahan 4-7-64.

Staff members of the President's Commission and specialists of the armed services, Drs. Humes, Heany, Fink, Light and Olivia (ph.) attended a conference on 4-14-64 for the purpose of reviewing motion pictures and slides of the assassination site. Representatives of the Secret Service and the FBI were present to assist in projecting the film and the use of the scale model.

Dr. Humes, U. S. Navy Commander, who performed the autopsy on the President, appeared to lead the discussion throughout the 4-hour session. All of his associates were generally in agreement with previous findings of the Commission as to where Shots 1, 2 and 3 approximately occurred.

The most revealing information brought out by the doctors is as follows:

1. That Shot 1 struck the President high in the right shoulder area, penetrating the torso near the base of the neck damaging the flesh of the throat but not tearing the throat wall. This bullet, according to the doctors, continued and entered Governor Connally's right shoulder, emerging below the right nipple. The velocity of the missile, according to the doctors apparently was snagged in the coat and shirt, eventually falling out on Connally's stretcher.
2. That Shot 2 struck the wrist of the Governor, continuing on into his thigh.
3. That Shot 3 struck the right side of the President's head, carrying much bone and brain tissue away, leaving a large cavity. There is nothing controversial about where Shot 3 occurred inasmuch as the Zapruder movie indicates with much clarity where this happened.

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Heretofore it was the opinion of the Commission that Shot 1 had only hit the President, that Shot 2 had entered the Governor's right shoulder area penetrating his torso through the chest area emerging and again entering the wrist and on into his leg.

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 1 - Mr. Belmont  
 1 - Mr. Rosen (Attention, Mr. Malley)  
 1 - Mr. Conrad  
 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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EXAMINATION OF VISUAL AIDS BY PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

Staff attorneys of the Commission extensively questioned the doctors concerning their conclusions and their views were made a matter of record by Attorney Melvin Eisenberg.

ADDENDUM: APRIL 15-64

Mr. Eisenberg advised that Governor Connally would be in Washington on Tuesday, April 21, 1964, to assist the Commission in describing as to where the three shots occurred and that he, Eisenberg, would request that Shaneyfelt and Gauthier be available to assist them in handling visual aids while the Governor's views are obtained.

Mr. Eisenberg also inquired whether Special Agent Shaneyfelt of the FBI Laboratory, Special Agent John Howlett of Secret Service and Gauthier would be able to arrange for a re-enactment of the shooting scene in Dallas using the data collected by the Commission, to make movies of the areas where each shot occurred using Zapruder's camera to have people simulate the positions of the occupants of the President's car in a car similar to the one used by the President which would be furnished by Secret Service, to take ground measurements between the Texas Schoolbook Depository from each point where shots occurred to determine the distances between gun muzzle and target, etc.

Mr. Eisenberg inquired as to whether I had any suggestions concerning his request. He was advised that of course the FBI would do whatever possible to assist in this matter; however, it was felt that inasmuch as he, Eisenberg, had a good working knowledge of what the Commission desired it would appear to me to be to the advantage of the Commission if he, Eisenberg, would be present in Dallas to insure the development of the desired technical data. He and his immediate superior, Attorney Norman Redlich, agreed to this suggestion. Without saying as much, it was felt that considerable publicity will definitely stem from this type of operation in Dallas and a representative of the Commission should be present to handle the inquiries of the press concerning the fact that this was a Commission field operation and not an operation of the FBI or Secret Service.

Mr. Eisenberg stated he would make his proposal for this field trip known to the members of the Commission recommending that the FBI and Secret Service assist the Commission's legal staff in gathering on-site data relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

RECOMMENDATION: None - for information only.

SEE ADDENDUM PAGE THREE...

Memo, L. J. Gauthier to Mr. Callahan  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
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ADDENDUM: AHB:hw 4-15-64

It is questionable what the Commission expects to gain by an additional re-enactment of the scene of the assassination, bearing in mind that Secret Service has already gone through this exercise at least once, and Inspector Gauthier made actual models of the assassination area. It is inevitable that there will be considerable publicity attendant to the proposed re-enactment of the scene.

It is our opinion that it would be undesirable for the FBI to become involved as the speed of the car, protection measures, etc., were the basic responsibilities of Secret Service at the time. We would prefer not to become identified with the actual scene and happenings at the assassination in the minds of the public.

It is recommended that Inspector Malley advise Mr. Rankin that this proposal appears to be without merit; that the FBI has done its utmost to be of assistance by providing models of the area, technical data and technical advice in assisting the Commission to interpret events as they occurred. Mr. Malley should advise Rankin that we suggest that if such a re-enactment of the scene is considered desirable by the Commission, it should be carried out by Secret Service which has already gone through this exercise at least once.

V. A. RM 2415  
Yes  
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- 1 - 1 Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Conrad

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By Courier Service

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
 EXAMINATION OF VISUAL AIDS BY  
 PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In accordance with the telephonic request of Mr. Melvin Eisenberg on April 23, 1964, evidence items numbered D92, D93, D191 and D167 were delivered to Mrs. Julia T. Bido on that date.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: This request was made to Section Chief Roy H. Jevons on 4/28/64. These items are described as follows:

- D92 Original invoice #A5371 showing shipment of S & W .38 Spl. 2" Commando revolver by Seaport Traders, Inc. to A. J. Hidell
- D93 Shipping copy of invoice #A5371 reflecting shipment of revolver on 3/20/63
- D191 Photostat of a page from a looseleaf notebook belonging to H. W. Michaelis regarding .38 caliber revolver
- D167 Photostat of list prepared by Mitchell Scibor of Kleins Inc. regarding 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano rifle

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is in regard to your letter of April 16, 1964, in which you advised us that Mr. Orville C. Nix had inquired as to when he could expect the return of his camera.

The Commission intends to use Mr. Nix's camera in Dallas during the week of April 27. Your Dallas office should advise Mr. Nix that he may expect the return of his camera on or about May 1, 1964.

Sincerely,

*J. Lee Rankin*

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

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To: SAC, Dallas (100-10461)

From: Director, FBI (105-82535)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.

IS - R. - CUBA

Re DL airtel 4/7/64 and Bu airtel 4/15/64 relating to the request of Mr. Orville O. Nix and Mrs. Marie Muchmore for the return of their cameras.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a self-explanatory letter dated 4/24/64 from the President's Commission. You should insure that Mr. Nix is promptly advised as to when he may expect the return of his camera.

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- ① - 62-109090 (President's Commission)

- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan
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NOTE: For full details concerning this matter see A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont memo dated 4/13/64 captioned as above, RDR:pah:jsk. Briefly, the Laboratory has been holding the Nix and Muchmore cameras at the request of the Commission. Although all required FBI examinations have been completed, Commission has not released cameras to their owners. Both individuals have made repeated requests to have cameras returned which resulted in our sending a letter to the Commission 4/15/64. The enclosed is an acknowledgment of our letter indicating Nix camera will be returned on or about 5/1/64. Muchmore has rented a similar camera and is billing the Commission.

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan, 64 RB
- 1 - Mr. Rogge, 5730
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Cadigan

April 29, 1964

By Courier Service

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

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

On April 20, 1964, Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, of your staff, delivered to a representative of the FBI Laboratory a Marine Corps Certificate of Service in the name Alek James Hidell, which has been designated as FBI Exhibit D-206, and a photograph of a Selective Service System Notice of Classification in the name Alek James Hidell, which has been designated as FBI Exhibit D-207. Mr. Eisenberg requested that these two exhibits be examined to determine if they were forgeries.

On April 28, 1964, Mr. Eisenberg delivered to the FBI Laboratory a group of negatives, designated as FBI Exhibit D-44, and Oswald's wallet and contents, designated as Item B-1, for use in connection with the examination of Exhibits D-206 and D-207.

Based upon an examination of the photographs, D-206 and D-207, it was concluded that both of these exhibits are fraudulent and counterfeit reproductions made from photographic negatives contained in Exhibit D-44 which, in turn, were made from genuine cards issued to Lee Harvey Oswald and contained in his wallet, Item B-1.

Also, on April 28, 1964, Mr. Eisenberg delivered to the Laboratory a photograph of a "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" membership card dated June 15, 1963, bearing the signature "A. J. Hidell." This photograph was compared with the original card contained in Oswald's wallet, Item B-1. The original card

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in Oswald's wallet had been treated for latent fingerprints and due to this treatment the signature "A. J. Hidell" is no longer visible. The examination of the photograph submitted reveals that this is a photograph of the original in the wallet before treatment for latent fingerprints.

Exhibits D-206, D-207, B-1, D-44 and the photograph of the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" membership card will be delivered to Mr. Eisenberg on April 30, 1964, by Special Agent James C. Cadigan.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Note: It should be noted that SA James C. Cadigan is scheduled to testify before the Commission Thursday, 4/30/64 and his testimony will include the above reported examination findings.

~~WDC/mb~~

FBI

Date: 4/14/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_ (Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: LEGAL, MEXICO CITY (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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ENCLOSURE:

Enclosed herewith for the information and possible assistance of the Bureau is one copy of the 12/14/63 Issue #1059 of the Mexico City weekly magazine, "Manana" ("Morning").

REFERENCE:

Mexico City cable 4/13/64.

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BACKGROUND DATA:

As the Bureau is aware, representatives of the Presidential Investigating Commission have been in Mexico City and expressed an interest in photographs depicting some of the locations connected with subject's activities in Mexico.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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