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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Director, FBI

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
August 30, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division
Attn: Mr. Heller
- 1 - Mr. Bailey
- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Giaquinto

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

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Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum which provides a written response to the enumerated items set forth in the request of March 17, 1978.

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: The HSCA request of March 17, 1978, deals primarily with information provided to us by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Bulk of material prepared for HSCA access was reviewed by the CIA, and at their request, all CIA documents and information contained within our reports has been deleted. This is consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding between the HSCA and FBI. However, an oral briefing was recommended in order to reasonably respond to this request. This briefing was conducted and as a result, on August 16, 1978, Miss Jacqueline Hess, HSCA, requested that the FBI respond in writing to the enumerated items set forth in the request of March 17, 1978. The enclosed responds to Miss Hess' request. The enclosed is classified SECRET, as the original serials from which the information is derived are so classified.

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On August 16, 1978, Miss Jacqueline Hess, HSCA, requested that the following be provided as a written response to the enumerated items set forth in the request of March 17, 1978. (U)

On November 23, 1963, the FBI furnished a letterhead memorandum to Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C., in order to provide Secret Service with the results of our preliminary investigation into the assassination of John F. Kennedy as well as pertinent background information regarding Lee Harvey Oswald. (U)

The paragraph appearing on Pages 4 and 5 of the letterhead memorandum, which is quoted in your request of March 17, 1978, contains some incorrect information

ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,
CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated August 30, 1978, captioned as above.

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Additionally, this government agency provided the FBI with photographs of an individual who appeared to be an American

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In response to Question 1 of referenced request, retrievable information indicates that the photographs of the individual who appeared to be an American were transported to the FBI Division, Dallas, Texas, on November 23, 1963, by SA Eldon D. Rudd (retired). Subsequently, on November 23, 1963, one photograph of this unknown individual was exhibited to Marguerite Oswald, at Dallas, Texas, by SA Bardwell D. Odum (retired) in an attempt to determine if the individual was known to Mrs. Oswald as an associate of her son Lee Harvey Oswald. Mrs. Oswald could not identify the photograph as anyone she knew. (S)(u)

This info was not released until after the FBI did their check and disc. at Kennedy's disclosure

It is specifically noted that a copy of the photograph exhibited to Marguerite Oswald was furnished to the Warren Commission on February 11, 1964. Additionally, on July 16, 1964, by letter addressed to the Honorable J. Lee Rankin, the Warren Commission was furnished with affidavits regarding the source of the photographs and displaying of same to Mrs. Oswald. (S)(u)

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- 1 - Legal Counsel Division (Attn: R. Heller)
- 1 - Mr. D. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. G. J. Foster

December 8, 1978

Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

- 1 - Mr. J. S. Giaquinto

Director, FBI

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to a letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated March 17, 1978, requesting access to material in the files of the FBI pertinent to the John F. Kennedy assassination investigation. Reference is made to FBI letters to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, dated April 14, 1978, and August 30, 1978, which respond to the March 17, 1978, request. Additionally, reference is made to the HSCA letter dated December 4, 1978, requesting delivery of said material and requests a response to four enumerated questions relative to the material.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum which provides a written response to the enumerated items set forth in the request of December 4, 1978, and additionally confirms that the material was delivered to the HSCA on December 5, 1978.

Enclosures - 2

SECRET MATERIAL ATTACHED

Letter w/ HAM to AGC Criminal Div 12-8-78 JSG (7)

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

NOTE: The HSCA request of 3/17/78 deals primarily with information provided to us by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The bulk of the material prepared for HSCA access was reviewed by the CIA and, at their request, all CIA documents and information contained within our reports have been deleted. However, an oral briefing was also recommended in order to reasonably respond to this request. This briefing was conducted and, as a result, on 8/16/78, Miss Jacqueline Hess, HSCA, requested that the FBI respond in writing to the enumerated items set forth in the request of 3/17/78. This response was furnished on 8/30/78. The enclosed responds to the HSCA request of 12/4/78, which requests delivery of the material prepared in response to the 3/17/78 request, and additionally responds to the four enumerated questions regarding the delivered material. The enclosed is classified "Secret" as the original serials from which the information is derived are so classified.

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House Select Committee on Assassinations
U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)

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However, prior to the [S-1][S] assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Special Agents of our Dallas Division did, in fact, interview and converse with Lee Harvey Oswald during the course of the Internal Security investigation conducted subsequent to Oswald's return from the Soviet Union. The identities of Special Agent personnel of this Bureau who had contact with Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination are well documented in Oswald's file, said file having been provided to the HSCA.

In response to Question 4, and your request to deliver all documents pertaining to this matter, this confirms that said material was furnished to Ms. Surell Brady, HSCA, on December 5, 1978.

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[REDACTED] (S-1)[S]

The documents referred to are described as a Dallas teletype to the Director, titled "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy," dated November 23, 1963, and a Legal Attache, Mexico City, teletype to the Director, titled "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS - R," dated November 25, 1963. As a result, retrievable material indicates that by November 25, 1963, FBI Headquarters became aware of the fact [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (S) (S-1)

In conclusion, it is noted that a review of pertinent records fails to reveal that any follow-up communication was furnished to Secret Service Headquarters [REDACTED]

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NOTE: See Director, FBI letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated December 8, 1978, captioned as above.

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For the FBI to say that the information would have had no effect on the FBI's assumption is for it to say it would have had no interest in a former source defector to USSR who had contact with a USSR embassy employee known to be KGB & reportedly an assassin

- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- Attn: Mr. Heller
- 1 - Mr. Cregar
- Attn: Mr. Kinsey
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Foster

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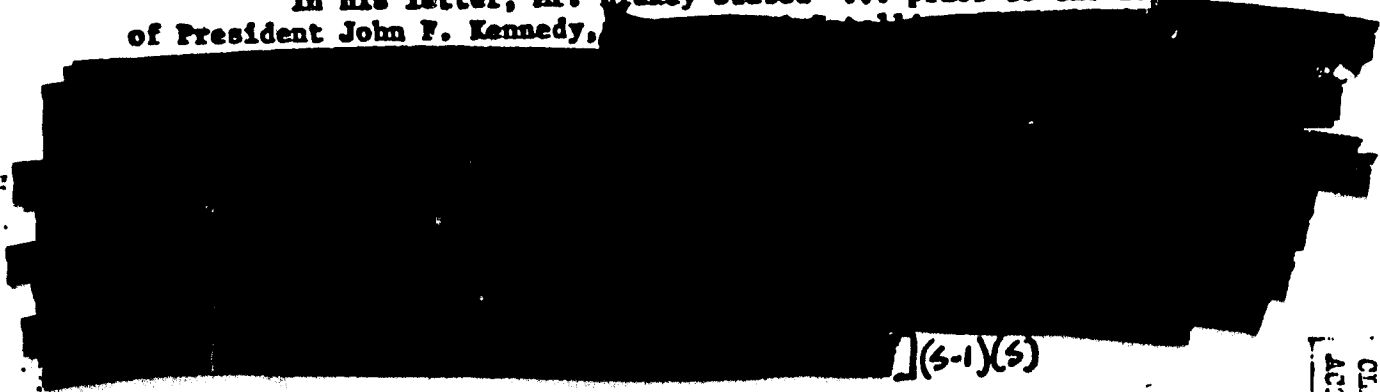
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U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

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This responds in full to a November 3, 1978, HSCA letter of request to the Attorney General signed by G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, HSCA.

In his letter, Mr. Blakey stated "... prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy,



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Mr. Blakey then asked "What effect, if any, would a report of the above detailed information prior to the assassination have had on the manner in which the Federal Bureau of Investigation handled the Lee Harvey Oswald case?"

A retrospective review of the information revealed in your letter by personnel currently assigned to the Intelligence Division of FBI Headquarters, as well as a retrospective review by the same personnel of the conduct and supervision of the 1963 Oswald investigation, causes the current personnel to believe that a report of such information to the FBI, prior to the assassination, would not have had any significant effect on the manner in which the FBI handled the Oswald case in 1963.

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ORIGINAL AND TWO SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated 12/4/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives (HSCA)."

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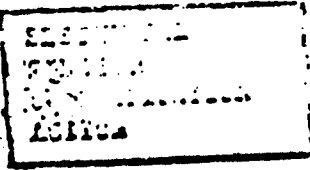
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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attn: Mr. Robert L. Kauch

Director, FBI



- 1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Heller
- 1 - Mr. Cregar
December 4, 1978
Attn: Mr. Kinsey
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
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- 1 - Mr. Foster

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

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Enclosed are the original and two copies of a memorandum
responding to a November 3, 1978, HSCA letter of request.



The HSCA is asking what effect such information would have
had on the manner in which the FBI handled the Oswald case.

Current FBI opinion is that such information
would not have had any significant effect on the conduct of the
1963 pre-assassination investigation.

You are requested to furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum
to the HSCA.

Enclosures (3)

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NOTE: This response has been coordinated with Section CI-1, INTD. The
Oswald file, 105-82555, reflects the following pertinent, pre-assassination
documents: Serial 40

Serial 43 (Secret) is a 10/18/63, Legat, Mexico City, cablegram
confirming Serial 40. Serial 78 (Secret) is an 11/19/63, Washington
Field Office airtel

In addition,
prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, the FBI was well aware
of Oswald's affiliation with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

This document may be considered unclassified upon the deletion
of the information from the secret documents identified above.

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TO : Mr. Bassett *HNTB/2*

FROM : D. Ryan *R*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
 U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

DATE: 12/7/78

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PURPOSE: The Director has asked whether we can articulate our rationale for the 12/4/78, response we make to an HSCA letter of 11/3/78. The purpose of this memo is to respond to the Director's inquiry. (U)

RECOMMENDATION: That consideration be given to providing the U. S. Department of Justice with the response to the HSCA letter of 11/3/78, as it is presently written. (U)

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DETAILS: In its letter of 11/3/78, the HSCA states that, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy on 11/22/63,

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_____ the HSCA asked what effect such information would have had on the manner in which the FBI handled the Oswald case.

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Current FBI opinion is that such information, _____ would not have had any significant effect on the conduct of the 1963 pre-assassination investigation. (U)

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D. Ryan to Mr. Bassett
RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Based on a review of retrievable information in Bureau files and in coordination with the Intelligence Division, the fundamental reasons for our response, as presently set forth, are as follow:

(1) The FBI knew of Oswald's affiliation with the pro-Castro Fair Play for Cuba Committee by 4/21/63. It is the current opinion of the Intelligence Division that knowledge of further proclivities on Oswald's part toward Castro or Cuba would not necessarily have had a material or significant effect on the pre-assassination investigaiton. (U)

*A memo
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(2) ~~Prior to the assassination on 10/10/63, CIA~~
did advise the Bureau of Oswald's visit to the Soviet Embassy
in Mexico City. ~~It is~~ is the current opinion of the Intelligence
Division that this classified information is the most
significant of Oswald's contacts in Mexico City and was
known by our case Agent in Dallas, Texas, on 10/18/63,
however, he elected to hold the investigation in abeyance
after 11/5/63, since he felt Oswald was employed in a non-
strategic position with no access to sensitive information. (S)(U)

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(4) The above information is contained in documents which have either been delivered to the HSCA or to which the HSCA has been granted in-house access. (U)

(5) Our answer is restricted solely to the elements of information which the HSCA seeks. No rationale is set forth in the letterhead memorandum (LHM) because the HSCA does not state a desire for same. In past request letters, the HSCA has explicitly indicated when it desired reasons for our answers. (U)

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D. Ryan to Mr. Bassett

RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

(6) Since the HSCA does not explicitly request our rationale, it is the opinion of the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, Land Section CI - 1, Intelligence Division, ~~AS~~ that an exposition of the classified information involved in this rationale is not warranted at this time. ~~(X)~~

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