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Mr. W. R. Wannall
Mr. J. B. Hotis

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TO SAC NEW ORLEANS
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1 - Mr. May 17, 1975

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R, BUDED: 8:00 A.M. 5/19/75.

BUREAU HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT DURING THE YEARS 1960-61 FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN CLARE BOOTHE LUCE FINANCED OPERATIONS OF A FISHING BOAT TO TRANSPORT CUBAN CITIZENS FROM CUBA TO MIAMI, FLORIDA. THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP ALLEGEDLY ADVISED LUCE THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND OTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN INFILTRATION OF A COMMUNIST CELL GROUP IN THAT AREA AND HAD DISCUSSED ASSASSINATION PLANS. THE PROPOSED TARGET OF THE ASSASSINATION HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED. LUCE INSTRUCTED THE CAPTAIN TO NOTIFY THE FBI. HE LATER TOLD LUCE HE HAD CONTACTED THE FBI AND THAT HE WAS IMMEDIATELY LEAVING THE COUNTRY.

IT IS ALLEGED THIS SAME GROUP PLOTTED TO USE DART GUNS WHICH FIRED DARTS CONTAINING FLUID INTENDED TO CAUSE AN INDIVIDUAL TO ACT IN A PECULIAR MANNER. THESE DARTS WERE TO BE USED AGAINST AMERICAN TOURISTS IN FRANCE TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS CAUSED BY SOME STRANGE FRENCH MALADY.

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INTERNATIONAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. THERE IS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED OR TIME PERIOD. THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT A DART OF THIS NATURE WAS TO BE USED AGAINST FORMER FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DEGAULLE. BUREAU FILES CONTAIN NOTHING WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED WITH ABOVE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD REVIEW FILES TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM UN-NAMED SHIP CAPTAIN OR OTHER SOURCES CONCERNING THE ABOVE MATTER. SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU NO LATER THAN 8 A.M. 5/19/75, ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION. CLASSIFIED BY 3676, XGDS 2 AND 3, INDEFINITE.

NOTE:

On 5/16/75 Deputy Attorney General Harold R. Tyler advised Inspector John B. Hotis and SA Paul V. Daly that he had received the above information earlier that day from Roderick Hills, Assistant Counsel to President. Hills said that the Rockefeller Commission on CIA Activities was inquiring into the matter and asked that the FBI review its files to determine whether there was any factual basis to the allegations. Tyler requested that he be notified of the results of our file review by Monday, May 19, 1975.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-82555)

FROM DALLAS (105-10461)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R, BUDED: 8:00 A.M. 5/19/75.

RE BUTEL, MAY 17, 1975.

DALLAS FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED WITH INFORMATION IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, UTILIZING AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

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TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *wrw*

DATE: 6/2/75

FROM : W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. P. V. Daly
- 1 - Mr. J. W. Redfield
- 1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy
- 1 - Mr. J. P. Lee

SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL HAROLD R. TYLER FOR BUREAU DOCUMENTS

Memorandum recommends attached letter be furnished to Deputy Attorney General Harold R. Tyler in response to his request for information in our files pertaining to allegations concerning an alleged group to which Lee Harvey Oswald belonged in 1961 - 1962. A memorandum is attached to that letter for the "Commission on CIA Activities within the United States."

On 5/16/75 at 6:30 p.m. Deputy Attorney General Tyler advised Inspector John B. Hotis and SA Paul V. Daly that he had received information from Roderic Hills, Assistant Counsel to the President, that the Commission on CIA Activities was making an inquiry into a facet of the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald, assassin of President Kennedy, and he requested that the FBI review its files to determine if any factual basis existed for these allegations. Mr. Tyler stated that one of these allegations received was that former Congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce had been financing a fishing boat to transport Cuban citizens from Cuba to Miami, Florida. This was in the period of 1960-1961 and Mr. Tyler later stated the time frame was 1961 to 1962. The Captain of the ship allegedly advised Mrs. Luce that Lee Harvey Oswald and others were involved in the infiltration of a communist cell group in that area and had discussed assassination plans with no assassination target identified. Mrs. Luce instructed the Captain to notify the FBI and he later told her that he had done so and was leaving the country. The other allegation was that this same group plotted to use dart guns which fired darts containing fluid intended to cause an individual to act in a peculiar manner. These darts

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Request from Deputy Attorney
General Harold R. Tyler for
Bureau Documents

were to be used against American tourists in France to create the impression it was caused by a strange French malady, thus discouraging tourism and upsetting the international balance of payments. The possibility of using the dart against former French President Charles de Gaulle was discussed.

Based on the information furnished by Deputy Attorney General Tyler, no information was located in Bureau files to show that the Captain of a fishing ship financed by Clare Boothe Luce had reported any information to the Bureau concerning the involvement of Lee Harvey Oswald in any such group as mentioned. By teletype dated 5/17/75 the Dallas, New Orleans, and Miami Offices were instructed to review files and advise if any information was contained therein pertaining to these matters. Miami and Dallas Offices advised no information was contained in their files. New Orleans Office reported it had located an LHM dated 6/19/67 which reported information received from a source, who in turn had received information from another source, that Jose Antonio Lanusa, leader of the Delegation of the Cuban Student Directorate in 1963 had been accused by one of the investigators for James Garrison, Orleans Parish District Attorney, of having known about Oswald's activities prior to the assassination and that this information had been furnished by Clare Boothe Luce. Lanusa denied this. New Orleans Office reported this information, and New Orleans Office has no indication that any interview of Mrs. Luce was ever conducted.

With regard to the poison darts, a representative of the FBI Laboratory advised that it would be theoretically possible to utilize a dart with some type of a bacteriological element on it which might cause some type of an infection; however, the FBI Laboratory has never heard of this being used and has never had any submissions along this line.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Request from Deputy Attorney
General Harold R. Tyler for
Bureau Documents

ACTION:

There are attached for your approval a letter to the
Deputy Attorney General dated 6/5/75 and a memorandum for
transmittal to the Commission on CIA Activities within the
United States.

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- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan

June 5, 1975

The Deputy Attorney General

Director, FBI

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- 1 - Mr. P. V. Daly
- 1 - Mr. J. W. Redfield
- 1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy
- 1 - Mr. J. P. Lee

REQUEST FROM DEPUTY ATTORNEY
GENERAL HAROLD R. TYLER FOR
BUREAU DOCUMENTS

Reference is made to your oral request of May 16, 1975.

You requested information from Bureau files concerning the financing of a fishing boat by former Congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce to transport Cuban citizens from Cuba to Miami, Florida. The Captain of that ship allegedly advised Mrs. Luce that Lee Harvey Oswald and others were involved in infiltration of a communist cell group in that area and had discussed assassination plans. The Captain allegedly informed the FBI and left the country. The allegation was also made that this same group plotted to use dart guns to fire darts containing a fluid intended to cause an individual to act in a peculiar manner. The darts were to be used against American tourists in France to create the impression that it was caused by some strange French malady and thus discourage tourism and upset the international balance of payments. A dart of this nature was possibly to be used against former French President Charles de Gaulle.

In view of the fact that you advised that the Commission on CIA Activities in the United States was making an inquiry into this matter, there is attached a memorandum captioned "Commission on CIA Activities within the United States" which encloses a document in the possession of this Bureau which does contain a reference to Clare Boothe Luce and Cuban refugees. A

Copy of this memorandum and its enclosure are attached for your information.

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The Deputy Attorney General

Based on the information furnished, nothing could be located in the files of the FBI to show that the Captain of a fishing ship financed by Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce had reported any information to this Bureau concerning the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald and others were involved in infiltrating a communist cell group and had discussed assassination plans without identifying the target. Further, there is no information in the files of the FBI concerning the utilization of poison darts by any such group. The FBI Laboratory has reported that it would be theoretically possible to utilize a dart with some type of a bacteriological element on it which might cause an infection of some type; however, the FBI Laboratory has never heard of this being used and has never had any submission along these lines.

This confirms information orally furnished to Deputy Assistant Attorney General K. William O'Connor and Associate Deputy Attorney General Robert McDermott by Special Agent Paul V. Daly of this Bureau on May 19, 1975.

Enclosures

NOTE:

See memorandum W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. R. Wannall, dated 6/2/75, captioned as above, prepared by JPL:wsk.

- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. P. V. Daly

June 8, 1975

- 1 - Mr. J. W. Redfield
- 1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy
- 1 - Mr. J. P. Lee

**COMMISSION ON CIA ACTIVITIES
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES**

Reference is made to the request for information in the possession of this Bureau relating to an allegation that former Congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce had received a report from the Captain of a fishing vessel that Lee Harvey Oswald and others were involved in the infiltration of a communist cell group and had discussed assassination plans. In addition, this group had allegedly plotted to use dart guns firing darts containing fluid intended to cause an individual to act in a peculiar manner. The darts were to be used against American tourists in France and possibly against former President Charles de Gaulle.

A review of this Bureau's files reveals a memorandum dated June 19, 1967, at New Orleans, Louisiana, captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963." A copy of that memorandum is attached. A search of the files of this Bureau based on the information furnished fails to show any information that the Captain of a fishing ship allegedly financed by Clare Boothe Luce had reported any information to this Bureau concerning the activities of Lee Harvey Oswald and others being involved in a communist cell group and had discussed assassination plans.

A search of the files of this Bureau fails to reveal any information concerning a group which plotted to use dart guns which would fire darts containing a fluid intended to cause an individual to act in a peculiar manner.

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NOTE:

See memorandum W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. R. Wannall, dated 6/2/75, captioned "Request from Deputy Attorney General Harold R. Tyler for Bureau Documents," prepared by JPL:usk.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
June 19, 1967

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963

On June 18, 1967, Carlos Quiroga, Cuban exile, 3134 Derby Place, New Orleans, Louisiana appeared at the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and volunteered the following information:

During the past week, Carlos Bringuier, New Orleans Cuban exile leader and key figure in the assassination probe of Orleans Parish District Attorney James Garrison was in Miami, Florida. While there, he met with Jose Antonio Lanusa, who was leader of the Delegation of the Cuban Student Directorate in 1953. Lanusa advised Bringuier that he had received a telephone call from Alberto Fowler, Cuban exile and investigator for Garrison, during which Fowler stated that Garrison will prove that President Kennedy was assassinated by Cuban exiles and that Carlos Bringuier was aware of Oswald's purported affiliation with the Central Intelligence Agency. Fowler also stated that Bringuier and Leo Harvey Oswald had staged their confrontation on Canal Street, New Orleans in August, 1963.

Lanusa also advised that he had been previously contacted (date not indicated) by Mr. Alcock, an investigator of Garrison. Alcock accused Lanusa of having known about Oswald's activities prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. Alcock stated that this information had been furnished by Claire Booth Luce. Lanusa denied this and stated that all he knew about Oswald prior to the assassination had been furnished to him by Carlos Bringuier.

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63

On Thursday, June 15, 1967, Carlos Bringuler happened to meet Alberto Fowler on Canal Street, New Orleans. At this time Fowler stated that the investigation was becoming complicated because Garrison had information that an identical double of Lee Harvey Oswald existed and this individual was a "double agent" of the FBI.

Fowler also stated that Garrison will attempt to make the trial last over a year's period so that further investigation can be conducted and additional evidence entered.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

June 11, 1975

1 - Laboratory Division

EX-108

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Mr. Fred T. Newcomb
14812 McCormick Street
Van Nuys, California 91411

Dear Mr. Newcomb:

This is to acknowledge your letter of
May 15th.

Enclosed is a copy of an FBI Laboratory
report which sets forth the specimens transmitted by
Special Agents Francis O'Neill, Jr., and James W.
Sibert. I trust this document will help clarify any
possible misunderstanding concerning this evidence.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (2)
Attention: Susan M. Hauser

NOTE: The reply and the material sent to requester were coordinated
with the Laboratory Division. Names of Agents are published in
Warren Commission Report.

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Handwritten signatures and initials:
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May 15, 1975

Clarence M. Kelley
Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Kelleys

Lee Harvey Oswald

First, I would like to thank you for your letter of March 20, 1975 and the enclosure, which, contributed much to my understanding of the FBI investigation into this matter.

I have a document from the Warren Commission's files (document enclosed) that lends itself to several interpretations - one which could reflect badly on the FBI. In a November 22, 1963 report of transmittal of ballistics evidence from the autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital to the FBI Laboratory, agent Francis X. O'Neill, Jr., lists a "missile" recovered by the autopsy doctors.

I realize FBI agents Sibert and O'Neill transmitted several tiny bullet fragments to the FBI Lab (CE 843) for examination. Are they referring to these fragments or are they reporting the recovery of a bullet?

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Sincerely,

Fred T. Newcomb

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22 November 1963

From: Francis X. O'SHEA, Jr., Agent FBI
James W. SIBERT, Agent FBI

To: Captain J. H. STUBBS, Jr., Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Medical
School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland

1. To hereby acknowledge receipt of a missile recovered by Commander James
J. STUBBS, MC, USN on this date.

Francis X. O'Shea, Jr.
Francis X. O'SHEA, Jr.
James W. Sibert
James W. SIBERT

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2 - J. A. Mintz
1 - Mr. J. B. Hotis)
1 - Mr. R. E. Gobhardt
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
1 - Mr. V. O. Crogar

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June 27, 1975

**U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE
TO STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITIES (SSC)**

**RE: REQUEST OF SSC FOR ACCESS TO WARREN
COMMISSION DOCUMENTS, ORIGINATED BY
FBI, PRESENTLY WITHHELD FROM RESEARCH**

Reference is made to letter dated May 27, 1975, to the Attorney General from the Chairman of captioned Committee, which requested the FBI to make available Warren Commission documents originated by the FBI, now withheld from research, for review by representatives of SSC.

Upon completion of the review of the 145 documents identified on a "List of Numbered Commission Documents of the Warren Commission Withheld From Research," attached to the request of the SSC, the FBI agrees that appropriately cleared representatives of the SSC may be given access to review the pertinent documents located at the General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D. C. This access is granted with the understanding that no written notes will be made at the time of review and that the SSC may, in writing, request any specific documents of interest to the Committee.

Upon receipt of any request, the documents will be reviewed by the FBI as to any third agency or privacy consideration prior to furnishing the documents to the SSC. When necessary, excisions may be made for above reasons.

1 - Attorney General

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1 - 62-109060 (Warren Commission)

1 - 44-24016 (Ruby)

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U. S. Senate Select Committee
Re: Request of SSC for Access to
Warren Commission Documents,
Originated by FBI, Presently
Withheld from Research

NOTE:

Memorandum from W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. R. Wannall
dated 6/18/75, granted approval.

- 2 - A. Mintz
- 1 - J. B. Hotis
- 1 - R. E. Cobhardt
- 1 - W. R. Wannall

The Attorney General

June 27, 1975

Director, FBI

- 1 - W. O. Cregar

U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

Reference is made to a letter from the SSC dated May 27, 1975, requesting certain documents be made available by the FBI.

Enclosed for your approval and forwarding to the Committee is an original of a memorandum which constitutes a response to the request. A copy of the memorandum is furnished for your record.

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1 - Deputy Attorney General
Attention: K. William O'Connor
Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

- 1 - 105-82555 (Oswald)
- 1 - 62-109060 (Warren Commission)
- 1 - 44-24018 (Ruby)

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Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 7/30/75

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-15823) (RUC)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Re reports of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso, dated 12/20/63 and 1/30/64, captioned as above; and reports of SA DAVID J. REID at El Paso, dated 2/4/64 and 6/9/64 in the case captioned "RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka, ESPIONAGE - X, Bureau File 64-48933.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each, and for Dallas is one copy each of the following 16 communications:

Referenced report, dated 12/20/63.

Referenced report, dated 1/30/64.

Letter of WILLIAM R. MARTIN, dated 6/20/67.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 6/30/67.

Letter of WILLIAM R. MARTIN, dated 9/11/67.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 11/21/68.

Letter of WILLIAM R. MARTIN, dated 11/23/68.

Letter of RICHARD B. POPKIN, dated 6/18/75.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 32) (RM) *ENCLOSURE EC-34 105-82555-5734*
- 1 - Dallas (100-10461) (Enc. 16) (RM) *EX 104*
- 2 - Los Angeles (1 - 65-7445) (RICHARD CASE NAGELL)

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Letter of RICHARD H. POPKIN, dated 6/21/75.

Letter of RICHARD H. POPKIN, dated 6/23/75.

Letter of RICHARD H. POPKIN, dated 6/29/75.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 6/30/75.

Letter of RICHARD H. POPKIN, dated 7/5/75.

Letter of RICHARD H. POPKIN, dated 7/7/75.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 7/9/75.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 7/16/75.

Enclosed 7/16/75 letter is addressed to the Assistant Director in Charge of the Los Angeles Office by RICHARD C. NAGELL. In the letter, NAGELL makes reference to the two referenced reports of the El Paso Office, dated 12/20/63 and 1/30/64 (enclosed) wherein NAGELL is mentioned and which apparently had been obtained from the FBI by Professor RICHARD H. POPKIN, Department of Philosophy, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, California.

In his 7/16/75 letter, NAGELL complained that he had "never authorized the FBI to release any information about me to any private individual or non-official organization."

In addition, NAGELL complained these two El Paso reports in question contained incorrect information about him. He closed his letter by stating "I trust that this will clear up any question concerning the matter that conceivably might be raised in the future".

The writer of instant letter, now assigned to the Los Angeles Office, prepared the El Paso reports in question and well remembers encounters with NAGELL in El Paso, Texas.

The synopsis of referenced report, dated 2/4/64, reads as follows:

LA 105-15823

Background: Subject entered U.S. Army 8/5/48 and honorably discharged as Captain 10/29/59. Received many campaign awards during Korean conflict. Sole survivor airplane crash 11/28/54, suffered facial disfigurement and given psychiatric examination. Subject claimed he was released from employment by State Beverage Department, Los Angeles, California, 6/8/62, having been accused of taking \$20,000 bribe. Subject refused furnish police details of his shooting by unidentified assailant on 7/16/62 and subsequently filed Civil Rights complaint against police. In September, 1962, subject advised U.S. Embassy, Mexico City, he had been approached for recruiting in Mexico City, refused to elaborate, did not desire to return to U.S., was "bitter, disgusted, disillusioned and disaffected." Said if he did go to some other country it would cost U.S. millions, was "through being a good citizen" and thought he had gotten a "dirty deal all around." Advised FBI in New York City on 11/16/62 he wanted to expose Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in California. Advised FBI in Jacksonville, Florida on 12/15/62 he had been approached shortly before in Washington, D.C., by individual believed to be working for Soviets; contacted CIA in Virginia for instructions, was sent to Miami, Florida, by his Soviet contact and said he believed he was actually working for Soviets. Subject's condition diagnosed at Veterans Administration Hospital, Bay Pines, Florida, in January, 1963, as "chronic brain syndrome associated with brain trauma with behavioral reaction characterized by passive, aggressive and paranoid features." Asked FBI in Miami on 1/24/63 if his Cuban or Russian sources gave him a pistol and microfilm would he be permitted to return same to his contact so he could be of further use to U.S. Government. Claimed to be constantly under surveillance. Advised FBI in Los Angeles on 4/19/63 he had taken former wife to court on same date for failure to comply with court order giving subject visitation rights with children. Subject's condition diagnosed by Veterans Administration, Los Angeles, on 6/4/63 as "depression, tearful, nervous, rigid. Would only utter words 'Got to see my kids.'" 3

LA 105-15823

Attempted Bank Robbery: Subject arrested 9/20/63 in El Paso, Texas, on charge of attempting to rob State National Bank, El Paso, same date in violation Section 2113, Title 18, U.S. Code. Slashed wrist night of 9/20/63, felt he needed psychiatric treatment, highly emotional when interviewed, given to spells of crying, stated unable to get on feet since discharge from U.S. Army. Cell mate said subject apparently became member Communist Party during confused period after discharge, decided everything was against him in Los Angeles and made arrangements with Communist Party in Los Angeles to pick up visa and passport from contact in El Paso and eventually end up in Czechoslovakia. Subject reportedly attempted suicide three times enroute to El Paso but lost nerve. Advised FBI in El Paso on 1/6/64 he was instructed by agent of foreign government in September, 1963, to comply with agreement made in May, 1963, to participate in criminal offense against United States or be exposed to FBI, which caused subject to act as he did on 9/20/63. Subject ordered sent to Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, on 1/24/64, by U.S. District Court, El Paso, for 30-day period to undergo psychiatric examination.

Alleged Connection with LEE HARVEY OSWALD: Subsequent to President's assassination, subject claimed acquaintance with OSWALD and wife. On 1/18/64, MARINA OSWALD disclaimed any knowledge of subject. Description and Identification Record: Set out. SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Referenced report dated 6/7/64 contains information obtained from his military record, beginning on page 49. Information is set out therein regarding his health status.

In view of the information set out above, it would seem that NAGELL's appearance before the Church Committee, as suggested in the POPKIN letter, dated 6/18/75, could prove to be embarrassing for that Committee.

No further action is being taken in this matter by the Los Angeles Office.

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9:55PM AUGUST 30, 1975 NITEL RAS

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAN DIEGO

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

AT ABOUT 2:00 PM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1975, ONE "BOB" DUDNEY CALLED THE SAN DIEGO OFFICE ASKING FOR SA KENNETH C. HOVE. HE SAID HE WAS CALLING FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, AND LEFT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER 1-214-744-6266. HE DID NOT RETURN THE CALL TO DALLAS SINCE DUDNEY UNKNOWN TO HIM.

AT ABOUT 6:30 PM, AUGUST 30, SA HOVE CALLED THE DALLAS OFFICE TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF DUDNEY AND WAS INFORMED THE DALLAS DIRECTORY LISTED HIM AS A REPORTER FOR THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD.

SA HOVE WAS AWAY FROM HIS HOME BETWEEN SHORTLY AFTER 2:00 PM AND ABOUT 5:30 PM WHEN HE CAME TO THE SAN DIEGO OFFICE

TO MAKE THE CALL TO DALLAS AS ABOVE. DUDNEY CALLED THE HOVE RESIDENCE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WHILE HOVE AT THE SAN DIEGO OFFICE BUT HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH HIM TO THIS TIME.

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SAN DIEGO OFFICE, HE TOOK A TELEPHONE CALL WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE ^{FOR} HIM FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS "LAYTON ^{OF} THE PHILADELPHIA ENQUIRER." LAYTON SAID, IN ESSENCE, "WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THE DALLS TIMES HERALD IS GOING TO BREAK A STORY TOMORROW MORNING CONCERNING THE OSWALD CASE. IT CONCERNS A VISIT OSWALD IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE MADE TO THE DALLAS FBI OFFICE AND HAVING LEFT SOME SORT OF THREATENING NOTE THERE. YOU ARE MENTIONED IN THE ARTICLE AS HAVING BEEN IN THE DALLAS OFFICE AT THE TIME. CAN YOU VERIFY THIS STORY?"

SA HOVE TOLD LAYTON HE COULD MAKE NO COMMENT ON THE MATTER, THAT FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OSWALD CASE HE WOULD HAVE TO CALL EITHER THE DALLAS OFFICE OR FBI HEAD-QUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. LAYTON DID NOT PRESS THE POINT; HE MERELY SAID THANKS AND TERMINATED THE CALL.

IT IS PRESUMED DUDNEY WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EFFORT TO CONTACT SA HOVE. HE WILL AT THAT TIME BE GIVEN THE SAME ANSWER AND SA HOVE INTENDS MAKING NO COMMENT OF ANY KIND CONCERNING THE MATTER.

SA HOVE TALKED TO ASAC HERBERT GRUBERT AT THE DALLAS

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OFFICE AFTER THE CALL FROM LAYTON, AND ABOVE INFORMATION WAS
ALSO GIVEN TO HIM.

CALLS FROM THE MEDIA RELATIVE THIS MATTER WILL BE
REFERRED WITHOUT COMMENT TO FBIHQ.

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TMA ACK FOR ME FBIHQ CLR

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM DALLAS (100-10461)

ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963.

RE TELECOPIER MESSAGE TO DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR JAMES
B. ADAMS AT 5:15 P.M., SEPTEMBER 4, 1975; AND DALLAS LD CALL
FROM SAC TED L. GUNDERSON, SEPTEMBER 8, 1975.

ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1975, PATROLMAN JAMES M. CHANEY, DALLAS
POLICE DEPARTMENT, DALLAS, TEXAS WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU
AGENTS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED:

CHANEY, ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, WAS ONE OF FOUR OFFICERS
ASSIGNED TO RIDE BESIDE THE AUTOMOBILE BEARING FORMER
PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. CHANEY AND MOTORCYCLE
OFFICER D. L. JACKSON WERE ASSIGNED TO RIDE ON THE PRESIDENT'S
RIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY THE LOCATION OF THE REAR WHEEL ON
THE CAR. MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS B. J. MARTIN AND BOBBY HARGIS

WERE ASSIGNED TO RIDE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CAR AT
APPROXIMATELY THE LEFT REAR WHEEL. EIGHT OFFICERS
WERE ASSIGNED TO LEAD THE MOTORCADE IN FRONT OF A CAR
OCCUPIED BY CHIEF OF POLICE JESSE CURRY, SHERIFF BILL DECKER,

*Yvonne Cooke to Dallas,
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Sergeant to Dallas
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AND SECRET SERVICE AGENT IN CHARGE, FORREST SORRELS.

CHANNEY ADVISED AS THE MOTORCADE TURNED OFF HOUSTON STREET ONTO ELM STREET AND PROCEEDED WEST ON ELM STREET, HE (CHANNEY) WAS APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO SIX FEET FROM THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHT SHOULDER. OFFICER D. L. JACKSON WAS ON CHANNEY'S RIGHT AND PARALLEL WITH HIM. AS THE PRESIDENT'S CAR PASSED THE TEXAS SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY, CHANNEY HEARD A NOISE AS THOUGH A MOTORCYCLE HAD BACKFIRED AND CHANNEY LOOKED TO HIS LEFT AT THE TWO OFFICERS RIDING ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE PRESIDENT'S CAR. WITHIN A MATTER OF A FEW SECONDS, CHANNEY HEARD ANOTHER NOISE AND HE LOOKED TO THE RIGHT IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHAT THE NOISE WAS AND WHERE IT WAS COMING FROM. CHANNEY SAID THE NOISE SOUNDED LIKE A MOTORCYCLE BACKFIRED OR THE NOISE FROM A FIRECRACKER. CHANNEY SAID WHEN HE HEARD THE SECOND NOISE FROM BEHIND HIM, HE WAS SURE IT WAS NOT ONE OF THE OTHER MOTORCYCLES AS THE NOISE DID NOT COME FROM THEIR IMMEDIATE

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AREA. AT THIS POINT, CHANEY AGAIN FACED TOWARD THE FRONT SO HE WOULD NOT COLLIDE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S VEHICLE AND HE LOOKED AT THE PRESIDENT JUST AS A THIRD NOISE WAS HEARD AT WHICH TIME HE SAW THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD "EXPLODE." CHANEY SAID AT THIS TIME HE REALIZED THESE WERE GUNSHOTS AND HE WAS POSITIVE ALL NOISES HE HEARD WERE COMING FROM BEHIND HIM. HE WAS POSITIVE NONE OF THE NOISES HE HEARD HAD COME FROM THE SIDE OF THE MOTORCADE OR FROM IN FRONT OF THE MOTORCADE. HE SAID THE NOISES FROM THE SHOTS WERE PRETTY EVENLY SPACED, COMING MOMENTS APART.

WHEN THE THIRD SHOT HIT THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD, THE MOTORCADE HESITATED MOMENTARILY AND DURING THIS TIME ONE OF THE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS JUMPED FROM THE SECRET SERVICE CAR FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT AND JUMPED ON THE BACK OF THE PRESIDENT'S CAR.

CHANEY SAID HE IMMEDIATELY RODE UP TO THE CAR OCCUPIED BY CHIEF CURRY AND SOMEONE IN THE CAR ASKED HIM HOW BAD IT WAS AND CHANEY SAID "BAD." SOMEONE IN THE CAR GAVE ORDERS TO PROCEED TO PARKLAND HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY.

CHANEY SAID HE THEN SPED HIS MOTORCYCLE THROUGH THE

OFFICERS WHO WERE LEADING THE MOTORCADE WHO WERE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FEET AHEAD OF THE MOTORCADE TELLING THOSE OFFICERS TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S CAR. CHANEY SAID HE THEN LED THE PRESIDENT'S CAR TO PARKLAND HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS THE FIRST ONE TO ARRIVE. CHANEY JUMPED FROM HIS MOTORCYCLE, RAN INTO THE HOSPITAL, AND ORDERED ONE STRETCHER TO BE BOUGHT OUT, NOT KNOWING GOVERNOR CONNALLY HAD ALSO BEEN INJURED. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE PRESIDENT'S CAR ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL AND THE WOUNDED WERE REMOVED FROM THE CAR BY HOSPITAL PERSONNEL.

CHANEY ADVISED AS THE MOTORCADE APPROACHED THE TEXAS SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY, HE NOTED NOTHING OF A SUSPICIOUS NATURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDING, NOR THE APPEARANCE OF THE BUILDING. CHANEY SAID WHEN THE FIRST NOISE WAS HEARD, THERE WAS A LITTLE WONDERING ON HIS PART AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE NOISE, BUT HE SAID THE NOISE DEFINITELY DID NOT COME FROM IN FRONT OF THE MOTORCADE. HE STATED THAT WAS THE REASON HE GLANCED TO HIS LEFT AT THE OTHER TWO OFFICERS THINKING POSSIBLY IT WAS FROM A BACKFIRE FROM ONE OF THE MOTORCYCLES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CAR.

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LEADING THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, WERE DALLAS MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS SERGEANT S.Q. BELLAM, J.B. BARRICK, G.C. MC BRIDE, SGT. STAVIS ELLIS, L.E. GRAY, E.D. BREVER, V.G. LUMPKIN, AND H.R. FREEMAN.

DALLAS FILES AND THE WARRANT COMMISSION REPORT FAILED TO INDICATE THAT ANY OF THESE OFFICERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF E.D. BREVER, HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED AS WITNESSES IN THE ASSASSINATION.

OFFICER E.D. BREVER WAS NOT INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS, BUT WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AT DALLAS ON APRIL 9, 1964.

OF THOSE OFFICERS ADJACENT TO THE PRESIDENT'S CAR AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION, OFFICER MARGIS HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THE DALLAS OFFICE AS AN ASSASSINATION WITNESS, BUT HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AT DALLAS ON APRIL 8, 1964. OFFICER B.J. MARTIN HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AS A WITNESS TO THE ASSASSINATION, BUT HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AT DALLAS ON APRIL 3, 1964.

CHANEY ADVISED THAT MOTORCYCLE OFFICER D.L. JACKSON HAS

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NEVER BEEN INTERVIEWED REGARDING HIS OBSERVATIONS AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION. DALLAS FILES AND THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT FAIL TO INDICATE THAT JACKSON HAS EVER BEEN INTERVIEWED AS WITNESS BY BUAGENTS OR BY WARREN COMMISSION. CHANEY STATED THAT JACKSON HAS RETAINED NOTES MADE BY HIM FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION AS TO HIS OBSERVATIONS.

FOLLOWING BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S CAR WERE MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS SERGEANT ROBERT SMART, B.J. DALE, H.B. MC LAIN, J.V. COURSON, CLYDE A. HAYGOOD AND M.L. BAKER.

DALLAS FILES AND THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT FAIL TO INDICATE THAT OFFICERS SMART, DALE, MC LAIN, AND COURSON HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS OR BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WARREN COMMISSION AS WITNESSES.

OFFICER M.L. BAKER WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AT DALLAS FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION, MAINLY BECAUSE HE OBSERVED OSVALD IN THE SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION. IN AN AFFIDAVIT FURNISHED TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DALLAS COUNTY SO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION, BAKER TOLD OF HEARING THE SHOTS AND ENTERING THE SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION. BAKER TESTIFIED BEFORE WARREN COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 26, 1964.

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OFFICER CLYDE A. HAYGOOD WAS NOT INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS, BUT HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AT DALLAS ON APRIL 9, 1964.

CHANEY STATED HE HIMSELF DID NOT COME FORWARD AS A WITNESS FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION BECAUSE HE FELT HE WOULD BE TELLING THE "CHIEF" (REFERRING TO CHIEF CURRY) HOW TO RUN HIS BUSINESS. CHANEY STATED THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED OFFICIALLY BY ANYONE REGARDING HIS ASSASSINATION OBSERVATIONS.

IN VIEW OF THE PERTINENT LOCATION OF MOTORCYCLE OFFICER P.L. JACKSON, WHO WAS LOCATED AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S RIGHT IN THE MOTORCADE, AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT JACKSON HAS RETAINED DETAILED NOTES REGARDING HIS OBSERVATIONS DURING THE ASSASSINATION, IT IS RECOMMENDED OFFICER JACKSON BE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY AS A WITNESS TO THE ASSASSINATION. AS INDICATED ABOVE, DALLAS FILES AND THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT FAILED TO INDICATE THAT JACKSON HAS EVER BEEN INTERVIEWED AS A WITNESS TO THE ASSASSINATION. JACKSON IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT. (P)

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TO SAC DALLAS (100-10461)

FROM DIRECTOR (105-82555) - 5736

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

REDTEL 9/8/75.

DALLAS, IN THE INTEREST OF THOROUGHNESS, INTERVIEW OFFICER D. L. JACKSON.

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TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 9/2/75

FROM : D. W. Moore

SUBJECT: MARTIN RALBOVSKY
 REPORTER
 HOUSTON CHRONICLE
 LEE HARVEY OSWALD
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Enclosed herewith is an article published in the Houston Chronicle dated 9/1/75, by Martin Ralbovsky in which he relates that the FBI and the Dallas Police Department covered up in 1964 a conversation indicating that the Bureau had knowledge that Lee Harvey Oswald was a threat to President Kennedy. It was also reported that the Warren Commission, which investigated the assassination, did not fully check into the alleged conversation by a Dallas police officer and an FBI Agent when the Commission learned of it in May of 1964.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information.

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To: DIRECTOR (ATTN: TOM HARRINGTON)

Date: SEPT. 2, 1975

From: SAC, HOUSTON (62-2115)

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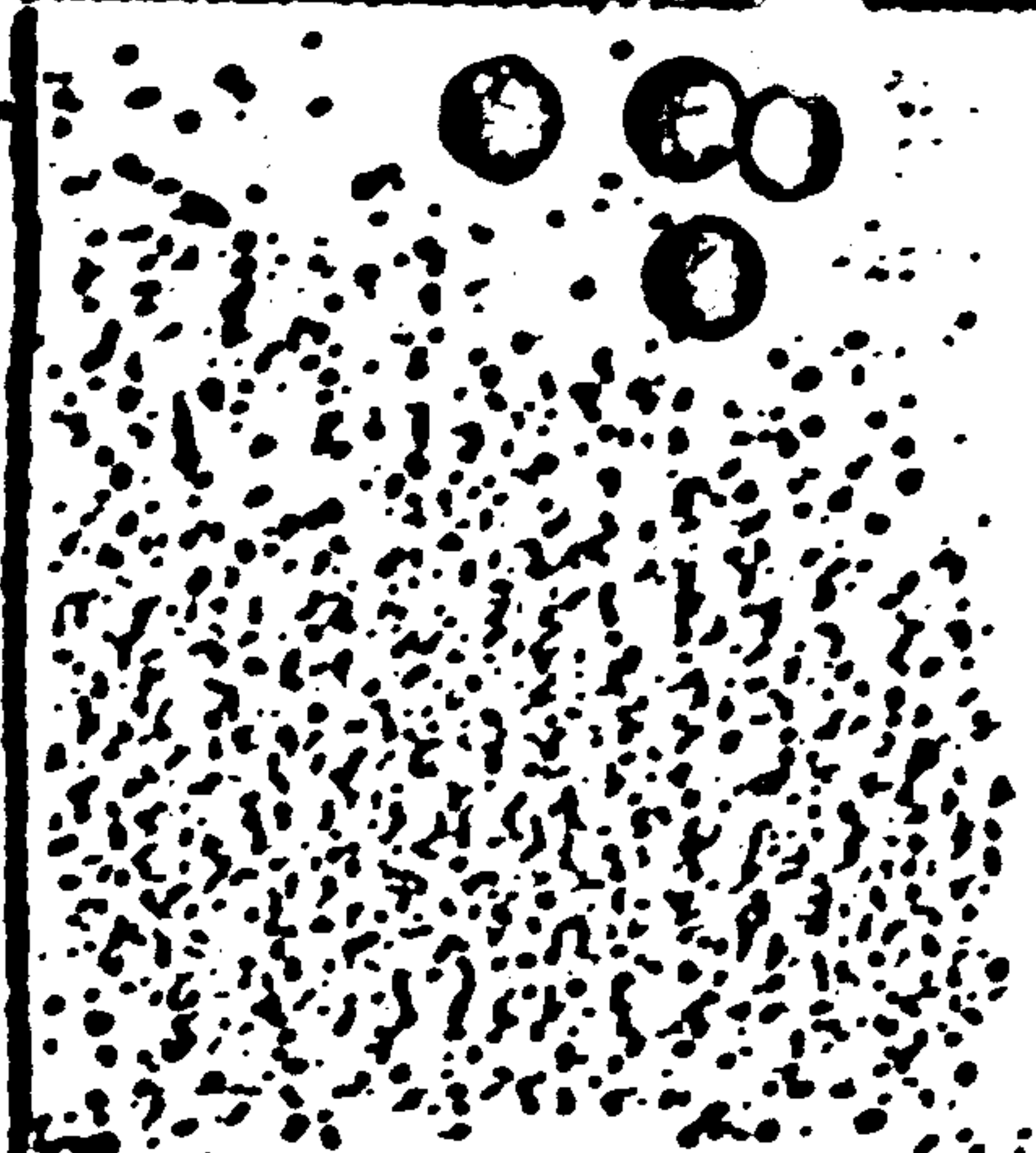
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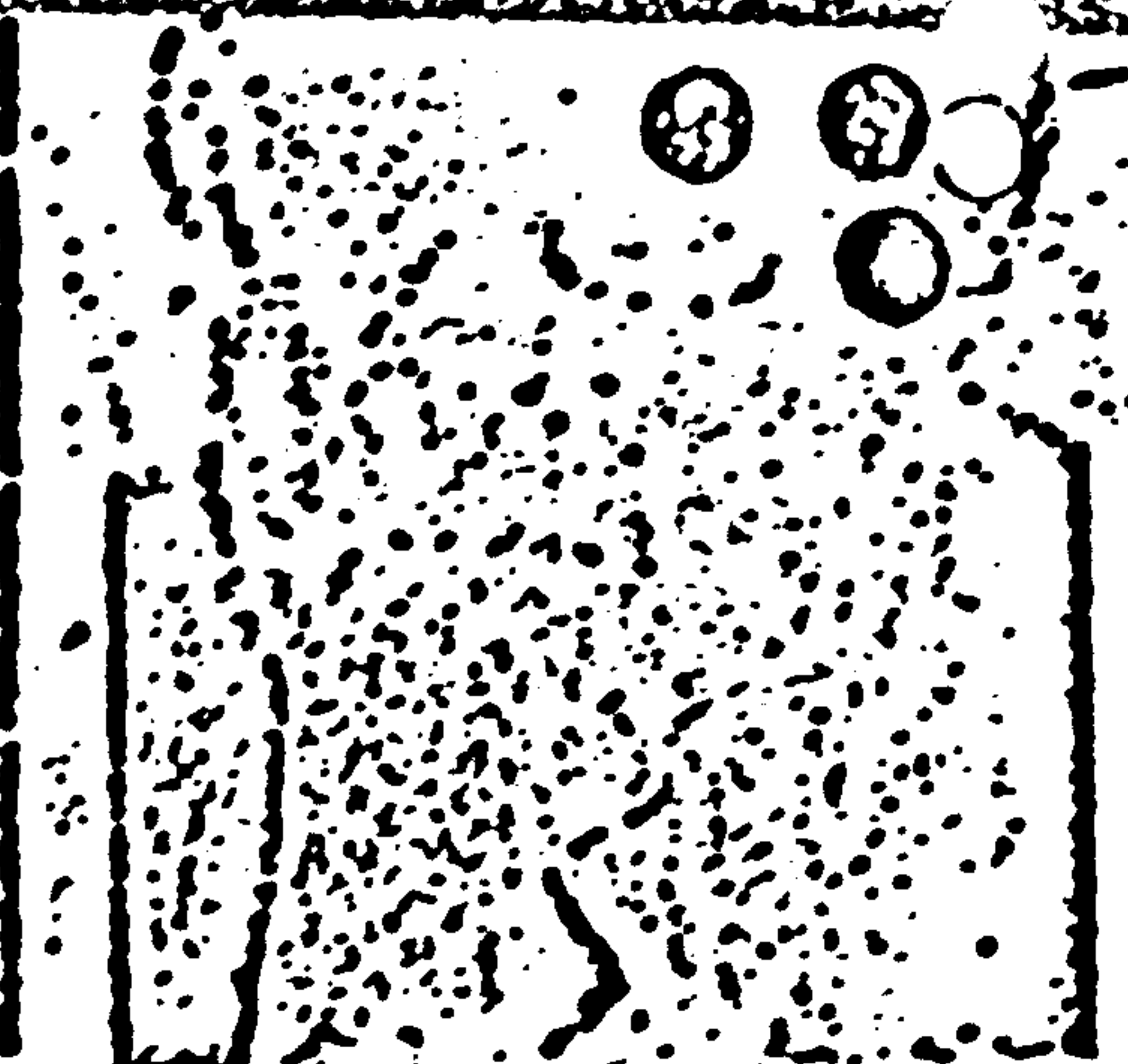
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LEE HARVEY OSWALD



JESSE CURRY



JACK REVILL (1971 5-20)

FBI Covered Up Knowing Oswald Could Kill JFK

BY MARTIN MALDOVSKY
Chronicle Staff
ONE HOUR SPECIAL

The FBI in Dallas and the Dallas Police Department suppressed for at least five months a written statement which quoted an FBI agent as saying the FBI had advance information that Lee Harvey Oswald was capable of assassinating President Kennedy.

After Dallas Police Chief Jesse Curry finally told of his role in the cover-up in a registered, confidential letter to Chief Justice Earl Warren on May 23, 1964, the Warren Commission dropped the matter without investigating further.

The written statement, which was kept locked in a desk at the Dallas Police Department, was made by Dallas Police Lt. Jack Revill, who said an FBI agent James Harty told him a few hours after Kennedy was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, that the FBI had advance information that Oswald was capable of committing the crime.

Police Chief Curry said in his letter to Justice Warren that he instructed Revill to keep his statement confidential after he was asked to by J. Gordon Shanklin, special agent in charge of the Dallas FBI office at the time.

22, 1964, Revill and Harty were summoned to testify.

Revill stood by his statement. Harty denied that the FBI had information that Oswald was capable of killing the President. The Warren Commission dismissed it all as a disagreement between the two men "about the conversation which took place between them."

Curry, now, recalling the Revill statement, said:

"There's no doubt in my mind that his (Shanklin's) agent told my agent (Revill) what he did."

After Oswald was captured, Curry said, FBI agent Harty was quoted as saying: "Lee Harvey Oswald. That son-of-a-bitch we know him. We got him in our files. We've been talking to him."

Curry said that if the FBI had told him about Oswald at the time, "I'd have had somebody sitting on him."

The documents of the Revill statement and the five-month cover-up are among the papers of the Texas Court of Enquiry, which existed from Nov. 23, 1963, to Oct. 4, 1964, and are now in the Texas State Archives in Austin.

The Court of Enquiry was established by President Lyndon Johnson on the day Kennedy was buried and it ultimately operated in a supplemental role to the

attorney general of Texas, and included attorneys Leon Jantrel of Houston and Robert Stacy of Dallas.

According to papers in the archives, which include copies of the correspondence among Curry, Warren and Warren's chief counsel, J. Lee Rankin, the cover-up of the FBI's advance knowledge that Oswald was a threat to Kennedy began a few hours after Kennedy was assassinated and Oswald was arrested by police inside a Dallas movie theater.

The papers reveal the following sequence of events:

At 2:50 p.m., less than 7 1/2 hours after Kennedy was shot, Revill ran into Harty, the FBI agent, in the basement of the Dallas City Hall. Harty told Revill that the FBI was aware of Oswald being in Dallas and the Bureau had information that Oswald was capable of assassinating the President of the United States.

Revill immediately reported Harty's remarks to his superior, Capt. W. P. Carraway, who ordered Revill to find out what Harty had said down on paper. Revill did this by the statement to a police stenographer, who made two copies of it.

One of the copies was immediately sent to Curry. In his letter to Warren, six months later, Curry wrote: "When I received the report, I immediately re-

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had the gravity and seriousness of the information it contained. Before testimony I stated that I had received information that the FBI knew of Oswald's presence in Dallas and that the Dallas Police Department had no information on Oswald in its files. This statement was based on the report of Lt. Revill.

Within minutes after Curry delivered his statement, Shanklin was on the phone to Curry. In Curry's letter to Warren, he wrote: "I received a telephone call from Mr. Gordon Shanklin in which Mr. Shanklin stated that the Bureau was extremely certain that I retract my statement to the press."

Curry did write in his letter to Warren: "I then appeared before the press again and retracted my statement to this extent: I state that if my own personal knowledge I did not know that the FBI knew of Oswald's presence in Dallas."

At neither of Curry's press briefings, however, did he reveal the other half of Revill's statement — that Agent Hasty told Revill the FBI had information that Oswald was capable of assassinating the President.

After making his retraction, Curry (according to his letter to Warren) then instructed Revill to keep his statement confidential. Curry wrote to Warren explaining that Revill, in compliance with his instructions, kept his copy of the statement in his desk drawer and kept it there for the next five months.

Revill, in an interview with the Chronicle last week, said he did not personally keep the statement in his desk, but that he turned it over to a police captain and never saw it again. He said he had forgotten about it until Curry delivered it to the Warren Commission.

The Revill statement was revealed first when Curry personally delivered it to the Warren Commission on April 22, 1964.

A month later, on May 21, 1964, President Kennedy's commission counsel, wrote a confidential letter to Curry and asked him why it took so long for the statement to reach the Warren Commission.

Curry acknowledged Revill and wrote his registered confidential letter directly to Warren dated May 22, 1964, in which he admitted that he had suppressed the statement at the request of Shanklin of the FBI.

There is no record in the archives that Warren, Rankin or anyone else from the Warren Commission answered Curry's letter.

Today, 11 years later, Curry says the Warren Commission "probably heard about it."

Hasty, the FBI agent quoted in the Revill statement as saying the Bureau had information that Oswald was a potential assassin, is still with the Bureau and based in Kansas City. He refused to discuss any aspect of the Kennedy assassination in a recent interview with the Chronicle and referred all questions to FBI headquarters in Washington.

Hasty said, "I'm still with the Bureau. I like my job. I can't say anything about anything."

But in his testimony before the Warren Commission on May 2, 1964, the following exchange took place between Hasty and John McCloy, a member of the commission:

McCloy: "Don't you think the combination of the fact that you know Oswald was lying and that he was a defector and that he had his record with the Fair Play for Cuba, that he might be involved in some activities that would be not necessarily violent, he was a dangerous security risk?"

Hasty: "He was a security risk of a sort, but not the type of person who would engage in violence. That would be the likelihood."

Shanklin, now an attorney in Dallas, having refused from the FBI recently, said:

"I don't know what he's (Curry) talking about. Why would I have called him? Yeah, O.K., so many things happened on that day. I may have called Curry about one thing or another, but I don't remember calling him to tell him to suppress anything. I don't know what he's talking about."

"I'm gonna have to call Washington on this."

Revill, now in the tactical division of the Dallas Police Department, said he stands by his statement to this day.

"You let it do it happened. I know it happened, and Hasty knows it happened. Hasty is a friend of mine or at least he was. I intended to do it at the time, write it down like that, because I knew Hasty would get excited. It's tragic the way he was deceived by the Bureau."

Curry, now a vice-president in charge of security at a Dallas bank, recalled in an interview with the Chronicle his conversation with Shanklin nearly 11 years ago.

"His words were, 'Jesus, you got to retract that damn thing or I'm back' or words to that effect. You know, that I couldn't get me to retract the statement that they'd (the FBI) take some action against him."

"I'm more than made the statement (to the media) in the hall of the city hall probably. I'd say, 250 feet from my office, and I walked on down the hall and by the time I got to my office, he (the late J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief) had already been on the telephone from Washington and talked to Shanklin, and Shanklin was waiting to talk to me, telling me, you know, that I was gonna have to retract that statement."

When asked if he would have released the full text of Revill's statement, if he had it to do over again today, he answered:

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"I probably would have even though I'd know it would make the FBI mad as hell because I had confidence in my lieutenant that gave me the information and it was checked out and found to be true so there was enough evidence there to carry out the fact the FBI did know something about Harvey Oswald."

Curry said, "We had about a dozen and a half people under surveillance that day. We thought they would do something to embarrass him (Kennedy). Three things at him or something. I didn't think anybody would try to kill him."

"Had they told me at that time there was a guy named Lee Harvey Oswald, who'd been raising a little hell down here in New Orleans, and somebody ought to keep an eye on him, I'd a had somebody sitting on him."

"I'd a found out more about him and I'd a had somebody sitting up on the 6th floor with him, or I'd a kept him out of the building. But not knowing anything about him why, we didn't do anything. All these we were the least bit suspicious about, we had somebody with them that day."

Warren Cunningham crossed Florida, now an attorney in New York City, was unavailable.

Following is a reproduction of then Dallas police chief Jesse Curry's letter to Chief Justice Earl Warren explaining Curry's role in the coverage of Lt. Jack Revill's statement that FBI agent James Hosty told him the FBI had information that Lee Harvey Oswald was capable of assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

May 28, 1964

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CONFIDENTIAL

The Honorable Earl Warren, Chairman
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20032

Dear Sirs:

In a letter to me dated May 21, 1964, Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, raised several points concerning Lieutenant Jack Revill's report of November 22, 1963, on his conversation with FBI Agent James Hosty on that date.

The first question posed by Mr. Rankin was why Lieutenant Revill's report was not made known to the Commission prior to my appearance before that group. When I received the report on November 22, 1963, I immediately realized the gravity and seriousness of the information it contained. On that date, before newsmen, I stated that I had received information that the FBI knew of Oswald's presence in Dallas and that the Dallas Police Department had no information on Oswald in its files. This statement was based on the report of Lieutenant Revill.

Within a few minutes of my statement to the press, I received a telephone call from Mr. Gordon Shanklin, Special Agent in charge of the Dallas Office of the FBI, in which Mr. Shanklin stated that the Bureau was extremely desirous that I retract my statement to the press. I then appeared before the press again, and retracted my statement to this extent: I stated that "of my own personal knowledge" I did not know that the FBI knew of Oswald's presence in Dallas, and that if they did they were under no obligation to the Dallas Police Department to pass on the information.

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After the appointment of the Warren Commission, I was reasonably sure I would appear before that body, so I decided to present the report, personally, at the time of my appearance. I felt that the Commission would probably like for the statement to be notarized, so I had this done on April 7, 1964.

Mr. Rankin's next question concerned the date that the report was placed in the Intelligence Unit's files. I instructed Lieutenant Revill to keep this report confidential. He said that after his copy was returned to him, he kept it locked in his desk drawer until after I returned from Washington where I delivered the report to the Commission. He then placed his report in the files.

Mr. Rankin further asked if I knew of any additional information in the possession of the Dallas Police Department that had not been made available to the Commission. I know of no such information.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Curry

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Chief of Police

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Hon. Waggoner Carr
Attorney General of Texas

Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel, President's Commission

The Deputy Attorney General
(Attention: Michael E. Shaheen,
Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination)
Director, FBI

HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL
AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

- Mr. Adams
- Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- September 18, 1975
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Cregar
- 1 - Mr. Daly
- 1 - Mr. Hotis

We were recently advised by Alan Parker, Chief Counsel for the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, that the Subcommittee will hold hearings at the earliest opportunity on matters relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Among the matters to be considered by the Subcommittee are allegations that the Bureau's Office in Dallas was alerted to the possibility of an assassination attempt several days prior to the assassination and a threatening note received by that Office from Lee Harvey Oswald was destroyed. Since these charges are presently being investigated by this Bureau and may be referred to the Department for a prosecutive opinion, we think it is inappropriate to discuss them before the Subcommittee at this time. In the alternative, it is suggested that we brief Chairman Edwards in a general manner on this subject.

Chairman Edwards said he intends to hold hearings as soon as we are prepared to testify. Accordingly, an early expression of your views on this matter will be appreciated.

NOTE: See Legal Counsel to Mr. Adams memorandum dated 9-17-75, captioned "House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary."

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TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

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FROM : Legal Counsel *JBA*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

On 9-16-75 Alan Parker, Chief Counsel for the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, advised Inspector Hotis that the Subcommittee will hold hearings at the earliest opportunity on matters relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Parker said that Chairman Edwards does not want to reopen the assassination inquiry, but he feels that the Committee must address certain questions that have been raised concerning the alleged destruction of a threatening note received by the Dallas Office from Lee Harvey Oswald in November, 1963, and the Bureau's relationship with Jack Ruby. Among the matters to be examined by the Committee are allegations that the Bureau's Office in Dallas was alerted to the possibility of an assassination attempt at least five to ten days prior to the assassination. In addition, the Bureau reportedly told the Warren Commission that we had no knowledge of Jack Ruby prior to the assassination, nor did we have any information indicating that he was connected with organized crime. And yet, it is alleged that the Bureau had contacted Ruby on nine different occasions in an attempt to recruit him as an informant. Parker said it was his understanding that these contacts were discontinued when Ruby failed to provide any useful information to the Bureau. It is also claimed that Ruby, who was then known as Jack Rubenstein, was involved in a union killing in 1939. Parker said that these charges raise serious questions about Ruby's relationship with the Bureau and with elements in organized crime. Finally, Parker said that if a threatening note was, in fact, received from Oswald, the Committee wants to know what the note contained and why it was destroyed. He said this seems to contradict the testimony by Mr. Kelley before the Subcommittee earlier this year in which he stated that the Bureau does not destroy investigative information.

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TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 10-2-75

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

On 9-30-75 Deputy Associate Director - Assistant to the Director James B. Adams met with Chairman Peter Rodino, House Committee on the Judiciary, and Chairman Don Edwards, House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, to brief the Chairmen on certain allegations that have been made regarding the Bureau's investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Also present at the meeting were: Inspector John B. Hostis, Earl C. Dudley, Jr., Chief Counsel, House Judiciary Committee, and Alan Parker, Chief Counsel, House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

Mr. Adams reviewed the allegations concerning the alleged destruction of a note left by Lee Harvey Oswald with a receptionist of the Dallas FBI Office prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. He said the Bureau has conducted a thorough investigation in this matter and has interviewed all of the alleged participants. Mrs. Nan Fenner, who was the receptionist at the time, said she was given a letter by Oswald which was to be delivered to SA James P. Hosty, Jr. Oswald had been the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau and the case was assigned to Mr. Hosty. Mrs. Fenner said the envelope was not sealed and she noted the contents of the letter. She said it contained a threat to blow up the FBI and Dallas police departments "if you don't stop bothering my wife." SA Hosty denies the letter contained a threat saying it stated only if he (Hosty) did not stop bothering Oswald's wife he would take action and report the matter to the proper authorities. Kenneth C. Howe, who was Hosty's immediate supervisor at the time,

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said that he found the note from Oswald in Hosly's workbox some time after the assassination and immediately referred it to J. Gordon Shanklin, who was SAC of the Dallas Office. Mr. Shanklin has stated under oath he has no knowledge of such note.

Mr. Adams said the Bureau has completed its investigation in this matter and a report will be submitted shortly to the Department of Justice for prosecutive opinion. (This report was submitted to the Attorney General by letter dated 10-1-75.) Until that determination is made, Mr. Adams said, he thinks it would be inappropriate for Congress to hold public hearings on the matter. Chairman Rodino agreed, saying he would give the Department a reasonable period of time to make its decision. He said it is essential, however, that the allegations be resolved and that hearings will be held by the full Judiciary Committee or by Mr. Edwards Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

Mr. Adams also discussed the allegations made by William S. Walter, former clerical employee of the Bureau, who claims that a teletype was sent to all FBI Field Offices alerting them to the possibility an attempt would be made to assassinate President Kennedy on 11-22-63. Mr. Adams pointed out that this allegation was thoroughly investigated by the Bureau in 1968 and no evidence was developed to support it. A comprehensive review has been made of all FBI files and there is no record of any such teletype. He said that when Mr. Walter was first interviewed in this matter by the SAC of the Jacksonville Office, he denied having made this statement or having seen such a teletype. He later changed his story and told other officials he had seen such a teletype and had probably notified his Special Agent in Charge. Mr. Adams said that a polygraph examination of Mr. Walter was inconclusive although one examiner stated that there was some indications of deception. He said it is not possible at this time to determine whether this is a hoax or whether Mr. Walter sincerely believes that such a teletype exists. He said Mr. Walter may have in mind a teletype that was sent to all Field Offices after the assassination requesting that all logical sources be contacted in this matter and the Bureau be promptly advised. Mr. Adams also pointed out that the supposed text of the teletype was not consistent with the terminology normally employed in such Bureau communications. He said, for example, that the terms

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CIs and PCIs were used instead of the normal wording "all logical informants and sources." He also said that no mention would have been made of FD-302s or letterhead memorandum and the Bureau would have instructed that any information substantiating this threat would be provided the Bureau telephonically and with appropriate dissemination made.

With regard to the charge that Mr. Hoover lied under oath to the Commission when he stated that Jack Ruby was not an FBI informant, Mr. Adams pointed out that three letters were sent by the Director to the Warren Commission in this matter. The letters indicated that Ruby was contacted on nine occasions by Agents of the Dallas Office to determine whether he was willing to furnish information to the Bureau regarding criminal matters. These contacts were discontinued when Ruby failed to provide any useful information. As to Ruby's alleged involvement in the union killing in 1939, Mr. Adams said that these allegations were made a matter of record in the Warren Commission Report. He showed an exhibit in the Commission Report to Mr. Parker which is an FBI investigative insert containing information that a review of the records of the Chicago Police Department did not reflect any reference to Jack Ruby or Jack Rubenstein or to the murder of Leon Cook. The Commission exhibit also contains the results of a check of the records of the newspaper morgue of the Chicago Tribune by the FBI in 1963. The article states that much of the information about this matter came from Jack Rubenstein on 12-9-39.

At the close of the meeting, Chairman Rodino expressed concern over the Department's failure to respond to his letter of June 25th to the Attorney General concerning the verification and access procedures used by GAO in its study of the Bureau's domestic intelligence activities. The Chairman said it is essential the matter be resolved and in the absence of any word from the Department his Committee may issue subpoenas for the necessary documents.

Prior to the briefing, Inspector Hollis contacted Doug Marvin, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, to determine whether

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any reply to the Chairman's letter would be forthcoming. Mr. Marvin said they had decided not to respond to the letter since it would be a moot question after GAO had completed its study. He later furnished a draft of a proposed response (copy attached) which would be available as a contingency in the event a subpoena is issued. Mr. Marvin asked for our informal views on this latest compromise proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Intelligence Division review the proposed letter to Chairman Rodino regarding access and verification procedures by GAO.

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 10/6/75

FROM : J. B. ADAMS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TESTIMONY BY HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND HOUSE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS SUBCOMMITTEE, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

I previously advised of the briefing given Chairmen Rodino and Edwards on the Oswald matter and that Chairman Rodino requested that the Department be advised that any criminal liability aspects should be resolved at the earliest opportunity in order that further consideration could be given to public hearings on the matter.

I advised Assistant Attorney General Uhlmann, Office of Legislative Affairs, on 10/2/75 of this request by Rodino and I advised Deputy Attorney General Tyler on 10/3/75 of the request. I informed both that our report on the matter had been delivered to the Department and it would be most desirable to get this matter resolved at the earliest possible time. Both are also aware that Mrs. Abzug has requested hearings on the same subject.

The Legal Counsel Division should follow on this matter pursuant to the discussion held at the Executives Conference on the morning of 10/2/75.

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TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *Wannall*

DATE: 10/20/75

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan *Branigan*

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Oswald first came to the Bureau's attention on October 31, 1959, when a news clipping indicated he had held a press conference in Moscow during which he advised he had applied to renounce his American citizenship and become a Soviet citizen. A check was initiated with the Office of Naval Intelligence which showed that he had enlisted in the Marine Corps on October 24, 1956, and was released to inactive duty on September 11, 1959. Subsequently, in May, 1962, State Department advised that Oswald was still an American citizen, but had become a Soviet citizen and both had exit permits to leave the USSR.

On May 31, 1962, the Bureau instructed that Dallas interview Oswald in detail upon his arrival. He returned to Fort Worth, Texas, on June 14, 1962, and was interviewed by Bureau Agents on June 26, 1962. He declined to answer the question as to why he had made his trip to Russia; he denied that he had ever been a member of the Communist Party; he claimed that he was not recruited at any time by Soviet intelligence; and had made no deals with the Soviets to obtain permission to return to the United States.

Oswald was reinterviewed on August 16, 1962, and he advised that he had made contact with the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., to advise them of his wife's current address. He declined to answer questions as to why he went to the Soviet Union stating he considered this "nobody's business."

An article in a New Orleans newspaper, August 13, 1963, indicated that Oswald had been sentenced to pay a fine.

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