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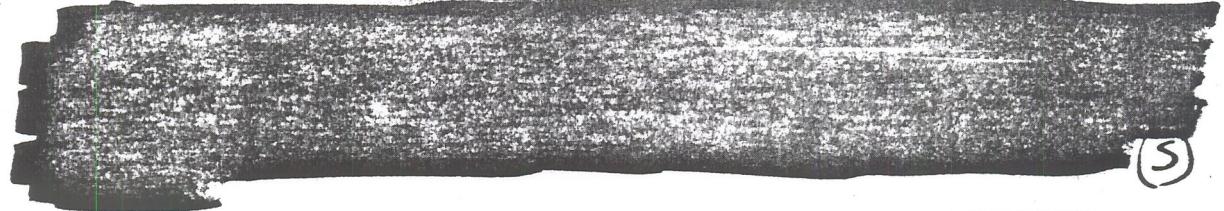
April 6, 1984

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
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The President's Commission  
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Washington, D. C.

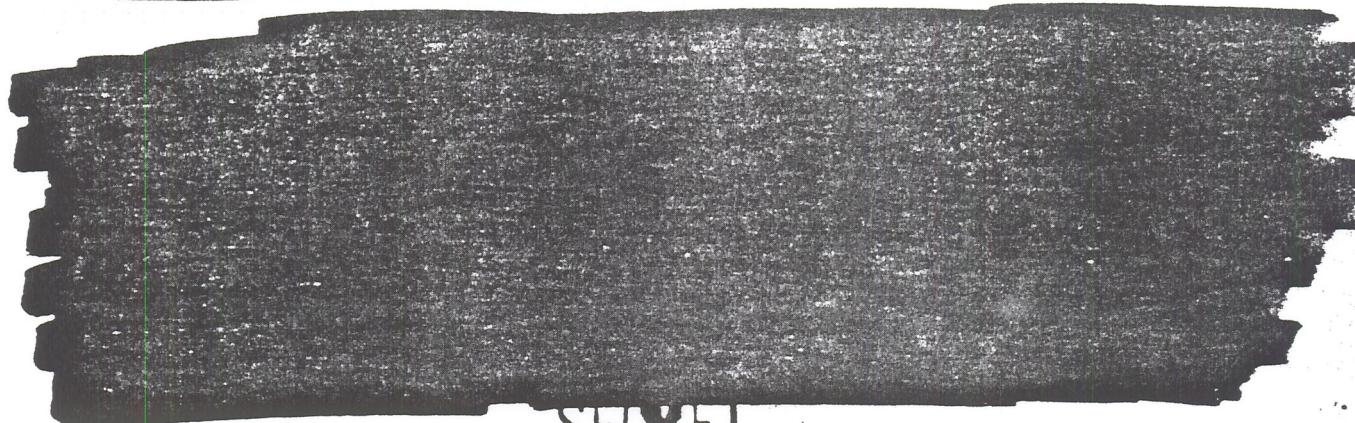
Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 23, 1984, which transmitted certain questions pertaining to the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of President Kennedy and requested a reasoned response to these questions. Our response to these questions which do not involve classified information is being furnished to you by separate communication. Those questions which involve (u) classified information are answered below:

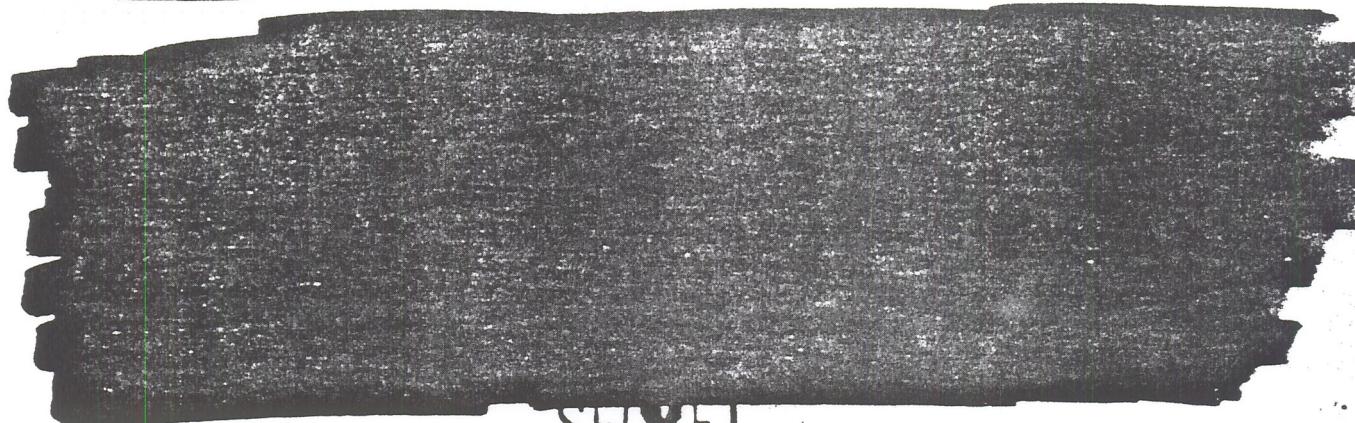
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✓ 29. QUESTION: Did Si Besty state to anyone on November 22, 1963 that Oswald had contacted two known subversive agents about 15 days before the assassination, but that the entire information was Top Secret? If so, to what did (U) Si Besty refer?

ANSWER: Si Besty does not recall making such a statement on November 23, 1963, or at any other time, inasmuch as he was not in possession of any information to the effect that Oswald had been in touch with two subversives within 15 days prior to the President's assassination. (U)

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Ed Fosdy does recall that he advised Mr. Corrals of Secret Service on November 22, 1963, that the FBI had information on Oswald which he was not free to furnish Corrals, as it was Top Secret but Secret Service Headquarters could obtain the information from FBI Headquarters in Washington. In this connection, Fosdy had in mind the information that Oswald had been in touch with the Soviet Embassy in Washington and Mexico City. (S)

Sincerely yours,

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