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# Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-10461)

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
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DATE: 8/28/64

This is all pretty  
late in the game

Inspector MALLEY called today and inquired concerning the rifle in question. He wanted to know if when we got the rifle from the Dallas PD, was it fully assembled/in its entire length, or was it broken down?

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switched

This is based on the fact that Lt. DAY says that when he examined the rifle, he came up with this latent print on the barrel under the part where the stock fitted around the barrel. Lt. DAY didn't tell the Bureau about this until Nov. 26 or 28, when we started asking specific questions, and it actually came about because the Dallas PD turned over to us some photographs which they had made of the trigger guard assembly, and they came back and finally admitted to us that they had this latent palm impression which DAY had lifted from the barrel.

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Mr. MALLEY continued that the Commission said that on Saturday, the 23rd, Chief CURRY went on either radio or TV and made the comment, "Yes, we do have prints and they have been sent to the FBI for examination." However, on Sunday night WADE announces that they would have some palm impressions from the gun. The Commission is looking at this with a very dim view as to whether Lt. DAY actually removed the print from the gun itself, or got a palm print some place else, which the Dallas PD is attributing to be on the gun. The Dallas PD had a latent impression which they removed from the gun, which they finally turned over to us and the Bureau definitely identified it as being OSWALDS. The Bureau is unable to do anything with the prints under the trigger guard.

Mr. MALLEY requested the following: 100-10461-7707

- (1) Determine how the rifle was when we got it.
- (2) DAY testified before the Commission that he had found this print, that he had given consideration to

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photographing, or was intending to photograph, and that he then lifted the impression. They do not know whether he was asked the question as to whether he did or did not photograph it.

If he actually photographed it before he lifted the print, this will eliminate all the questions that the Bureau has about this latent print on the gun. We are to go to Lt. DAY and in connection with the palm print which he lifted from the gun, ask him, "Did you or did you not photograph it before you lifted the print?"