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The Deputy Attorney General

December 5, 1963

Director, FBI

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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan

ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Attached are two reports which we have prepared at the direction of President Johnson, concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and the subsequent killing of the assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, by Jack Ruby. These are being transmitted to you in compliance with your request so that you may examine them before they are transmitted to President Johnson.

Assassination Report

This report, in Part I, briefly relates the assassination of the President and the identification of Oswald as his slayer. Part II sets forth the evidence conclusively showing that Oswald did assassinate the President. Part III is in two sections, the first setting forth what the FBI knew about Oswald prior to the assassination; and the second section setting forth the results of our investigation of Oswald's background, activities, associates, et cetera, subsequent to the assassination.

Three sets of exhibits accompany this report. The first sets out evidence tying Oswald in with the assassination of the President; the other two set out documents relative to Oswald's contacts with the Soviets, the Communist Party, et cetera.

We are continuing to receive leads concerning Oswald and, consequently, at the end of the report we state that this investigation will continue in order to resolve them.

Report of Killing of Lee Harvey Oswald

The report on the killing of Oswald by Jack Ruby covers the actual killing; the information developed concerning Jack Ruby; the interview of Ruby; Ruby's whereabouts from November 22 to November 24, 1963; and the investigation by the FBI under the Civil Rights Statutes to determine whether there was any conspiracy involved in the killing.

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Attached to this report are two exhibits, one a photograph of the actual killing, and the other a diagram of the police department building basement where the killing occurred.

Due to the fact that no records were kept of the police officers or news media representatives in the basement at the time of the killing, we have not been able to identify, locate and interview all persons who were present when Ruby killed Oswald. No state in the report that persons identified to us have been or are being interviewed. We have interviewed 98 Dallas police officers, and are attempting to identify any others who were in the basement and interview them. An estimated 150 news media representatives were in the basement. We have been able to identify and interview 81 so far, and leads are set out throughout the country to identify and locate others who may have been present. We have no reason at this time to believe that the stories of these people, when we locate them, will be at variance with the facts developed so far, but we do want to locate them so that all possible questions can be resolved.

You will note our statement at the end of this report that the investigation will continue until every possible source of pertinent information has been exhausted.

Enclosures (5)