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TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: 12/10/63

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

John F. Kennedy

Walter Jenkins called me from the White House at 9:00 P.M., last night, 12/9/63. He stated the President would like to see, this morning, a copy of any correspondence possessed by the FBI in which Lee Harvey Oswald wrote to Senator John Tower of Texas. I told Jenkins there was such correspondence and that I would get it over to him on the morning of 12/10/63.

The correspondence is attached. It has no evidentiary value and as a result has not been included as a part of our report on the assassination. It merely concerns a letter from Oswald to Senator Tower written from the Soviet Union begging the Senator to intercede in getting him out of the Soviet Union. Tower referred the matter to the Department of State after his secretary wrote him a note that he should not get mixed up in this matter. Following the assassination of the President, Senator Tower's office called me and made this correspondence available to us.

I will deliver this correspondence to Jenkins this morning if there are no objections.

Jenkins also asked me last night if our report had been delivered to the Chief Justice. I told him, as he well knew, the report had left the FBI several days ago. I told him also that the Deputy Attorney General had delivered the report to the Chief Justice that afternoon, 12/9/63. I also mentioned to Jenkins that apparently members of the Commission were already leaking the contents of the report inasmuch as I had heard several radio news programs mention items which had not been released to the press before.

Jenkins asked me if a press release had been released by the Department concerning the delivery of the report to the Chief Justice. I told him there had been no release because of a disagreement on policy between Abe Fortas and Ted Sorenson of the White House. Jenkins stated the President did not know this. Jenkins asked for our view point on a press release. I told him confidentially that the Director strongly

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felt that the less we said at this time the better off we would be. I told him that the investigation was still continuing, of course, and it would appear far better for the Commission to make a release at the end of their inquiry into the matter. I also mentioned, however, that the sooner a release was made by the Commission the better off we would be. Jenkins agreed.

ACTION:

That I show the attached correspondence to Jenkins this morning.

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