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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin

Mr. J. Lee Rankin General Counsel President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT:

Lee Harvey OSWALD

1. Reference is made to your letter of 11 September 1964, requesting the approval of this Agency for the publication in the Commission's report of my memorandum, dated 2 July 1964, concerning Lee Harvey OSWALD.

2. I would prefer not to authorize publication of this memorandum. It contains information obtained by sensitive methods, the revelation of which would be disadvantageous to United States interests at this time. Please note, however, that my memorandum on Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV mentions the possibility that OSWALD may have been interviewed during his visit to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City by the Soviet official mentioned in my memorandum of 2 July.

3. I hope that the revised memorandum on KOSTIKOV, which the Commission may publish, will serve your needs.

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Richard Helms Deputy Director for Plans

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