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From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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This relates to two traveling bags believed to have been the property of Lee Harvey Oswald which have been designated Commission Exhibits A1 and C254. These articles are described as follows: A-1 is a cloth zipper bag, blue in color, with black plastic edgings and two plastic handles. This bag has a zipper at the top and on one side. It measures approximately 21 inches long, by 11 inches high, by 9 inches wide. There are no markings on this bag. Exhibit C254 is a cloth bag, green in color, known as a "Bee 4" bag. It measures approximately 24 inches long, by 18 inches high, by 11 inches wide. A bag of this type is depicted in the current general catalog of the Montgomery Ward Company on page 587 and its color is described as Army green. Of particular interest in connection with C254 are markings in yellow on one side of the bag. These markings are the date "9/26" and an unreadable mark above the numeral "26" which may be an initial.

In this connection it is to be noted that Oswald entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on the afternoon of 9/26/63 and it was in the early morning hours of that date that he boarded the Continental Trailways bus at Houston en route to Laredo. On the top portion of C254 are two fragments of what appeared to be bus company stickers and a small decal believed to be the trade mark of the bag. The printing on the fragments of the stickers is red in color and it is to be noted that the fragment located above the decal appears to be a form of the Continental Trailways Company. Attached to the handle of C254 is the top portion of a baggage check of the Continental Trailways, Dallas, Texas.

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Enclosed for recipient offices are two color photographs of both sides of C254, one color photograph of one side of A1 and three black and white photographs of portions of the top of C254.

The President's Commission has expressed interest in determining if Oswald, during his trip to Mexico, utilized both bags described herein. Dallas question Marina Oswald and Mrs. Ruth Paine concerning this. Ascertain if Mrs. Paine can recall packing Exhibit C254 in her station wagon when she and Marina left New Orleans for Irving, Texas. Endeavor to ascertain through Mrs. Paine and Marina Oswald whether or not C254 was left in the apartment in New Orleans with Oswald when they departed. Ascertain if they can throw any light on the "9/26" date appearing on one side of C254. Also question Robert Oswald about this. Concerning the fragments of stickers and the baggage check affixed to C254, endeavor to identify the stickers and determine from the form numbers on the baggage check when and, if possible, where such check may have been affixed to the bag.

Houston display to personnel handling baggage at the Continental Trailways station the enclosed photographs to determine if they can throw any light on the significance of the "9/26" marking on the side of C254, and to develop whatever information is available concerning the fragments of the stickers and the portion of the baggage check affixed to C254.

San Antonio endeavor to ascertain through baggage handlers of the Red Arrow Bus Company and through Mexican immigration and customs services if the "9/26" marking on C254 was affixed to the bag at Nuevo Laredo. If so determined, ascertain its significance. Bear in mind the possibility that Oswald may have traveled to Nuevo Laredo with two bags and may have checked one at the bus terminal there, retrieving same on his return. Explore this.

Legat, Mexico City, display photographs of C254 to personnel at the Red Arrow and Transportes del Norte terminals to ascertain if they can shed any light on the "9/26" mark on the bag. Also display photographs of both bags to employees of the Del Comercio Hotel to determine if anyone can recall Oswald having these bags in his possession when at the hotel. If the taxi driver who reportedly took Oswald from the hotel

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on the morning of 10/2/63 can be located, display the photographs to him. In addition, ascertain if the small triangular paper fragment on the top of C254 may be portion of a form of either the Red Arrow or the Del Norte lines.

Recipient offices handle this investigation immediately and submit letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Houston, San Antonio and Legat, Mexico City, return the enclosed photographs to the Bureau when investigation has been completed. Dallas may retain the enclosed photographs for completion of its file.

NOTE:

Commission expressed interest in Oswald's luggage in 4/22/64 letter.