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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (80-New)

SUBJECT: LARRY GROVE
DALLAS MORNING NEWS
DALLAS, TEXAS
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)
BUDED 4/8/64

Re Bureau airtel to Dallas, 3/30/64.

On 4/3/64, I contacted [redacted] Managing Editor of the "Dallas Morning News", an SAC contact. I explained to him the purpose of my contact and then advised him that the FBI was conducting an investigation concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to the assassination on the basis of his attempted defection to the Soviets and that we were interested in whether he was being used by the Soviets in any espionage undertaking in this country, since he had indicated through his actions and statements that he advocated principles contrary to the best interest of the United States.

It was pointed out to [redacted] that OSWALD's background and activities fully justified our action concerning him, but the data we had gave absolutely no clue indicating he was a potential assassin.

[redacted] was further advised that in the absence of justifiable information, it would be highly inappropriate for us to furnish information on persons to local authorities or the Secret Service which might result in the detention or questioning of such persons. It was also pointed out that we had to draw a very careful line between what information may properly be disseminated and unwarranted dissemination in violation of the rights of the individual.

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I explained to [redacted] that the full facts surrounding Agent HOSTY's name being in OSWALD's notebook had been furnished to the President's Commission. I also advised him that OSWALD had never been an informant of the FBI.

[redacted] was very appreciative of the information furnished. He stated he was a great admirer of the Director and the Bureau, and he felt his newspaper had consistently been one of the strongest supporters of the Director. He stated he well appreciated our position, but that he did feel that the President's Commission, by not making public its findings, was putting the Bureau in a somewhat bad position. He stated the longer the Commission took to make a public report, the more speculation there was concerning: Was there any connection between OSWALD and RUBY, was there a plot, and was OSWALD actually the assassin? He said this was not a question which was bothering him, but that the general public would indulge in such speculation until the final report was made.

[redacted] stated that LARRY GROVE had come to the "Dallas Morning News" from radio and TV station WBAP in Fort Worth, and prior to that time, he lived in Oklahoma. He regularly writes a column for the "Dallas Morning News" known as "Poor Larry's Almanac", which is a general column dealing with current human interest items of the day. GROVE is not a police reporter.

[redacted] considers him a good, loyal American citizen and a fairly good reporter. KRUEGER noted that GROVE was much more liberal in his views than the newspaper is. [redacted] then stated that he would call in GROVE and in my presence explain to him exactly the FBI's position, which he did.

GROVE stated that he certainly did not want to be critical of the Bureau, but that his comments concerning the Bureau in the article published in "Quill" magazine had been publicized in other papers. He stated he now appreciated the Bureau's position in this matter, but he also stated that he felt the public should have some report as to our position. It was pointed out to him that the full facts had been given to the President's Commission.

The entire meeting was handled in a very pleasant, cordial manner.