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June 4, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 220 Maryland Avenue, N. E.  
 Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of May 20, 1964, requesting this Bureau to conduct additional investigation regarding Marina Oswald's statement that shortly after April 10, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald expressed an interest in attacking Mr. Richard Nixon.

Enclosed for the Commission are two copies of a memorandum dated May 26, 1964, at New Orleans, Louisiana, which sets forth results of our review of newspapers in New Orleans, pertinent to your request. Also enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated June 1, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, which sets forth results of our review of Dallas newspapers for the period March 16, through May 16, 1963. You will note that such memorandum reports that Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, then Vice President of the United States, visited Dallas on April 23, 1963, for purpose of delivering the major address at the second Annual NASA Manned Space Flight Conference.

Inasmuch as our inquiries have established that Mr. Johnson visited Dallas on April 23, 1963, 13 days after the attempted assassination of General Edwin Walker, we are recontacting Marina Oswald to ascertain if she was possibly confused when she indicated on February 24, 1964, that approximately two weeks after the General Walker incident of April 10, 1963, Oswald contemplated attacking Richard Nixon. We will question Marina Oswald in detail to determine if there is any possibility Oswald meant to attack Mr. Johnson rather than Mr. Nixon. Results of our interview with Marina Oswald in this matter will be immediately forwarded to the Commission upon receipt.

Sincerely yours,  
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J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE:

Marina Oswald has indicated Lee Harvey Oswald admitted to her attempted assassination of General Walker on evening on April 10, 1963. Marina told us on 2/24/67 that approximately two weeks after Walker incident Oswald indicated he was going to attack Nixon but she locked him in a bathroom to prevent him following through with such attempt. Our investigation indicated Nixon was not in Dallas during period mentioned by Marina. Review of Dallas newspapers revealed President Johnson was in Dallas April 23, 1963, making a speech. Johnson, at that time Vice President of the United States. Inasmuch as Mr. Nixon is a former Vice President we are recontacting Marina to determine if there is any possibility Mr. Johnson rather than Mr. Nixon was the intended victim of Oswald.