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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 31, 1964, concerning interview of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McFarland, passengers on the same buses on which Lee Harvey Oswald traveled from Houston, Texas, to Mexico City on September 25-27, 1963.

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When the McFarlands were interviewed on December 12, 1963, they explained that they left Jackson, Mississippi, by Continental Trailways Bus at approximately 2 p.m. on September 25, 1963, en route to Mexico City. They said they first met Oswald when he boarded the Continental Trailways Bus on which they were traveling at Houston, Texas, at approximately 9 a.m., September 26, 1963. The Continental Trailways Bus, boarded by Oswald on the early morning of September 26, 1963, arrived at Laredo, Texas, on the afternoon of September 26, 1963, in time to make connections with the Red Arrow Bus on which Oswald and the McFarlands traveled to Mexico City.

Dr. and Mrs. McFarland related that Oswald told them he left New Orleans at approximately the same time that the McFarlands departed from Jackson, Mississippi.

They said that upon disembarking from the Red Arrow Bus at Mexico City sometime between 9 and 10 a.m., September 27, 1963, Oswald left the bus station alone and they did not see him again. They said that Oswald collected baggage as he left the bus in Mexico City but they did not see his baggage.

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They further recalled that Oswald sat behind them on the Red Arrow Bus and next to an elderly male who claimed to be 80 years of age, but who appeared to them to be approximately 60. This male claimed to have resided in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and in Tennessee. This individual claimed to be a retired schoolteacher who taught in India and Arabia and said that he was writing a book on the Lisbon earthquake of 1775.

Further information concerning subsequent revelations of Dr. and Mrs. McFarland is set forth on page 35 of Dallas report in the Oswald case dated March 11, 1964.

The foregoing and the material previously furnished to you concerning interviews of Dr. and Mrs. McFarland comprise all of the material touching on these interviews in the possession of headquarters of this Bureau. We are communicating with our source abroad in this regard and you will be advised if further details concerning interviews of the McFarlands are available. If so, such material will be furnished to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: The McFarlands were fellow passengers of Oswald on buses from Houston to Mexico City 9/26-27/63. We summarized first interview of McFarlands in which they identified Oswald as a passenger on both buses in a 12/25/63 letterhead. The interview was conducted by source of Legat in Liverpool, England. Subsequently, McFarlands were reinterviewed at which time they identified the elderly male who sat next to Oswald on Mexican bus as Albert Osborne, which interview was reported in Dallas 3/11 report. Incoming asks if we have a more detailed report of the 12/12 interview of McFarlands in England. We are checking with Legat, London, to see if further details are available. It is not believed necessary to reinterview McFarlands and Commission has not asked this.