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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: December 4, 1963

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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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MRS. MARINA OSWALD

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Inspector Malley at Dallas advised tonight that a telephone call had just been made to the Dallas Office by Mr. Kelly, head of the Secret Service in Dallas. Kelly advised that Mr. Martin, who had befriended Mrs. Oswald with an apartment, had now apparently become her business manager. The Secret Service was advised tonight by Mr. Martin that he was arranging a press conference for Mrs. Oswald to be held tomorrow.

Mr. Kelly explained that while the Secret Service was holding Mrs. Oswald in protective custody, he did not feel they could refuse to allow the press interview and wanted to know if the FBI would object to such a press conference. Mr. Kelly was advised that since Mrs. Oswald was in the protective custody of the Secret Service, it was strictly up to the Secret Service and was their responsibility. The danger of allowing such a conference was pointed out and it was repeated that the decision and responsibility was completely that of the Secret Service who have Mrs. Oswald in protective custody. It was the belief of the Dallas Office that the Secret Service was attempting to have the FBI object so they could blame any refusal to allow such a conference on the FBI.

Immediately upon receiving the above information, it was discussed with Assistant to the Director Belmont, following which he contacted Special Agent Orrin H. Bartlett and related the above information and instructed Agent Bartlett to contact Chief of the Secret Service James Rowley and determine what action Rowley was going to take. Mr. Bartlett called Mr. Belmont back and advised he had contacted Mr. Rowley who agreed that such a conference would be dangerous and was very appreciative of the Bureau calling this to his attention. Mr. Rowley was immediately having instructions issued to Mr. Kelly in Dallas that such a press conference was not to take place at the present time.

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