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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Sir:

This letter supplements the two requests for access to official records under 5 U.S.C. 552 made on the accompanying forms DJ-118. These requests are for specified copies of the pamphlet "The Crime Against Cuba," by Corliss Lamont, obtained by FBI SA Quigley from Lee Harvey Oswald in August 1963.

Responses to my previous inquiries on this matter have been, in some crucial respects, contradictory and ambiguous. I have received no reply to my most recent attempts to obtain a clarification. Consequently, I have decided to start "de novo" with these two requests.

I believe that I am entitled to an answer which does not simply refer to previous correspondence (which reflects decisions with which the present staff of your Office may not agree). For your convenience, however, I am providing further information concerning the requested records by reference to this correspondence:

Request # 1 (the original Quigley pamphlet): By letter of April 23, 1968, Deputy Attorney General Warren Christopher advised me that the FBI's copies of this pamphlet have been turned over to the National Archives, where the records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy are kept. However, by letter of August 2, 1968, Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff of the Archives told me that neither the original Quigley pamphlet nor a copy had been located among relevant records of the Commission. Further information concerning the circumstances in which this pamphlet was obtained from Oswald by the FBI, and my attempts to locate it, is provided in my original request (Form DJ-118, February 19, 1968) and in subsequent letters to your office.

Request # 2 (the record copy of the Quigley pamphlet): By letter of September 11, 1968, Mr. James T. Devine, Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General, advised me that he had examined the record copies of the pamphlet in the Justice Department files, including the one obtained by Mr. Quigley from Oswald. This establishes the existence of the requested record.

I wish to emphasize that these two requests are for different records, and thus call for independent responses. Also, neither refers to various other copies of this pamphlet (many of which are available among the records of the Warren Commission), which are not equivalent to the Quigley pamphlet. In the case of the second request only, my purposes might be served by an unambiguous, self-contained, and complete description of all handwritten or rubber-stamped markings which have been added to the original printed pamphlet, in particular on page 39.

If the original pamphlet can not be found, either in the FBI files or in the National Archives, I believe that I am entitled to an unambiguous statement of that fact. There should be no delay in locating the record specified in the second request. I would appreciate a prompt reply, at least in the latter case, so that I may take any further relevant action required, as provided for by the law and Justice Department regulations.

Sincerely yours,

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