

1ST DRAFT -- FOR SUGGESTIONS

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

~~XXX~~For the past five years, in my spare time, I have endeavored to read the Warren Commission Report and the 26 volumes of evidence. As part of this study, I have also ordered various documents filed as part of the Commission's records in the National Archives.

I recently came across an FBI document in this case that disturbs me, for this reason I am addressing this to your attention.

Commission Document 7, page 328, had been classified and was only recently made available for research by the 1970 Review of the Commission's numbered document file. Page 328 of CD7 is attached, and appears to be a report of transmittal of various pieces of evidence received by the F.B.I. laboratory in Washington from the F.B.I. field office in New Orleans.

I would direct your attention to the item listed as QC38 -- "Photographs of two-~~xxx~~ page handwritten letter to the "Worker" 23 W. 26th Street. "signed Lee H. Oswald". This evidence was delivered to the Washington laboratory on November 25, 1963 and appears to have originated with the New Orleans office.

It would seem that the New Orleans FBI office, as part of some unexplained surveillance activity, intercepted Oswald's letter in New Orleans before it was sent to New York. Someone then opened this letter and photographed it and replaced it in its envelope and returned it to the mails.

This surveillance could also have occurred ^{B9} at the New York FBI office before the letter was delivered to the Worker.

This letter was found among the files of "The Worker" at the New York address after the assassination and included as part of the evidence in Volume 22, page 257 of the Commission's Hearings and Exhibits.

Perhaps this letter was intercepted and photographed pursuant to some court order obtained in New Orleans in June of 1963 as part of a legal search of Oswald's mail. If this is true, the Warren Report does not reflect this action.

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In your testimony before the Commission you mention that "we knew of his contact with the...Worker Publication in New York". (Volume 5, page 106). Was this as a result of a "mail cover" by the FBI in New Orleans.

It should also be noted in this regard that Oswald wrote another letter to The Worker post marked Dallas, Texas, November 2, 1963. This letter, airmailed, was delivered to the Worker's New York address exactly four weeks later (Volume 10, pages 103-105), and one week after the assassination.

Might this unusual delay be accounted for if Oswald's mail ~~was~~ were being intercepted and photographed?

Sincerely,



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Under date of November 26, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

Specimens received November 25, 1963, from FBI, New Orleans.

- Q35 U. S. Post Office Form POD 3575, Change of Address Order dated September 24, 1963, signed "LEE H. OSWALD"
- Q36 U. S. Post Office Form POD 1093 (two parts), dated June 3, 1963, signed "L. H. OSWALD"
- Qc37 One photograph of envelope bearing postmark "NEW ORLEANS LA 3 JUN 1963 1 30 PM", bearing handwritten address "The Worker 23 W. 26th St. New York 10, N. Y." and handwritten return address "P. O. Box 30061 New Orleans, La."
- Qc38 Photographs of two-page handwritten letter to "The Worker 23 W. 26th St.," signed "Lee H. Oswald"
- Q39 Post Office change of address card, POD Form 3573, postmarked at New Orleans, La., bearing address "The Worker 26 W. 23th St. New York 10, N Y"
- K24 Application for Employment form for William B. Reilly and Co., Inc., New Orleans, bearing known handwriting of LEE H. OSWALD
- Kc25 Xerox copy of Form W4, Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate, bearing known hand printing and signature of LEE H. OSWALD
- Kc26 Xerox copies of nine pages of employment reports bearing known hand printing and handwriting of LEE H. OSWALD