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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

DATE: 1-30-64

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Lenihan (1/31/64)

This memo summarizes the type of personal effects of the Oswalds and Paines in possession of the Bureau, the action which has been taken to date and makes recommendations for assuring that proper action has been taken.

NATURE OF PERSONAL EFFECTS:

The material which was seized by the Dallas Police Department under search warrant, later forwarded to the Bureau where it is being held in the Laboratory, includes generally the following types of material: 1) Personal documents including birth certificates, marriage certificates, passports, Russian work documents, trade union books, pay receipts, et cetera; 2) correspondence between Oswald and his wife while in Russia and between the Oswalds and other persons while they resided in Russia; 3) correspondence from Russian friends to the Oswalds after they came to the U.S.; 4) correspondence from friends in the U.S.; 5) correspondence with various organizations in the U.S. such as Fair Play for Cuba Committee, Socialist Workers Party; Communist Party, et cetera; 6) address book; 7) photographs of individuals and film; 8) books in the Russian language such as cook books, sewing books, novels, books of poems, et cetera; 9) literature of various organizations such as the Communist Party, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, et cetera.

ACTION TAKEN CONCERNING THIS MATERIAL:

1) Immediately upon receipt, the material was screened and portions which appeared to be pertinent were photographed. The literature, Russian books, et cetera, which appeared to be innocuous were not photographed except for cover pages and/or tables of contents of the books. 2) These photographs were screened. Those in the foreign language were sent for translation (summary translations of personal correspondence from friends and complete translations where it appeared to be desirable, such as identification documents). 3) Copies of all of the photographs which were made were sent to the Dallas office with instructions to review, set out leads where necessary and where appropriate include in investigative reports.

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OBSERVATIONS:

1. It is believed that the screening at the Bureau has been sufficient to detect any items of substance among this material; however, to be absolutely sure, it would be necessary to remove a group of supervisors from their other work to read, review and analyze each item and then check it against the voluminous Dallas reports to see whether every possible action has been taken such as interview of Marina Oswald, leads to CIA to endeavor to identify persons in Russia, leads to interview persons named in the address book, et cetera. It is estimated that a squad of 5 or 6 men would need from 2 to 4 weeks to handle such a project.

2. This is a normal field investigative function. Dallas is in the best position to take this action, has already been instructed to do so, has done it or is in the process of doing it. To assign supervisors to do the same thing would represent costly duplication in addition to detracting from the other work of the Division.

3. There is one area where Bureau supervisors should take action, it is with regard to the books and literature which have not been completely photographed. This material should be examined page by page to make certain that no material is secreted therein and that these books contain no writings by Oswald.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that another complete set of photographs of the personal effects be sent to Dallas in order to make certain that Dallas has a complete set. (Previously, this material was sent piecemeal as it was reviewed and/or translated).

2. The instructions to Dallas should be reiterated. That is, to review and analyze this material, set out leads, where necessary, have Marina Oswald interviewed where necessary and include pertinent material in the reports. The necessity of making certain that nothing pertinent is missed should be stressed.

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3. It is recommended that Bureau supervisors go through the books and literature which have not been completely photographed and in reviewing Dallas reports be alert for logical leads not set out by Dallas but that we not attempt to do a complete and detailed analysis of all of this material in duplication of what Dallas is doing.

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