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reported conversation between Walker
Hasso Herster (15436) & compare
with Walker teletype.*

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
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Other Individuals and Organization
Involved or Interviewed

*Deutsche Nationalzeitung
und Soldatenzeitung
Munich, Germany*

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed for your information are two copies of a communication dated May 22, 1964, at Washington, D. C.; a copy of the "Deutsche Nationalzeitung und Soldatenzeitung," a Munich, Germany, newspaper of November 29, 1963; and two copies of translations of two pertinent articles appearing on pages one and four of the above enclosed newspaper.

Your attention is called to the fact that one of the articles, entitled "The Strange Case of Oswald," reportedly written by an editor of the newspaper, alleges that Lee Harvey Oswald had made an attempt on the life of General Edwin A. Walker. As you will note, the date of the appearance of this article was prior to December 3, 1963, the date on which Marina Oswald first advised Agents of this Bureau that Oswald had tried to kill General Walker. Page two of the enclosed communication dated May 22, 1964, at Washington, D. C., sets forth information indicating that the source of the allegation in the above article was General Walker in a transatlantic telephone interview with a West German journalist, Helmut Herbert Muench, following the assassination of President Kennedy.

In addition, the article also alleges that Oswald had been seized for the attempt on General Walker's life and that Attorney General Robert Kennedy had stopped the investigation. According to Muench, these latter allegations were inserted by the editor on his own initiative.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

In connection with these matters, you are referred to your letter of May 5, 1964, which requested investigation regarding an allegation in the May 17, 1964, issue of the "National Enquirer" that a high official of the Department of Justice had requested the Dallas, Texas, Police Department not to arrest Oswald for the attempted shooting of General Walker. It would appear that my letters of May 3 and 14, 1964, that indicated the "National Enquirer" allegation could not be substantiated, would be pertinent to the allegation in the above article in the November 29, 1963, issue of "Deutsche Nationalzeitung und Soldatenzeitung."

The second article being called to your attention in the above newspaper reportedly records two transatlantic telephone interviews between General Walker and Muench.

This completes our inquiry in the matter.

Sincerely yours,



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