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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Thomas L. Hughes
The Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

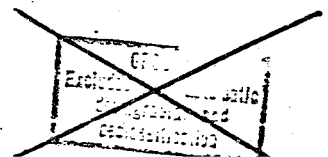
SUBJECT: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy -
Verification of Entry in "Historic Diary"

1. In connection with our efforts to be of assistance to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy by providing information which might be helpful in interpreting available materials relating to Lee Harvey Oswald's activities abroad, we have noted certain information in the manuscript materials by Oswald which were made available to this Agency. In a document entitled "Historic Diary" there appears an entry which refers to "an elderly American." The entry is under the date 26 October 1959 when Oswald was allegedly confined in an unidentified Moscow hospital. The item in its entirety reads:

"An elderly American at the hospital grew suspicious about me for some reason. Because at Embassy I told him I had not registered as a tourist and I am in general evasive about my presence in Moscow and at hospital."

It is apparent that every effort should be made to identify the elderly American, if he existed. We have seen no reference to this detail in any materials thus far made available to this Agency on the Oswald investigation. We assume that the lead is still outstanding. It is our recommendation that the Department of State urgently request through its channels a careful search of Embassy and Consular records in Moscow which might reveal the identity of an elderly American hospitalized at the end of October 1959 and possibly registered with the Embassy as a tourist. An independent confirmation of this detail could be of great significance in validating the entries of Oswald's "Historical Diary" and would possibly lead to the development of additional information on Oswald's stay in the USSR.

2. Copies of this memorandum are being provided to Mr. J. Lee Rankin



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Counsel for the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, and to the FBI through liaison channels. We would appreciate being advised of the results of your efforts.

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