

4. In 1959 Oswald subscribed to "The People's World," a West Coast communist newspaper (per Report No. 113 by FBI Agent Orton, dated December 5, 1963). Would the FBI have had the mailing list for this newspaper? It would appear that on and about this period Oswald (a) was known by the FBI to have subscribed to the communist newspaper, (b) applied for a passport to the State Department, and (c) managed to get a dependency discharge from the Marine Corps allegedly to take care of his mother. It would appear that if any two of these items had been associated, they would have been significant to the agencies involved.

5. On January 22, 1960, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald states she sent a foreign draft in the amount of \$26.85 to Oswald in c/o the Hotel Metropole, Moscow. This was assigned foreign transfer number 142688. Was this negotiated in the U.S.S.R., and, if so, where was the exchange made?

6. Tom Howard, Dallas Attorney for Jack Ruby, was at the Dallas jail on November 24 at the time Oswald was shot. Has there been an adequate explanation and verification of how he got in and why he was there?

7. The home telephone of Dallas Chief of Police Curry was "out of order" on November 24; therefore, he could not be reached or consulted regarding the plans to transfer Oswald. Had this phone disorder been previously reported to the telephone company? Is there a record of it?

8. Jack Ruby on his 1960 income tax return filed on May 22, 1961 gave his address as 4727 Homer Street, Dallas. George Bouhe, listed as a reference by Oswald on a job application filed October 4, 1963 with the Padgett Printing Company, has an address of 4740 Homer Street, Dallas. Would Bouhe and Ruby know each other?

9. On November 22, 1963, Oswald had orders to secure books located on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building. The orders were dated November 22, 1963. Would he customarily work on that floor? Were these orders a coincidence?

10. Passport application executed by Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans contains photos of him. The passport was issued on June 25, 1963. When and where were the photos taken?

11. Oswald's rifle was shipped by railway express. Do any of the employees of railway express remember Oswald picking up the gun? Where was it received? Are packages such as those labeled as containing firearms?

12. The number of people in Dallas, such as prominent Dallas citizens, members of the Democratic National Committee, publicity advance men, etc., must have been aware of the planned trip by the President. Have any of these people had background checks? Who would they talk to about the President's proposed visit. (It would seem most natural for people not trained in security matters to discuss a matter of this type.) Would any of these people know any of the individuals associated with Oswald?

13. Mr. Riggs, landlord at 2703 Marsalis Street, Fort Worth, has stated that Post Office inspectors made inquiries in 1962 regarding subversive literature reported received at that address while the Oswalds occupied that premises. Is there any detailed information regarding this?

14. Did Oswald ever make a tape recording for Radio Moscow, and, if so, was it broadcast? (See FBI Exhibit No. 43, Volume 2 of Commission No. 1.)

15. According to the available report (Commission 5, p-270) on October 17, 1962, the Oswald baby was baptized at the Greek Orthodox Church, 4203 Newton Street, Dallas, Texas. At that time Marina Oswald was reportedly residing with Elena Hall. A check of church records would verify this and would provide a firm date in connection with establishing the actual period during which Marina resided at the Hall residence.

Mark Lane

February 27, 1964

Walt

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. LEW RANSOM, General Counsel

From: Howard P. Willens

Re: Interrogation of Mark Lane

Attached is a proposed letter requesting Mark Lane to appear before the Commission next week. I believe that Mr. Lane's testimony should be obtained at this time for the following reasons:

1. We are aware that Mr. Lane is making numerous speeches to the effect that he has information indicating that Lee Harvey Oswald is not the assassin of President Kennedy and that the Commission has not requested this information. Although I think our earlier letter amounts to a request for this information, I think we should make an explicit request for all documents possessed by Mr. Lane regarding the assassination of President Kennedy and ask from him a full and complete statement regarding the results of his investigation into this matter. To some extent, at least, this will undercut Mr. Lane's future presentations although I grant that he will still be free to maintain that the Commission is not giving due weight to the information he has brought to our attention.
2. As I have indicated to you previously, I believe that this action should be taken directly by the Commission rather than by Mr. Craig of the ABA. I understand from you that the Commission is willing to hear Mr. Lane and that Mr. Craig agrees that this would be preferable to any contact by him with Mr. Lane on behalf of the Commission.
3. I think that we should obtain these materials from Mr. Lane at this time so that appropriate investigation of any new leads can be conducted by the appropriate agency or the Commission. If we were to delay until the end of our investigation it would give Mr. Lane additional reason

to question the basic value of our efforts.

4. I think that this material should be collected now and testimony of Mr. Lane elicited regarding these materials so that they can be made available to Mr. Craig and to Messrs. Ball and Bolin. I think that Mr. Craig should use the appearance of Mr. Lane before the Commission and the recalling testimony and documents as a way of beginning his work as defense counsel for Lee Harvey Oswald. I think this may serve to focus his efforts more than might otherwise be the case. I also think that these materials should be made available to Messrs. Ball and Bolin, since we have all agreed that the appointment of Mr. Craig in no way diminishes the responsibilities of the Commission staff to protect Lee Harvey Oswald's reputation and rights to the fullest extent possible. I think that Messrs. Ball and Bolin, after they receive these materials, should be directed by you to investigate them most fully through every available means.

As an administrative matter, if our proposed schedule of testimony is approved by the Commission then next week is perhaps the best time to handle Mr. Lane since no extensive preparation by members of the staff is necessary.

MEMORANDUM

To: J. Lee Rankin *Out*

From: Alfred Goldberg

RE: Proposed Outline of Report of the Commission

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1. Pursuant to our discussion of March 3, I am submitting the attached preliminary draft of a suggested outline for the Report of the Commission. It is, of course, incomplete, but it may serve as a point of departure for development of a more definitive outline.
2. Since this report is intended for the public, it should aim to achieve the maximum of clarity and coherence through the use of simple, straightforward language. The report should be thoroughly documented by full citations to the Commission's records.
3. Part III, Analysis of Basic Questions, is the heart of the report. It should present the evidence relating to each question, weigh it, and arrive at a firm answer wherever possible. Part IV, Analysis of Theories and Rumors, should be relatively brief because it will deal with the great variety of theories, hypotheses, and rumors surrounding the event. This part should demonstrate that the Commission was fully aware of these questions and took due notice of them. To explore these questions in detail would give them much more than their due.
4. Part V, Conclusions and Recommendations, should be brief and to the point - as positive as the evidence will permit. Recommendations will presumably pertain chiefly to the protective services and their procedures.
5. Part VI, Appendices, should provide the detailed background of major aspects of the report that cannot be developed as fully in Parts I-III.
6. The President's Executive Order directs that the Commission address itself to two events - the assassination of President Kennedy and the "subsequent violent death of the man charged with the assassination." Part I, The Assassination, should cover the period from the decision to make the trip to Dallas through the return to Washington. It is probably desirable to include an introductory section, as indicated, on Presidential Journeys. The murder of Oswald is properly the

subject of Part II, immediately following the account of the assassination of the President.

7. If the attached outline of Part I, The Assassination, is satisfactory as a starting point, it is possible to begin drafting Sections A-D. The facts relating to these sections are relatively well-established and the controversial aspects - primarily the operations of the protective services--will be dealt with in Parts III and VI. I am prepared to begin work on these four sections at your direction.

1 Inclosure

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MEMORANDUM

REF 3
Dr. Goldberg
March 23, 1964

Int.

TO: J. Lee Rankin

FROM: W. David Slawson

SUBJECT: Comments on Dr. Goldberg's Proposed Outline of the Report of the Commission

1. I think that it is obvious that our report should be documented as thoroughly as possible. When the Commission itself has interviewed a witness, or when a staff member has interviewed a witness, the written record of the interview will usually solve our documentation problem. However, there are many instances where this will not be practical. For example, the Mexican trip concerns all sorts of routine information as to when a paycheck would probably have arrived at a certain post office, what the usual procedures are for keeping records in the American and Mexican Immigration Offices, the fact that a photograph which purports to be of a passenger manifest on a Mexican busline is in fact just that, etc. In most of these instances I see no harm in referring directly to the FBI or Secret Service report involved and permitting the report itself to be published as part of the public record. In a few situations the report may have to be "sterilized," i.e., references to the office or the name of the special agent or a few other sensitive words deleted. A more difficult problem will be the use of those reports which involve statements by informants. Anyway, I believe that we might begin to explore this problem with the FBI and the Secret Service now. If these two agencies are going to take a strong stand against making any reports at all public, we may be faced with the job of gathering all kinds of routine testimony, duplicating what is already in this report, on our own, and if we have to do this, we should know it soon.

2. Part V, Conclusions and Recommendations, should be omitted entirely. It would seem sufficient to state the conclusions and recommendations as they come up in the natural course of the narrative in the report, i.e., for example, our

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Mr. Slawson

conclusion as to whether Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin would be stated under IIIA, which treats the question, "Who Was the Assassin?" Gathering all the conclusions and recommendations together and repeating them in a separate Part of the report seems to serve no worthwhile purpose, especially if it turns out that our report involves no startling or highly important recommendations.

3. I think we should consider adding a section which would contain refutations of all the various factual misconceptions that have attained notoriety since the assassination. I have in mind here such things as the so-called "fact" that there exists a photograph showing Lee Harvey Oswald standing on the sidewalk outside the TSED Building at the same moment as the presidential car is driving by. Many of the magazine articles that spin out theories that Oswald was an FBI agent, or that he was an agent of the "communist Jewish conspiracy," obtained their apparent plausibility because they are based on such "facts" as these that are not facts at all. I mention this because I do not think that Part IV, Analysis of Theories and Rumors, as presently conceived by Dr. Goldberg, would cover factual misconceptions, and it is, after all, the facts rather than the theories that must be set straight in the public's mind, because if given the proper facts the public itself in the long run will probably not be misled by wild theories.

REVISED OUTLINE OF SUBJECT MATTER OF PHASE I

I. THE ASSASSINATION: PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ACTIVITIES FROM DEPARTURE TO DALLAS THROUGH AUTOPSY

A. Events Prior to Arrival at Assassination Scene

1. Pre-Trip Planning
 - a. initial plans for Dallas trip
 - b. preliminary publicity
 - c. composition of presidential party
 - d. flight plans
2. Initial movements in Texas
 - a. activities in Texas on November 21st
 - b. arrival at Love Field on November 22nd
 - c. movements of presidential party at Love Field
3. The motorcade
 - a. arrangement of automobiles
 - b. personnel in each automobile
 - c. route of motorcade
 - d. speed of motorcade
 - e. crowds enroute
 - f. events prior to intersection of Houston and Elm

B. The Assassination

1. Physical description of the scene
 - a. layout and dimension of the streets and sidewalks
 - b. layout and dimension of buildings in area
 - c. foliage and shrubbery in area
 - d. contours and levels of streets and terrain
 - e. entry of Elm Street into underpass
2. The first shot
 - a. the exact time
 - b. the presidential automobile
 - (1) exact location on street
 - (2) speed
 - (3) distance and angle from key window
 - (4) positions and postures of occupants
 - c. source of the bullet
 - (1) place from which fired
 - (2) connection, if any, between spent shells and rifle
 - (3) connection, if any, between lead missile(s) and rifle
 - d. Trajectory of the bullet

- e. impact on victim
 - (1) point of entry
 - (2) reaction and statement, if any, of victim
 - (3) path of bullet in victim's body
 - (4) damage to victim's body
 - (5) fractionalization, if any, of bullet
 - (6) terminal position of bullet
- f. reactions of others in President's automobile
- g. damage to President's automobile
- h. positions of other automobiles in motorcade
- i. reactions of Secret Service agents and others in motorcade
- j. positions and reactions of bystanders

- 3. The second shot
(analysis of all topics set forth under "first shot".)
- 4. The third shot
(analysis of all topics set forth under "first shot".)
- 5. Possibility of other shots

C. Immediate Post-Shooting Events

- 1. Accounts of Secret Service Agents in presidential automobile
- 2. Movements and action of other Secret Service Agents in motorcade
- 3. Escort of President's automobile to hospital
 - a. anticipatory planning, if any, preceding assassination
 - b. identification of automobiles involved
 - c. speed
 - d. route
- 4. Action by Dallas Police Department
 - a. in the streets
 - b. at the Texas School Book Depository building
 - c. adjacent areas

D. Activity at Parkland Hospital

- 1. Radio notification to the hospital prior to arrival
- 2. Exact time of arrival
- 3. Precise timing of succeeding movements at hospital
- 4. State of readiness of hospital authorities
 - a. hospital personnel meeting the presidential automobile
 - b. other hospital personnel alerted