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Mr. Emory L. Brown, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Brown:

This will acknowledge your correspondence dated 29 October 1968 addressed to the Office of the Director of this Agency.

In response to your reference to "Grille Cipher," please be advised that this Agency has long known of this system. Furthermore, the National Security Agency still considers it most unlikely that the Oswald materials, cited as Exhibit No. III of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, have any cryptographic implication.

Sincerely,

ROBERT X. BOUCHER
Public Information Officer

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29 October 1968

Office of the Director
National Security Agency
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland
20755

Dear Sir:

Subject: Commission Exhibit No. 111, of the
President's Commission on the Assass-
ination of President John F. Kennedy

In a letter dated 16 June 1968^{4/2/68} from the Director NSA to
Mr. Rankin, General Counsel, the Director stated regarding
CE-111, "It is considered most unlikely that this process
of letter removal has any cryptographic implication".
It seems to me that Exhibit 111 is an example of a geo-
metrical technique known as the Turning Grille Cipher.

The Grille cipher is a rather elementary technique and I
fail to understand how it was that the cryptologist at
NSA or their supervisors could not have been aware of
this. Would you please inform me as to whether or not
the Agency still maintains this position?

Sincerely,



Enclosures (3)

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November 14, 1968

Chief of Police
City of Dallas
Dallas, Texas
75200

Dear Sir:

In December of 1967, I wrote to you to request information about several suspects associated with the Kennedy assassination of 22 November 1963. The reply to that letter is enclosed.

Since receiving your reply, I have visited the National Archives and had interviews with employees of both the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Neither of these agencies had any further information and a representative of the F.B.I., informed me that his Bureau did not follow up on the investigations which were conducted by your police department. Also, there is no material on file in the National Archives which concerns these suspects.

It is not my intention or wish to embarrass any innocent individuals through my inquiry. However, having seen photographs of some of these people while in custody, I thought it rather strange that there weren't any published reports other than the limited information available in the radio-logs. Could you furnish me with any further information concerning these suspects?

Very truly yours,

Emory L Brown Jr

Enclosures 6

CITY OF DALLAS
TEXAS
POLICE DEPARTMENT

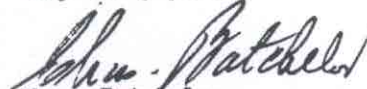
November 25, 1968

Mr. Emory L. Brown, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Brown:

I have nothing to add to the letter written by Mr. M. W. Stevenson on January 30, 1968 and directed to you in reference to your request for information pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Very truly yours,


Chas. Batchelor
Chief of Police

TFM:dvl

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November 14, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rogot
9504 Forest Road
Bethesda, Maryland
20014

Dear Rogue and Koshka:

The enclosures with this letter deal with a possible cryptographic aspect of the "Oswald Case". As a new member in the ACA, and an amateur in Cryptology, I was wondering if you of some of the membership might be interested in working on it.

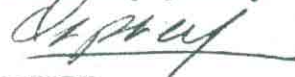
The first set of documents deals with Commission Exhibit number 111 and seem to indicate that it may be an example of the Turning Grille Cipher technique. This paperback book was the property of Marina N. Oswald, Lee's wife.

The second set of copies concerns a letter which is said to have been written by Lee Harvey Oswald. The typed letter dated 6 January 1967 (author unknown) alludes to a hidden message in CE-15.

*Your Letter
From Harry Morgan*

All of the material except for the anonymous letter of 6 January, is declassified and are to be found in the twenty-six volumes of the Warren Report (Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy). If you feel that this matter is not suitable for publication in the Cryptogram, perhaps you could advise me of certain individuals who might be interested in doing futher research into the project.

Sincerely yours,



OSPREY

R.S.V.P.



22 Nov. 1968
9504 Forest Rd.
Bethesda Md. 20014

THE AMERICAN CRYPTOGRAM ASSOCIATION

Official Magazine "The Cryptogram"

Dear OSPREY:

Thank you for the materials and letter of Nov. 14.

We'd like to look at the material more carefully before venturing more than tentative opinions. However there are a few points you might be able to clear up that occur to us at first glance.

The grille, if such it is, doesn't turn but stands or at most flips. Were those the only pages with marks? Since most of the marked letters are not legible it's impossible to say, even if we had enough Russian to speculate on anagramming, whether or not there is any meaning. Perhaps you have more information on this or clearer copy.

Concerning the letter: there seems to be no source in the documents for the number clues given by "X". By "3 letters in Nov." he might mean N O V as 1,2,3. The rest of that sentence makes no sense at all for the P.O.Box number is not 34567 but 6225. There is nothing to show how or why he "scrambled" 34567 to get 47365; similarly then 6225 becomes 2652 for no obvious reason. (Why not 67453 or some other arrangement)? BADG or BEADG defines the scheme but there is no source for it..again why not ADBC or ADEBC? One could as easily just anagram selected words from the text which is what he next does.

letter forgotten
This sort of "deciphering" is common to those who suspect null messages everywhere. The true null shows itself normally without such manipulations. As an example of the sort of paths down which this type of speculation can lead as well as a criticism of them you might refer to William & Elizabeth Friedman's book "The Shakespearean Ciphers Examined". With such a short text and no system known to be used one can read any message one would like into such a letter. The message "X" seems to find is far too ambiguous for any rational system of communication. A prime rule of any communication is that there be no room for interpretation, esp. if there is possibility of a mechanical garble as there would be in a systematic null such as suggested here.

While this might be of historical interest if there were indeed messages, there is not enough internal evidence now to warrant publication in The Cryptogram. We'd be interested in any further work you do. However we can't promise it would be anything to interest the Krewe in general. We know of no one now who has expressed an interest in the subject so can suggest no one who might work on the project with you.

All in all, it doesn't look too promising, esp. since at least some gov't experts have already had a look at the whole array of documents, and have found nothing worth the bother. We are aware of criticisms of the Warren Report. At the same time one must leave open the possibility of deeper, less public investigation which has, as yet, turned up nothing publishable. If there were continuing work, relevant documents would probably not be public; the possibility of outsiders, esp. amateurs, contributing anything would be very small.

If you would like the materials returned, please let us know.
Good solving.

TO: Mr. David H. Harrison, 302 12th Street, N.W., Knoxville,
Tennessee (ALAIS) on 18 October 1968

P L A I N T E X T

INFO FRM AJAX ATA FRMR FED MPLY POS INTL CNFRM ALEK N MFLI
USGV AT TME SOV. FTHR INFO INDCTS MPLY MY HV ACSS POTOCOS
DE PRIC CLSFD MTR SUM NO LGR EXST BT CN PV ALEK CONCT
USGV N CPSTY DE AGNT. FTHR CTLS NT AVL DS TME BT FLI THE
PAPR NDCMNT ACSS TU EVDNC MY B HD.

C I P H E R T E X T

COMPLETE COLUMNAR TRANSPOSITION

NARPN	NVFIL	SPCSE	PNCGT	DLRSC
FXFOF	MATNY	SDIUX	VCPNL	STNSM
OSER	PTHDM	PESMS	ATETS	TIDTY
RSMNA	YEITH	TRDOB	ESYTT	ETMEH
FTDIM	LMRCY	OPFNT	LUTFN	MHCUB
ARLLE	SOFMA	CITGC	CVERV	TAADC
MFPTL	USNSV	OTMLT	KGCHA	BPTVD
IJMYC	KGVOP	COCRR	NONAD	LFPCN

MICRODOT SEALED BENE^ATH POSTAGE STAMP

The message is all a fake but it states that a former federal employee took photographs of classified material relating to the Oswald case, and that these photos may be available. When the Government breaks it, if they got it, they may take more of an interest in me and I would like to see what developes.

18 October 1968

Dear Dave:

Sorry that I haven't written you in such a long time, but the truth is, that I have been so busy, that I haven't had time to do much of anything. Right now I'm going to school and working fulltime which doesn't leave much time for fun, especially when you also work on the weekends. I'm sure you were getting a good kick out of your town in B.A., after graduation. I imagine that it will be a little more to be able to do all the things that you have wanted to do, and be on your own.

Well, I've got to get ready to go to school now, so I'll close and get this note in the mail. Write again when you have the time and good luck with the books.

Best Regards,
Bucky

Handwritten note: Thank of readers with regards to white sheet

This is the white sheet that was used to develop the returned pink sheet upon which the cipher was placed. The failure of the cipher to appear indicates that it was developed by someone before being returned to me.

Best Regards

You have the time and good luck with the books. I'll close and get this note in the mail. Write again when you've got to get ready to go to school now, so I'll be on your own. I imagine that it will be a little more to be able to do all the things that you have wanted to do, and be on your own.

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I took a piece of exposed 35MM film and punched a micro-dot from it. It was then sealed beneath the stamp but was removed by someone and the stamp re-attached by the strip of Scotch Tape which was used to close the torn end

Micro-dot was not present
beneath postage stamp.



U.S. POSTAGE
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Mr. David H. Harrison
302 12th Street, N. W.
Knoxville, Tennessee

RETURN
TO
WRITER

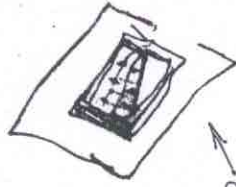


~~Return~~ Address

Unknown

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Letter opened (torn) Right-end
re-sealed with Scotch Tape -



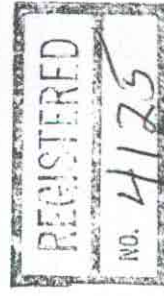
← diagram has been added

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
Old Receiver Road
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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED