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DATE February 6, 1964

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

- 1-Mr. Belmont
- 1-Mr. Sullivan
- 1-Mr. N.P. Callahan
- 1-Mr. D.E. Moore
- 1-Mr. Baumgardner
- 1-Mr. Lenihan

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In connection with a brief which was prepared for the Director concerning this case, field offices where Oswald was interviewed were instructed to have any Agent who ever contacted Oswald submit an affidavit stating whether he had developed Oswald as an informant. In addition, the Special Agents in Charge (SAC) of the offices were also instructed to submit affidavits in this matter.

The affidavits from the Dallas, New Orleans, and San Francisco Offices were not notarized. Inasmuch as these affidavits may be furnished to the President's Commission investigating the assassination of the President, it was felt that if the affidavits are to be furnished to the Commission, they must be notarized and not be sworn affidavits witnessed by other employees in the field office.

In view of this, on 2-5-64 I talked to SAC Shanklin of our Dallas Office and instructed him to reprepare the affidavits and have them sworn to before a notary public. Mr. Shanklin said they do have a notary public in the office and that the affidavits would be reprepared and submitted to the Bureau today.

I also talked with Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Joseph Sylvester of our New Orleans Office. Mr. Sylvester said that they do not have a notary public in the New Orleans Office. He asked whether they should have an outside notary take the sworn statements from the Agents. I told him not to go outside the office; that he could have one of the employees of his office made a notary public in order to handle this matter. I told him that if this could not be done to let us know. ASAC Sylvester subsequently advised that in New Orleans the number of notary publics are limited; that they must take examinations which are given only twice a year and the New Orleans Office could not have one of its employees made a notary public at this time. In view of this, I told him not to take any further action.

In addition, I called ASAC Paul O'Connell of our San Francisco Office concerning this matter and he said they do not have a notary public in the San Francisco Office. I told him if it is feasible to arrange to have one of his employees made a notary public and to resubmit

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the affidavit from his office in notarized form. I told him that the cost of having the employee made a notary public should not be taken from official Bureau funds. ASAC O'Connell said this would be done immediately.

ACTION:

When the notarized affidavits arrive from Dallas and San Francisco, they will be retained for possible use before the Presidential Commission. If it becomes necessary to submit these affidavits to the Commission, we may have to arrange at that time for the Agents of the New Orleans Office to resubmit their affidavits in notarized form.