

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-10461)

DATE: 10/14/64

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS-R-CUBA

Inspector ROBERT E. WICK called at 10:15 AM today and suggested that I immediately release both my letter to Chief CURRY and CURRY's reply to me as set forth in Dallas teletype. The Director has authorized immediate release of these two letters to the wire services in Dallas.

Mr. WICK stated the head man in Dallas for UPI is Mr. FALLON and he is the man to contact. Make reference to the prior exchange of letters as set forth by CURRY in his UPI story. These are letters between him and RANKIN, dated May 21 or 28, or whatever the dates are, and then say that this is in answer to this; that you want to make the record clear on these points, and that you have no comment to make other than giving him the letters and they will stand for themselves.

Then give the same thing to Associated Press. You can be quoted as making them available. Mr. WICK said they will want to know where you got them and will make a story about them, but you can't be quoted on anything beyond the two letters.

I asked if UPI called Washington on these things. Mr. WICK stated they carried the story on the UPI wire throughout the country and it appeared in the papers in Washington and when Mr. WICK saw it, he called JULIUS FRANSEN, head of UPI in Washington.

Mr. WICK called FRANSEN this morning and told him that I would get in touch with their man FALLON in Dallas.

Mr. WICK instructed that photostatic copies of the two letters be made available to FALLON, but not to say anything about an inquiry. Just say that you noted, as you say in your letter, the UPI story and so you went to CURRY and the result was an exchange of letters and here they are and they are self explanatory.

Mr. WICK stated that the Director, on this memorandum, said "Caution Shanklin that any contacts with CURRY and ORULL in future be most circumspect."

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Mr. WICK stated if anybody else asks for copies of the letters, make them available to anybody who asks for them but don't make them available unless they ask for them.

Mr. WICK instructed that a memo to Bureau be prepared, making reference to instructions given by him, advising that the letters were released, and enclose the original letters to the Bureau, stating that copies are retained in Dallas.