

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr

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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

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I talked with Congressman Gerald Ford (R-Michigan) at his office at 1:45 P.M. this afternoon. The facts concerning the allegations of Gilberto Alvarado Ugarte that he saw Oswald receive \$6,500 in the Cuban Consulate, Mexico City, on September 18, 1963, and the recanting of such false facts were made very clear to Congressman Ford. He told me he was glad to get the further facts concerning the matter, particularly in view of the story that John McCone of CIA had told him originally.

NONE BY CIA

With respect to the meeting of the Presidential Commission on December 1963, Congressman Ford told me that the members of the Commission, including the Chief Justice, agreed unanimously that no preliminary release should be made to the press regarding the facts as outlined in the FBI report.

Chief Justice Warren told the Commission that they should strive to have their hearings completed and the findings made public prior to July, 1964, when the Presidential campaigns will begin to get hot. He stated it would be unfair to present the findings after July, 1964.

Several members of the Commission indicated that Oswald's handwritten statements in the exhibits section of the report should be typed out for clearer perusal. Rankin was instructed to contact our liaison man, Inspector Malley, in this regard.

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There was no criticism of the FBI at yesterday's meeting. There were no allegations made by any one, including the Chief Justice, that the FBI had leaked portions of this report. I again went over very carefully with Congressman Ford the fact the FBI had not had any "leaks" whatsoever. I told him we were well aware that the Department had done considerable talking; furthermore, it now appeared somewhat obvious that members of the Commission were beginning to leak the report. I referred to this week's issue of "Newsweek" magazine which contains a rather clear analysis of the report. I told Congressman Ford that "Newsweek" was owned by the "Washington Post" and that apparently some one was trying to curry favor. I told him we, of course, did not get along very well with either the "Washington Post" or "Newsweek."

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