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Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In response to your letter of July 10, 1964, there are forwarded herewith copies of reports from the files of the Secret Service (Case No. CO-2-33,899) as follows:

1. Memorandum Report dated November 21, 1963, by Special Agent Thomas, New York Office. (The report on file at the Manhattan District Attorney's office on Joan Kennedy later disclosed that Joan Kennedy and Mrs. Josephine Kelley, also known as Mrs. Josephine Kennedy, are not the same person.)
2. Memorandum Report dated January 21, 1964, by Special Agent Thomas, New York Office.
3. Protective Research referral sheet dated February 10, 1964, to Special Agent in Charge Spaman, Los Angeles Office.
4. Memorandum Report dated February 13, 1964, by Special Agent Eahl, Los Angeles Office.
5. Memorandum Report dated March 5, 1964, by Special Agent Sneaks, Los Angeles Office.
6. Memorandum Report dated April 1, 1964, by Special Agent Grimes, Washington Field Office.
7. Memorandum Report dated March 14, 1964, by Special Agent Sneaks, Los Angeles Office.
8. Copy of a letter to the Secretary of State by Special Agent in Charge Geiglein, Washington Field Office.

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9. Memorandum Report dated April 6, 1964, by Special Agent Grimes, Washington Field Office.
10. Memorandum Report dated April 7, 1964, by Special Agent Kennedy, Washington Field Office.
11. Memorandum dated July 14, 1964, from Inspector Thacker, of the Protective Research Section.
12. Memorandum Report dated July 16, 1964, by Special Agent Thomas, New York Office.

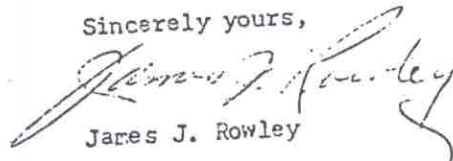
On July 15, 1964, a check of the records at the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Boston and the city records at Hull, Massachusetts, concerning this woman's alleged birth date disclosed no information concerning the subject.

In the summer of 1961 this Service received information, informally, that a woman representing herself to be a member of the Kennedy family had charged merchandise at a drug store and one other unidentified store in Hyannis Port. The unpaid accounts amounted to less than \$100.00; the Hyannis Port police ascertained that the woman in question had left town; and the Kennedy family paid the bill as a "nuisance" item. The police made no formal investigation or report of the incident, and it cannot be verified that the woman was Josephine Kelley, also known as Josephine Kennedy. At no time, to the knowledge of this Service, did Josephine Kelley attempt to contact the Kennedy family at Hyannis Port in 1961.

It is the opinion of this Service that this woman is an impostor. Our interest in her arose in connection with our protective responsibilities from her attempts to contact members of President Kennedy's family. Much of the information she furnished cannot be contested because the persons referred to are deceased or their whereabouts cannot be ascertained. It is our further opinion that this woman may be attempting to use the Commission as a platform to establish or publish a relationship with the Kennedy family.

She gave no protective information during her interviews with Special Agents of this Service, and, during the interviews, made no mention of the assassination of the President, neither prior to November 22, 1963, nor the interview in Palm Springs in 1964.

Sincerely yours,


James J. Rowley