

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

DATE: 12/11/63

FROM : INSPECTOR J. R. MALLEY

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

Assistant Director IVAN W. CONRAD advised that with reference to the examination of the paraffin casts that were previously submitted by the Dallas Office, the Laboratory has been in touch with the Atomic Energy Commission on certain phases of the examination, and in this connection, the Laboratory desired to have furnished as soon as convenient, samples of the paraffin used. This would refer to unused cakes of paraffin from which the casts were prepared. (1)

(2) A small sample of any chemicals that were used in making the paraffin test. CONRAD said a small vial of from 1 cc to 3cc's of each type chemical would be sufficient, and to make certain they were labeled. CONRAD also mentioned that if sulphuric acid had been used, to make certain that this were marked properly, as there were special requirements in shipping acids.

(3) Did the individual who made the paraffin tests save the washings when he actually washed the paraffin casts? If he did, we should try and obtain a sample of the washings.

(4) A sample of the water used in making the washing. If this was regular hydrant water, the Laboratory desires a small bottle of the type water used.

As soon as the above items can be obtained, they should be shipped to the attention of the FBI Laboratory.

In obtaining the items requested by CONRAD, no mention is to be made of the fact that the Bureau is working with Atomic Energy Commission with reference to this paraffin cast.

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FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

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On 12/20/63 Mr. R. J. GALLAGHER, FBI Laboratory, called and referred to a submission submitted to the Laboratory by our letter of 12/13/63, which included paraffin, a bottle of water, etc. He said item 5 was a bottle of tap water. This bottle of water was broken in transmittal and he requested that we furnish them another bottle on 12/21/63.

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