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MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Rankin
FROM : S. A. Stern
SUBJECT: CIA File on Oswald

Today, Friday, March 27, 1964, I met at CIA headquarters with Mr. Rocca to review the CIA file on Lee Harvey Oswald. The file contains those materials furnished to us previously by CIA. In addition, it contains the following materials:

a. Cable reports from the CIA station in Mexico of November 22 and 23, 1963 relating to photographs of a person who had visited the Cuban and Soviet Embassies in Mexico City during October and November 1963; and reports on these cables furnished on November 23 by CIA to the Secret Service. These messages are accurately paraphrased in the attachments to the CIA memorandum of March 24, 1964 (Commission Document #674).

b. Cable of October 10 from CIA Mexico City station to CIA headquarters reporting on Oswald contact at Soviet Embassy, and October 10, 1963 message from CIA headquarters to Mexico City station of background information on Oswald. These messages are accurately reported in the CIA memorandum of January 31, 1964.

I did not review any materials later than November 23, 1963.

Mr. Rocca also showed me the "printout" of the references to Oswald documents in the CIA electronic data storage system. There was no item listed which we have not been given either in full text or paraphrased.

When I evidenced an interest in the CIA electronic data processing system, Mr. Rocca said that he would arrange a detailed explanation at a future visit.

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REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT AGENCY RECORDS

On November 22, 1963, the Washington Field Office was requested to review files of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and obtain any information contained therein regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD. SA COURTLAND J. JONES interviewed BIRCH D. O'NEAL, CIA, on November 22, 1963, and learned there is nothing in CIA file regarding OSWALD other than material furnished to CIA by the FBI and the Department of State.

By communication dated November 27, 1963, Dallas FBI Office advised a branch of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (DHEW) in Dallas had information in their records indicating DHEW in Washington, D.C. would have file regarding the repatriation of LEE OSWALD and family. This communication noted this file would possibly contain handwriting specimens of OSWALD.

On November 27, 1963 SA ROBERT B. LYONS contacted the DHEW, Division of Public Assistance, Bureau of Family Services, and determined from a review of their records DHEW file pertaining to OSWALD does not contain handwriting specimens. This file does contain information in the form of a State Department memorandum dated June 15, 1962 advising OSWALD and family were to arrive in New York City on June 13, 1962 aboard the SS "Maasdam." This memorandum advises travel expenses for OSWALD's return to the United States were furnished as a loan by the United States Embassy in Moscow.

Information developed that as a routine procedure, the DHEW in Washington furnished this information to their branch in Dallas, inasmuch as OSWALD was possibly qualified for financial assistance under Section 1113, Title 11, Social Security Act, which authorizes temporary assistance for United States citizens returning from a foreign country. There is no record in this file indicating OSWALD requested or received any financial aid from the DHEW.