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There is a strange organization to this file when 3/14 is page 16 and 2/5 is page 17. This indicates the file was organized later than these dates whereas there should have been such a file at the outset. The longer it takes to establish files the better the chance something can happen to them,

Part of My GAI-FBI file has not been classified, so I do not know whether I have the 1/31 letter. I do not recall it and I haven't time at this moment to go through the unclassified.

When Hoover says he is supplying a set of the memos to the Commission to the CIA he is also saying he hasn't, which is to say he had ruled there is no foreign connection. Otherwise, he should have done this automatically. If there was ever any FBI suspicion Oswald was red or had any espionage potentialities, it would seem that on this basis they'd have consulted CIA. In this event, they should have sent all Oswald-captioned (wow, what that includes!) memos to CIA. But if the Commission was not convinced there was likelihood of Oswald intelligence connections or of those in any way included in the FBI captioning of Oswald, why should it have directed copies be sent CIA, which has no domestic functions (theoretically).

Hoover is careful to not identify "a communication captioned (Oswald Trip to Mexico' of 11/23. It would seem this is of CIA origin, for it got cables from its Mex City station 11/22 and 23. To say the FBI is forwarding a memo captioned Oswald is to identify nothing. Unless he sent a copy with the letter, of which there is no indication, he tells Rankin nothing. The wonder is the Commission staff stood still for being put on this way.

Does anyone know the "general areas outlined" in Rankin's letter, for again, CIA has no domestic functions.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

February 5, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 31, 1964, wherein you itemized communications prepared by the FBI which should be furnished to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Separately, CIA is being furnished with a copy of all the communications mentioned in your letter, in addition to all reports under the Oswald caption prepared in our Dallas Office.

With regard to a communication captioned "Oswald Trip to Mexico," dated December 23, 1963, we are forwarding to CIA a memorandum captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald," dated December 23, 1963, which contained information relative to Oswald's trip to Mexico. It is believed that this is the pertinent document.

With regard to correspondence carried on by Lee Harvey Oswald with persons in the Soviet Union, as you know, some of this correspondence is currently being fully translated at your request and upon completion of this translation, copies of the pertinent letters will be furnished to CIA.

As you requested, this Bureau will furnish CIA communications on a current basis which fall into the general areas outlined in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover", is written below the typed name. The signature is stylized and includes a large, sweeping flourish on the left side.