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Honorable John T. McLaughlin
General Counsel of the Department of Defense
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

The copy of the military records of Lee Harvey Oswald, which you sent to this Commission on January 15, 1964, does not appear to include any record of inquiry into his case by the Office of Naval Intelligence. However, the Commission is advised that the Office of Naval Intelligence did inquire into Mr. Oswald's conduct upon his discharge from the USMC and his subsequent trip to the Soviet Union.

The Commission would appreciate being furnished two copies of all materials concerning Lee Harvey Oswald in the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence and any additional information on Mr. Oswald in the files of any other department, agency, office, or organization, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense.

I will be happy to discuss with you any question of security which may arise in connection with this request.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Your letter of February 18, 1964, requested two copies of all materials concerning Lee Harvey Oswald in the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Attached is the complete file of the Office of Naval Intelligence on Lee Harvey Oswald.

For the sake of economy, I have not had copies made of this file as you requested, since the file largely consists of reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, copies of which are undoubtedly already in the files of the Commission.

Please return the file to this office when it is no longer needed by the Commission.

Sincerely yours,


John T. McNaughton

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MAR 11 1964

Honorable John T. McLaughlin
General Counsel of the Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Thank you for your recent letter, which we received on March 5, 1964, making available to the Commission the complete file of the Office of Naval Intelligence on Lee Harvey Oswald. As you request, we will return the file to you when it is no longer needed by the Commission.

Our letter of February 18, 1964, asked for any information on Mr. Oswald in the files of any Department, agency, office or organization under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, other than the Office of Naval Intelligence. Your transmittal letter does not indicate whether or not such additional information exists. However, on an initial review of the Office of Naval Intelligence file, we note the distribution of documents originating within the Department of Defense from organizations other than the Office of Naval Intelligence, such as the Office of Special Investigations of the United States Air Force and from intelligence activities of the Department of the Army.

The Commission wishes to be certain that it has reviewed all materials concerning Lee Harvey Oswald in any files under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense. Accordingly, the Commission would appreciate either that any additional materials not already furnished be made available, or that we be advised that all materials concerning Lee Harvey Oswald under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense have already been furnished to the Commission in your previous submissions.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

cc: Mr. Rankin
Mr. Stern
Mr. Shaffer

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March 16, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel, President's Commission
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200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C., 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In response to your letter of March 11, 1964, you are advised that all known materials concerning Leo Harvey Oswald under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense have been furnished to the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Frank A. Martino
Assistant General Counsel
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