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Lt.Col. John R. McCann
Acting Chief, Coordination Staff
Defense Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Col. McCann,

Thank you very much for your letter and the enclosure. Your letter is dated June 26. The enclosure was referred to you by MIS.

At the bottom of the first page of the enclosure following ADD ~~are~~^{is} a series of numbers that includes "5/4/64." I wonder if this means there was an addition on that date.

If this story did not become public in Australia a similar one did.

I am also interested in the name Harvey ~~Lee~~ Lee Oswald being written in at the top.

Partly this comes from how the name is written partly from the fact when there is no mention of Oswald in the message and nothing at all to suggest him.

I have no great interest in this record of November 24, 1963 so I make no issue of the fact that it refers to enclosures not provided.

However, I am interested in why it did not surface sooner. My initial requests of DIA for all JFK assassination materials are of several years ago.

I was then told that DIA files were void on the subject.

It is my recollection that the person with whom I corresponded seemed like a fine person and that he appeared to be perplexed at not finding records.

Thank you very much for the record and for any others you may be able to supply.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg



DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

28 JUN 1977

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 12, Old Receiver Road
Frederick, MD 21707

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This responds to a referral made to this Agency by the Naval Investigative Service (NIS). This was in reference to your Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, request for the release of a classified Navy (Naval Attache) message. This referral was received by DIA from NIS on 23 June 1977.

We are pleased to approve the release of the enclosed message. A portion of the report, which was classified in the interest of national defense, has been deleted to respect the source's request for protection. This exclusion does not detract from the overall meaning of the document. The material not released is information considered exempt from release under provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1), a matter specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 11652 to be kept classified in the interest of national defense.

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by addressing your appeal to:

Director
Defense Intelligence Agency
ATTN: CS(FOIA)
Washington, D.C. 20301

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. McCain", is written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

John R. McCain
LTC, USA
Acting Chief, Coordination Staff

1 Enclosure as

cc:
Naval Investigative Service
(NIS-27F/jvs 5400 F7-77/F7-92
Ser S3721, 14 Jun 77)

(When filled in)

LEVA
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NAVY DEPARTMENT

NAVY MESSAGE

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	(INFO)		Harvey Lee ASWACD

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P 240415Z
FM ALUSNA CANBERRA
TO RUECW/DN

CHATTER

PASS ALSO TO CIA

POSSIBLE SOVIET INFORMER

- ASST ALUSNA RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL 23 NOV FROM PERSON CLAIMING TO BE . . . MOST OF CONVERSATION RECORDED BY ALUSNA. INFO TOUCHED ON SEVERAL AREAS INCLUDING: POSSIBLE CONNECTION SOVIET GOVT SUPPLYING MONEY TO INDIVIDUAL IN U.S. TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT; POSSIBLE SOVIET IMPLICATION IN U.S.S. THRESHER INCIDENT; SYSTEM OF UCSR EMBASSY PERSONNEL MEETING MIGRANTS TO AUSTRALIA; PROVIDING FALSE PASSPORTS AND SENDING THEM TO OTHER COUNTRIES; RUSSIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CUBA AND INDONESIA; RUSSIAN CONTACT WITH COOPERATIVE IN INDO EMBASSY CANBERRA; EMPLOYEE IN AMEMB CANBERRA (WOMAN) WHO IS GIVING INFO TO SOVIET EMB; SENDING OF AGENTS FROM AUST TO U.S. PERSON GAVE CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ON MODUS OPERANDI OF TWO SOVIET AGENTS IN SYDNEY.
- PERSON HAS AGREED TO MEETING WITH ASST ALUSNA IN SYDNEY IN NEAR FUTURE. HAS ASKED FOR ASSURANCE HE WILL BE PROTECTED IF HE COOPERATES. TOLD THAT THIS COULD BE DISCUSSED AT FIRST MEETING.
- AMBASSADOR, CAS AND ASIO INFORMED. ASIO CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE FOR WELL DESCRIBED CAR AND DRIVER WHO CLAIMS TO BE IN CANBERRA NOW; KEEPING SOVIET EMBASSY UNDER SURVEILLANCE

92(1) . . . ACT VIA IP

CIA

ADD 92(2) P-R 92/5/4/64/TEH/3

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URGENT MESSAGE

NAVY DEPT.

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PMO HAS WATCH AT PHONE EXCHANGE TO TRACE ADDITIONAL CALLS. IF CALL TRACED ASIO HAS ARRANGED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE SURVEILLANCE OF ORIGINATOR AND/OR PLACE FROM WHICH CALL MADE. ASIO PLAN TO COVER MEETING OF ASST ALUSNA IN SYDNEY IF IT EVENTUATES.

4. C.S COORDINATING WITH ASIO.

5. ON 15 OCTOBER 1962 A SIMILAR CALL WAS RECEIVED AT EMB POSSIBLY FROM SAME PERSON. IN THAT CALL REFERENCE MADE TO PLOT WITH REWARD 100,000 DOLLARS TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY. CALLER ALSO STATED USSR SURS ON WAY TO CUBA WITH TROOPS WHOSE SECOND OBJECTIVE TO GUARANTEE SUPPORT TO GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI. SUBSTANCE OF CALL PASSED TO ASIO AT THAT TIME BUT NO FURTHER INFO DEVELOPED.

6. WHILE SOME ASPECTS INDICATE INDIVIDUAL A CRANK OTHERS SEEM MORE AUTHENTIC. ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR, FEEL MATTER SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED UNTIL ADDITIONAL FACTS ARE DEVELOPED OR EXISTING LEADS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED.

7. ALUSNA MAKING VERBATUM TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDING WITH COMMENTS TO BE SENT NEXT POUCH.

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