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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY CSWALD
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RE: Leak of information carried in "The Dallas Morning News,"
June 27 and 28, 1964

On the afternoon of 7/11/64, Supervisor Ludwig Oberndorf, Washington Field Office (WFO), was advised that the interview with Representative Gerald R. Ford, a member of the President's Commission, had been approved.

SA Oberndorf was requested to have Representative Ford's office contacted this morning, 7/13/64, to set up an appointment. In the event Representative Ford is in San Francisco for the Republican Convention, it was not desired that he be interviewed at San Francisco, but that arrangements be made for the interview to be conducted upon his return to Washington, D. C. SA Oberndorf was advised that if Representative Ford's office inquiried as to the reason for the appointment, they could be advised that it was in connection with the leak of Lee Oswald's diary to the news media.

Assistant District Attorney William Alexander, Dallas County, has intimated that Representative Ford was the source of the leak of Oswald's diary to the news media. Mr. Rankin of the President's Commission has been advised. Representative/has requested that he be interviewed in order that he could go on record concerning this matter. WFO has the necessary background to handle this interview.

The above is being submitted for record purposes ...

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NATION OF THE PRESIDENT Pursuant to instructions, I talked to Congressman Gerald Ford (R-Michigan), at 1:05 p.m. today at San Francisco. He is staying at the Jack Tar I told Congressman Ford that the Director, of course, knew of the Hotel. allegations by Holmes Alexander in Dallas, Texas, to the effect that Congressman Ford was involved in releasing Oswald's diary to the Dallas Morning News. I mentioned to Congressman Ford that the Director knew, of course, that this was a false allegation and that we desired to be of service to him in connection with the matter. I told him 'that the Director thought perhaps he might desire to be interviewed by the Special Agent in Charge of our San Francisco Office in order to completely deny the allegations. I mentioned to Congressman Ford that the Director had in mind that if these allegations received publicity, the Congressman, after being interviewed, would be in a good position to state that he had been interviewed by the FBI, who is investigating this matter, and had completely denied the allegations. I also told Congressman Ford that, of course, the Director wanted him to know that the interview could wait until his return on July 23, 1964, if he so desired. Congressman Ford was most appreciative for the telephone call. He asked that his highest regards be expressed to the Director for thinking of him concerning this matter. He stated that things were so hectic at the convention that he would. appreciate it if he could wait until his return on July 23, 1964, and that I should come up to his office for the interview. I told him we would abide by his wishes in this regard. 1 62-109090 -NOT ENCORPTED 170 JUL 22 1964 - JU ACTION: For record purposes. 1 - 1 le. Delmont 1 - Wir. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Jones CDD:dgs and the second second second second