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To: SAC, Los Angeles (105-15823)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

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The following information was volunteered by SA John J. Heidtke, New Agents Class 16, who has been assigned to Butte as first office, following a lecture during which questions were asked concerning captioned case. SA Heidtke stated that in 1966 when he was working in law enforcement in Covina, California, he had occasion to contact Mr. Dan Cotterman of the magazine "Gun World."

Incidental to this contact, Mr. Cotterman related the following: During the Summer of 1963, he received a letter from a man whose last name he recalls as Oswald. The writer inquired about the most effective ammunition for hunting with a 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano rifle. Cotterman recalls that he replied to the letter, giving the requested information. Subsequent to the assassination of President Kennedy, Cotterman looked for the incoming letter, since he believed it was from subject, but was unable to locate it.

SA Heidtke stated he was in Cotterman's office and noted the desk was piled high with papers. He said he could understand why Cotterman could not find the letter. SA Heidtke furnished this for information.

Bufiles reveal that in January, 1965, Cotterman corresponded with the Bureau about an article dealing with guns which appeared in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, and we replied to his letter thanking him for his interest.

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Re: Lee Harvey Oswald
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Cotterman's letter showed him to be Associate Editor, "Gun World," Gallant Publishing Company, Inc., Covina, California. Bufiles contain no reference to Cotterman in connection with this case.

You are instructed to interview Cotterman concerning the above and furnish the results in LHM form under the above caption. Handle promptly.

NOTE:

SA Heidtke furnished this information to SA T. N. Goble of the Soviet Section. In the interest of thoroughness, we should talk to Cotterman. He might still have Oswald's letter and could possibly later publish it. We cannot afford to be placed in the position of not having taken the step of talking to Cotterman, even at this late date.