



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

"The Nation" magazine has printed an article in its January 27, 1964, issue entitled "Oswald and the FBI" by Harold Feldman. Our letter of January 27, 1964, transmitted to the Commission a copy of this article.

Your attention is directed to pages 88 and 89 of the article in "The Nation," wherein the author is quoted as follows:

"Equally puzzling, his mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, has insisted that an agent of the FBI showed her a photograph of Jack Ruby just about seventeen hours before Ruby shot her son.

'It was understood, however, that Federal agencies had acknowledged that she had been shown a photograph that night for identification, but spokesmen would not disclose whether it was that of Ruby. (The New York Times, 12/2/63.)'

"The next day the FBI denied that the photograph was that of Jack Ruby but they would not comment further. Mrs. Oswald repeated her statement and has demanded that the pictures be produced again."

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For your information, Special Agent Bardwell D. Odum of this Bureau did display a photograph of an individual to Mrs. Marguerite Oswald on November 23, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, for the purpose of attempting to determine if the individual depicted in such photograph was known to Mrs. Oswald as an associate of Lee Harvey Oswald. Mrs. Oswald could not identify the photograph as anyone she knew.

For your additional information, the photograph exhibited to Mrs. Marguerite Oswald by Special Agent Bardwell D. Odum definitely was not a photograph of Jack L. Ruby.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover