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James J. Rowley
Chief, United States
Secret Service
Department of Treasury
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

In Lee Harvey Oswald's "Historic Diary" the entry for October 20, 1959, reads as follows:

"An elderly American in the hospital grows suspicious about me for some reason, perhaps because at the Embassy I told him I had not registered as most tourists and I am in general evasive about my presence in Moscow and in the hospital."

The Historic Diary also notes that he was frequently visited by his Intourist guide, Nina Shirokova. She was described in 1959 as blond, 5'2", 120 pounds, single, attractive and able to speak excellent English. The hospital in which Oswald says he was being treated was the Botkinaya hospital in Moscow. He was being treated for a self-inflicted wound on the left wrist. He was confined from October 21 to October 23, 1959. The first two or three days were spent in the "psychiatric ward" and the remainder in the "nomatic department."

A previous request to the Department of State as to whether it had any record of the this "elderly American" in Oswald's ward might have been drawn also under that no records of any American in the hospital at the time existed. Very recently, however, the Department of State was discovered that such records do exist.

W. David Glendon of our staff has already spoken with Inspector Thomas Kelley about this matter and has handed to Mr. Kelley the Department of State's passport files on Mr. William Edgerston Macdonald, Jr., and Mr. Walter Boris Karp-patitsky.

Both of these men were, according to Department of State records, treated in the Borkinaya Hospital on or about the time Lee Harvey Oswald was supposed to have been there. In addition, Mr. Glawson furnished Inspector Kelley with the name and last known address of Dr. Donald G. Martin, the American physician assigned to the Embassy in 1959, who frequently treated patients at the Borkinaya Hospital. It is our understanding that the Service has already taken steps to follow-up on Mr. Marchoux and Dr. Martin and has kept Mr. Glawson informed of developments there. Inspector Kelley has stated that follow-up on Mr. Bar-patnitsky will begin immediately.

As already stated to Inspector Kelley, the Commission is interested in the Service trying to locate those men and question them on whether they ever saw Lee Harvey Oswald in the hospital at that time and, if so, what details they can remember about him and the persons with him. If they cannot remember having seen Oswald, we are interested in whether they can furnish the names of other Americans who were in the hospital at that time who in turn may have seen Oswald.

Sincerely,

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Assassination of President Kennedy
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

In response to your letter of August 7, 1964, concerning the entry in Lee Harvey Oswald's "Historic Diary", we have furnished Mr. Slawson reports regarding our contacts with Dr. Donald C. Martin and with Mrs. William Edgerton Morehouse, Jr. We have also furnished Mr. Slawson with a recent address on Mr. Walder Boris Kar-patnitsky in West Berlin.

We regret that the two Secret Service representatives in Europe are committed in connection with the visit of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy in Europe until August 19. In view of our inability to conduct the necessary interview of Kar-patnitsky promptly, Mr. Slawson has advised us that he will arrange for the interview through another American agency with offices in West Berlin.

Sincerely yours,

James J. Rowley