

Form No. DJ-96a  
(Rev. 7-17-63)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROUTING SLIP

TO:	NAME	DIVISION	BUILDING	ROOM
1.	Mr. Vinson			
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3.				
4.	Mail Room			

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 APPROVAL       NECESSARY ACTION       AS REQUESTED  
 SEE ME       NOTE AND RETURN       NOTE AND FILE  
 RECOMMENDATION       CALL ME       YOUR INFORMATION  
 ANSWER OR ACKNOWLEDGE ON OR BEFORE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PREPARE REPLY FOR THE SIGNATURE OF \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

I don't think we need be as curt as I first thought. This letter will placate the proud wife only slightly & she will still wonder why the President didn't write personally or award her husband a medal.

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FROM:	NAME	BUILDING, ROOM, EXT.	DATE
	Howard P. Willens	2107	6/4/68

TO:	NAME	DIVISION	BUILDING	ROOM
1.	<i>Mr. Latta</i>			2118
2.	<i>Mr. Wilkins</i>			
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REMARKS:

*Please prep letter to wife that our info gathered from Commission report indicates husband well performed his duties as an officer in connection with Oswald matter. ELL 5/17*

FROM:	NAME	BUILDING, ROOM, EXT.	DATE
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			BDB

Feb, 5/1

Mr. Belcher

Nothing in our  
cards, service unit,  
a mail room on  
this. Mr. Welles  
tied up this afternoon.  
Presumably, he will  
want to talk about  
it in the m.

BFT  
Prob. correspondence

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REMARKS:

Carl: I think there is a previous record of correspondence on this. After you have checked that, let's talk about it.

*Not adding to records  
as my notes source  
JPC*

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FROM:	NAME	BUILDING, ROOM, EXT.	DATE
	Howard P. Willens	2107	5/14/65

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JUNE 4 1965

Mrs. M. N. McDonald  
530 Southport Drive  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. McDonald:

I am glad to acknowledge your letter of April 30, 1965, addressed to the President.

It is apparent from the accounts of your husband's actions in connection with the apprehension of Lee Harvey Oswald, as set forth at length in the Hearings before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, that he performed his duties as a law enforcement officer in the best tradition of the public service. The people of this Nation are indeed indebted to Patrolman McDonald and his courageous colleagues in the Dallas Police Department for their prompt arrest of Oswald in the Texas Theatre on November 22, 1963.

Please extend my congratulations to your husband.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Mr. Rosenthal  
Chrono.  
Records ✓  
Mr. Vinson  
Mr. Cella  
Mr. Willens

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

ROUTE SLIP

(To remain with correspondence)

Date: May 10, 1965

Mr. Jack Rosenthal  
TO: Department of Justice

Prompt handling is essential. Correspondence should be answered or other necessary action taken within 48 hours after arrival at the department or agency. If any delay is encountered, please telephone office of the undersigned.

Please handle the attached correspondence as indicated below:

- A. Reply on behalf of the President .....
- B. Draft for presidential signature .....
- C. Draft for undersigned's signature .....
- D. Other:
  - (1) For background briefing on which to base reply from this office .....
  - (2) For suitable acknowledgement or other appropriate handling ..... XX
  - (3) For your information .....
  - (4) For comment .....

Furnish this office with a copy of your reply. Yes ..... No X.....

Return the original correspondence to this office. Yes ..... No X.....

REMARKS:

ask Howard Willens for his advice.  
My guess is we should discuss this rather curtly.

gpo 16-78420-1

By direction of the President:

Frederick L. Holborn  
Special Assistant in the White House

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
JUN 10 1965
RECORDS BRANCH

530 Southport Drive  
Dallas, Texas, 75201  
April 30, 1965

The President  
Lyndon B. Johnson  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

My husband is Patrolman M. N. McDonald, who is the police officer who risked his life and was accredited with the capture of the Presidential assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, in the Texas Theatre on that terrible day here in Dallas.

Sir, I have wondered many times why you haven't acknowledged my husband's devotion to duty. I am respectfully requesting that you take notice of this fact and make it known, to our Country and to the World, that our government recognizes bravery and the deed that he accomplished without hesitation. The job is thankless enough as it is.

*File*  
So far, my husband has been honored by the Colorado Police Protective Association, The National Police Officers Association of America, The One-Hundred Club of Boston, Massachusetts, The Dallas Citizens Traffic Commission and the Dallas Police Department's Medal of Honor.

Sir, many, many people throughout the country have asked me and wondered why the Federal Government hasn't brought forth recognition, as I have also wondered.

Sir, would you please satisfy my curiosity, as well as the curiosity of many other people?

You might think this letter to be unethical, coming from the wife, but I must be reassured that my husband is worthy and receives the honors that are surely his.

Thank you Mr. President, for taking a few minutes of your valuable time to read my letter.

I have the honor to remain,

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Yours faithfully,

*M. N. McDonald*  
Mrs. M. N. McDonald