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April 27, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

The "Dallas Morning News," Dallas, Texas had an article in its April 24, 1964, edition entitled "FBI Knew Oswald Capable of Act, Reports Indicate." The article, written by Hugh Aynesworth reported that "A source close to the Warren Commission told The Dallas News Thursday that the commission has testimony from Dallas police that an FBI agent told them moments after the arrest and identification of Lee Harvey Oswald on Nov. 22, that 'we knew he was capable of assassinating the president, but we didn't dream he would do it.'" A copy of the article in question is attached for the information of the Commission.

There is enclosed for the Commission an affidavit executed by Special Agent James P. Hosty, Jr., wherein Special Agent Hosty explains the purpose of his contact with the Dallas Police Department on November 22, 1963. Special Agent Hosty unequivocally denies ever having made a statement to Lieutenant Revill or anyone else that the FBI knew Oswald was capable of assassinating the President or that Oswald possessed any potential for violence. Special Agent Hosty specifically denies ever having made the statement as quoted in this article "we knew he was capable of assassinating the president, but we didn't dream he would do it." Special Agent Hosty points out that prior to the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, he never had any information indicating potential violence on the part of Lee Harvey Oswald.

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Sincerely yours,
 J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE: The "Dallas Morning News" carried the scurrilous article wherein SA Hosty is quoted as making the statement that FBI knew Oswald was capable of assassinating the President but we didn't dream he would do it. The allegations are completely false and have been repudiated by the Director in a statement which has been given wide coverage in the press. We are enclosing a sworn affidavit executed by SA Hosty for the Commission's information and for record purposes.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-82555)

FROM DALLAS (100-10461) 5P

ALSO KNOWN AS INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.; IS - R - CUBA.

REMYTEL CALL THIS A.M. TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR C. D. DELOACH.

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS OF FRIDAY, APRIL TWENTY-FOUR,
CARRIES A STORY BY HUGH AYNESWORTH, REPORTER, WHICH REFLECTS
THAT A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE WARREN COMMISSION HAD TOLD THE DALLAS
NEWS ON THURSDAY THAT THE COMMISSION HAD TESTIMONY FROM DALLAS
POLICE THAT AN FBI AGENT TOLD THEM MOMENTS AFTER THE ARREST AND
IDENTIFICATION OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD THAT "WE KNEW HE WAS
CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT BUT WE DIDN'T DREAM HE
WOULD DO IT." LIEUTENANT JACK REVILL OF THE DALLAS POLICE
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SQUAD SUPPOSEDLY IN A MEMO OF NOVEMBER
TWENTY-TWO REPORTED THAT SPECIAL AGENT JAMES (JOE) HOSTY HAD
ACKNOWLEDGED AWARENESS OF OSWALD IN THE BASEMENT OF THE CITY
HALL AT TWO ZERO FIVE P.M., NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO, AND HIS REMARK
WAS MADE AS FIVE OFFICERS BROUGHT OSWALD IN FROM OAK CLIFF.

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IT WAS NOTED REVILL APPEARED BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION IN DALLAS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AND THAT POLICE CHIEF JESSE CURRY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, LAST.

CHIEF CURRY WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THIS MATTER AND WAS SAID TO HAVE GIVEN THE COMMISSION A PHOTOSTAT COPY OF LIEUTENANT REVILL'S FIVE-PARAGRAPH MEMO. HE WAS ALSO SAID TO HAVE GIVEN THE COMMISSION THE NAME OF A SECOND DALLAS POLICE OFFICER WHO SUPPORTED REVILL'S STATEMENT AND FILLED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN REVILL AND HOSTY. THE SECOND OFFICER WAS SUPPOSEDLY V. J. "JACKIE" BRYAN,

IT WAS NOTED IN THE STORY THAT THE COMMISSION HAD NOT TALKED TO AGENT HOSTY BUT THAT THE NEWS' SOURCE SAID HE ANTICIPATED THE AGENT WOULD BE CALLED TO TESTIFY.

REVILL'S MEMO, IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, WAS SUPPOSED TO INCLUDE OTHER FACTS ABOUT THE ONE-TIME RUSSIAN RESIDENT AND ADMITTED MARXIST. CURRY PRIVATELY HAS TOLD FRIENDS, "IF WE HAD KNOWN THAT A DEFECTOR OR A COMMUNIST WAS ANYWHERE IN THIS TOWN, LET ALONE ON THE PARADE ROUTE, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN SITTING ON HIS LAP, YOU CAN BET ON THAT", BUT HE HAS REFUSED PUBLIC COMMENT.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO MY TELS OF APRIL ELEVEN AND APRIL

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FOURTEEN LAST, WHICH REFER TO THE SAME ALLEGED MEMO FROM
LEUTENANT REVILL. MY REFERENCED TEL OF APRIL THIRTEEN SETS
OUT A SUMMARY OF THE MEMO FURNISHED ME BY SA HOSTY. IT IS
NOTED THAT SA HOSTY DENIES ANY MENTION WHATSOEVER BEING MADE
OF OSWALD'S POSSIBLE POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE AND THAT THIS WAS
NOT DISCUSSED AND NOTHING ALONG THIS LINE WAS MENTIONED BY SA
HOSTY. SA HOSTY DID TELL REVILL THAT OSWALD HAD DEFECTED TO
RUSSIA AND HAD RETURNED TO THIS AREA IN NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO AND
WAS EMPLOYED BY THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY AND WAS THE
MAIN SUSPECT IN THE ASSASSINATION.

IT IS NOTED THAT THIS STORY REFLECTS THAT THE CONVERSATION
OCCURRED ABOUT TWO ZERO FIVE P.M., AND THAT HOSTY'S REMARKS WERE
MADE AS OFFICERS BROUGHT OSWALD IN FROM OAK CLIFF. THIS IS
ENTIRELY INCORRECT AS HOSTY DID NOT GO TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
UNTIL AFTER OSWALD HAD BEEN BROUGHT IN, IDENTIFIED, AND WAS IN
CAPTAIN FRITZ'S OFFICE, AND THE CONVERSATION ACTUALLY OCCURRED
AT APPROXIMATELY THREE P.M., BECAUSE HOSTY SAT IN ON AN INTERVIEW
WITH OSWALD, BEGINNING AT THREE FIFTEEN P.M.

SA HOSTY HAS ADVISED ME THAT DURING THE TIME HE WAS PROCEEDING
UP THE STAIRWAY FROM THE BASEMENT TO THE THIRD FLOOR AND TALKING
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LIEUTENANT REVILL, HE DOES NOT RECALL SEEING OFFICER V. J. "ACKIE" BRYAN. IT IS NOTED THAT THE ABOVE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE WHILE BOTH HOSTY AND REVILL WERE RUNNING UP THE STAIRS AND THAT THERE WERE NUMEROUS PEOPLE GOING UP AND DOWN, THE NOISE LEVEL WAS VERY HIGH AND IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO HEAR ANYTHING.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, SA HOSTY, AT HIS HOME APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FIFTY P.M., APRIL TWENTY-THREE LAST, RECEIVED A CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS TALKING WITH THE UNITED PRESS AND HE QUOTED A PORTION OF THE STORY, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT HOSTY IS PROPOSED TO HAVE SAID, " WE KNEW HE WAS CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT BUT WE DIDN'T DREAM HE WOULD DO IT." HOSTY ADVISED ME THAT HE TOLD THE MAN HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT AND FOR HIM TO CALL ME. THE SAME INDIVIDUAL APPARENTLY CALLED ME, IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MR. GARY OF THE UPI, AND I ADVISED HIM THAT I WOULD MAKE NO COMMENT. HE STATED HE WAS GOING TO HAVE HIS WASHINGTON OFFICE CONTACT BUREAU HEADQUARTERS.

SINCE THAT TIME I HAVE RECEIVED CALLS FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, KRLD RADIO STATION, AND I HAVE MADE NO COMMENT. I EXPECT NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL PRESS, RADIO AND TV INQUIRIES AND, UACB, I

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WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE NO COMMENT.

SINCE IT APPEARS DEFINITELY THAT CHIEF CURRY HAS TESTIFIED BEFORE THE COMMISSION REGARDING THIS MATTER AND THE COMMISSION IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A PHOTOSTAT COPY OF LIEUTENANT REVILL'S MEMO, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT I SECURE A SWORN AFFIDAVIT FROM SA HOSTY, FURNISH THE SAME FOR THE BUREAU AND THE BUREAU CONSIDER FURNISHING SAME TO THE COMMISSION.

IT IS NOTED THAT CHIEF JESSE CURRY HAS NEVER MENTIONED THIS MEMO TO ME, AND SINCE HE HAS APPARENTLY GIVEN THE SAME TO THE COMMISSION, HE HAD NO INTENTION OF EVER MENTIONING IT.

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MR. SULLIVAN

Jesse H. Callahan
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