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August 4, 1964

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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:

Reference is made to your letter of July 9, 1964, requesting that this Bureau investigate the possibility that Leo Harvey Oswald, either alone or with others, may have distributed Fair Play for Cuba Committee literature in the vicinity of a United States aircraft carrier which was docked in New Orleans, Louisiana, approximately June, 1963.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated July 16, 1964, at Washington, D. C., and two copies of a memorandum dated July 22, 1964, at New Orleans, Louisiana, which set forth results of our inquiries in this matter. You will note in the enclosed memorandum of July 22, 1964, it is reported that Patrolman Girod Ray, Harbor Police, New Orleans, Louisiana, stated he believes Leo Harvey Oswald distributed literature in the vicinity of the Dumaine Wharf in New Orleans. You will also note that copies of the literature obtained by Patrolman Ray from the individual believed to be Oswald are included in our memorandum dated July 22, 1964.

In connection with the handbill made available by Patrolman Ray, entitled "HANDS OFF OUR COUNTRY" which he obtained from an individual he believes to be Leo Harvey Oswald, your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent Warren C. McKinstry dated December 8, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, in the Oswald case which sets out data on pages 393 through 401.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

regarding the handbill containing the same caption "WINDS OFF  
CUM!" which was ordered by Lee Harvey Oswald from the Jones  
Printing Company, 422 Girod Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. A  
copy of this handbill entitled "WINDS OFF CUM!" and copies of  
other literature ordered by Oswald in connection with his Fair  
Play for Cuba Committee activities in New Orleans, have been  
furnished to the Commission in our Evidence Exhibit Number D-31.

This concludes our investigation in this particular  
matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

NOTE:

San Francisco Office received information from an  
individual to the effect that Oswald was observed distributing  
FFCC literature in the vicinity of the U. S. fleet in New Orleans  
during 6/63. Commission requested we obtain further details  
regarding such allegation. Our inquiries disclose that an  
individual believed to be Oswald was distributing FFCC literature  
in the vicinity of the U. S. aircraft carrier "Tasp" which was  
then docked at the Dumaine Street Wharf, New Orleans. Through  
contacts with the New Orleans Harbor Police we obtained  
Patrolman Ray's reports of the incident and copies of two hand-  
bills he obtained from the individual believed to be Oswald. One  
of the handbills appears to be identical with a handbill which we  
knew Oswald had printed in New Orleans.