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To: SAC, Dallas (100-10461)

From: Director, FBI (105-82335)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.

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ATTENTION: CRIMINAL SECTION

Enclosed are two copies of a letter which was received from the President's Commission dated 4/30/64.

Dallas is instructed to interview Mr. Robert Adrian Taylor concerning the rifle he may have purchased from Lee Harvey Oswald sometime in March or April, 1963. Specifically, determine from Taylor if the barrel of his rifle has been shortened. In addition, question Mr. Taylor concerning paragraphs two and three of page two of the Commission's letter.

Obtain the rifle from Mr. Taylor and submit to the Laboratory expeditiously as the Laboratory will take specific measurements and necessary photographs. Advise Mr. Taylor the rifle will be promptly returned when this examination has been completed. If Mr. Taylor does not wish to release the rifle, advise the Bureau, attention Laboratory, for supplemental instructions regarding measurements and photographs. The Laboratory will furnish the Commission measurements and photographs of a similar rifle.

Furnish the Bureau appropriate letterhead memorandum revealing the results of your interview with Mr. Taylor and endeavor to handle this matter at an early date.

Enclosures (2)

- 1 - Mr. Conrad (7621) (Enc.)
- 1 - Mr. Jevons (7133) (Enc.)
- 1 - Mr. Frazier (7416) (Enc.)
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan (Enc.)

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NOTE:

Commission by letter dated 4/30/64 requested that Mr. Robert Adrian Taylor be interviewed concerning a rifle he may have purchased from Lee Harvey Oswald sometime in March or April of 1963. Results of an interview with Taylor have been previously reported in Dallas report dated 12/23/63. The Commission desired certain specific information regarding Taylor's rifle such as the over-all length in its original condition and they wanted the photographs of the rifle both assembled and disassembled. They also wanted same information on a similar rifle. Commission desired to know when Mr. Taylor obtained the rifle and if Mr. Taylor has ever seen the individual from whom he obtained the rifle at any other time either before or after 11/22/63. They desire to know where the rifle was located on 11/22/63. This matter is being coordinated with the Laboratory who will make necessary measurements and photographs if Mr. Taylor will temporarily release this rifle and also will obtain measurements and photographs of a similar rifle.