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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On June 1, 1964, Mrs. MARGUERITE C. OSWALD, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, telephonically contacted the Fort Worth, Texas, Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time she asked for a Special Agent by name, and stated she would like to have that Agent come by her residence on that date or the following day if he were in her neighborhood, as she wanted to show him a newspaper.

On June 1, 1964, Mrs. MARGUERITE OSWALD, 2220 Thomas Place, Fort Worth, Texas, furnished the following information:

Mrs. OSWALD had four newspaper advertisements from Holman-Harcus Stone cut out of different newspapers and she exhibited these to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as she believed they had something to do with the assassination.

The first newspaper advertisement was from the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" dated May 15, 1964. This advertisement was advertising an alarm clock. This was a small box whereby a person could get a spring from the house to a swimming pool or any other place, and if any children hit the spring the alarm clock would immediately set off a buzzer alarm. The alarm clock was advertised to sell for \$9.95. The heading of this advertisement was "GISEN FOR LATHER SHIRT". This advertisement appeared on May 15, 1964, and Mrs. OSWALD said that in the date that she saw it, involving MARTHA OSWALD appeared in the Dallas Morning News. She believed that this advertisement and MARTHA OSWALD had some connection.

The next advertisement was in the "Dallas Morning News" on January 15, 1964, and was headlined, "CARR TELLS OF WHITE

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HOUSE CONFERENCE THAT SET UP INQUIRY." This article took up nearly the entire page. In the lower right-hand corner was an advertisement of Holman-Harcus advertising some books. The advertisement had a picture of one book. She believed that this advertisement had some connection with the article written by Mr. CARR, who is the Attorney General of Texas.

The next advertisement that she had cut out of the paper was from the "Dallas Morning News" for Thursday, April 30, 1964. This advertisement was titled "THE CONNECTION LINK" and had a picture of a pearl necklace and was advertising the pearl necklace for \$10.00, plus tax. Right under the word "CONNECTION LINK" was "SET UP FOR HIRE". Mrs. OSWALD had also cut out another advertisement from the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" dated May 29, 1964, similar to the one above in that this advertisement was also advertising pearl necklace. The heading over the picture of the pearl necklace was "THE COLLECTING LINK". It did not say anything about "SET UP FOR HIRE". She believed that these two advertisements, being so much alike, had something to do with the assassination.

Mrs. OSWALD said that on Wednesday, May 20, 1964, at 12:40 P.M., Mr. FORRESTER V. SORRELLS, Agent in Charge of the Social Service in Dallas, came to her home, accompanied by some woman. Mr. SORRELLS asked to come in and talk to Mrs. OSWALD. She told him that she was alone and that she never conducted interviews or saw anyone when she was alone in the house, and she refused to let him come in. SORRELLS told her that the reason he was calling was that the President's Commission had lost their copies of Exhibit 202. He asked her if she had this exhibit or her copy and she said that she did, and that she kept all of her papers in a safe deposit box in the bank. He asked if they could obtain a copy of this 202 exhibit to compare the files of the President's Commission. SORRELLS tried to ask her about some tape recording, but she cut him off and said she did not want to talk about the tape recording.

Mrs. OSWALD had been thinking of the matter of the President's Commission losing this 202 exhibit. She said that

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The President's Commission made three copies of all exhibits and she did not see how they could lose all three copies of this particular exhibit. She believed that Mr. SOBRESIS wanted this for some other person or else just wanted to get in the house and talk to her about something else. Mrs. OSWALD said that she would gladly furnish a copy directly to the Commission or would cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in giving the Commission a copy of Exhibit 202. She said that she would not furnish anything to the Secret Service.

She further related that she intended at some time in the future to locate and talk to Mr. JOHN FAIR, a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who is now in Houston, Tex 7, and is in the real estate business. She recalls that her son, LEE OSWALD, told her on one occasion that he had furnished information to Mr. FAIR during an interview in Fort Worth while Mr. FAIR was with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On June 2, 1964, Mrs. HANCOCK C. OSWALD, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, telephonically contacted the Fort Worth, Texas, Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time she advised that she had obtained some concrete information for the Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who had contacted her on June 1, 1964, and that "it happened at 2:00 A.M. this morning."

On June 2, 1964, Mrs. HANCOCK OSWALD, 2220 Thomas Place, Fort Worth, Texas, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, furnished the following oral information:

At exactly 11:45 P. . on the night of June 1, 1964, Mrs. OSWALD advised that she received a long distance "weekend call" from a person who identified himself as JOE SMITH, a representative of "Time" Magazine, New York City. This person stated he was calling from New York City.

Mrs. OSWALD advised that she made a tape recording of the conversation and insisted upon playing same for the Special Agents.

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The voice on the tape recording appeared to be that of a male person, was incoherent at times, mumbled and was "thick tongued." The voice sounded much like a person under the influence of liquor.

At the beginning of the conversation, this person said that he had a thousand-dollar check for Mrs. OSWALD and asked her how she was getting along, and said that he wanted to do a "follow-up" story. The person then asked Mrs. OSWALD, "Aren't you proud of being born a Judas and being alive?" This person then said, "Why don't you kill yourself?" The person continued, saying, "He did it -- just the same as day is day and night is night, that is proof. What proof do you have that he is even your child? Isn't that proof enough? You know that he did it."

The person then stated that he had read a story in "Life" and "Time" Magazines, "in which you said you saw a big, important person. 'I am a very important person.' He was Judas important to history, so, Mrs. JUDAS, you are important to history."

The person then said that actually he did not work for "Time" Magazine.

Mrs. OSWALD advised that this call was to her telephone number PE 7-7677, and apparently was placed to her personally because the operator asked for Mrs. OSWALD.

Mrs. OSWALD said, further, that there were no threats to her during the conversation, but that she wanted to get away and prosecute the person making the call for "disturbing the sloop in the middle of the night," and for general harassment towards her. Mrs. OSWALD said, further, that she would like to sue "Time" and "Life" Magazines and the person calling. She stated that she feels she should be able to sue "because" because "everyone else sues for such small, trivial things" and this matter is big -- it's history". Mrs. OSWALD stated that she knows that the President's Commission is vitally interested in "Time" and "Life" Magazines for what they have published concerning this case in the past.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 9, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
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Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Your letter of June 1, 1964, requesting summaries of FBI reports with regard to ten named persons and certain information regarding the contact by Special Agent Charles W. Flynn with Jack L. Ruby on March 11, 1959, is herewith acknowledged.

As you were advised in my letter of February 27, 1964, Jack Ruby was contacted by Special Agent Charles W. Flynn of the Dallas Office on March 11, 1959, in view of his position as a night club operator who might have knowledge of the criminal element in Dallas. The purpose of this contact was to determine whether or not Ruby did have such knowledge, and if so, if he would be willing to furnish information to this Bureau. Ruby was advised of the FBI's jurisdiction in criminal matters, and he expressed a willingness to furnish information. A personal description of Ruby was obtained by Special Agent Flynn on the occasion of this contact on March 11, 1959, but no information or other reports were obtained. Between March 11, 1959, and October 2, 1959, Ruby was contacted on eight other occasions, but he furnished no information whatever and further contacts with him were discontinued.

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

The personal description of Ruby as obtained by Special Agent Flynn on March 11, 1959, did not in itself contain the remark "known Dallas criminal." This remark was included in the description by Special Agent Louis H. Kelley at the time when he was assisting in the preparation of the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated November 30, 1957. Enclosed herewith is the affidavit of Special Agent Louis H. Kelley at Little Rock, Arkansas, dated June 4, 1964, setting forth his basis for adding the remark "known Dallas criminal" to the description of Ruby as it appears in the report of Special Agent Manning C. Clements at Dallas dated November 30, 1957, and in the enclosure to my letter to you of April 7, 1964.

The summaries concerning the ten named individuals in your letter of June 1, 1964, are currently being prepared and will be forwarded to you promptly upon completion.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure