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BY COURIER SERVICE

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 dated April 23, 1964, wherein you requested that certain investigation be conducted based upon testimony furnished to your Commission by Mr. Carlos Bringtier.

Our letter of May 26, 1964, and the enclosure thereic, furnished information responsive to your request. We also indicated that we contemplated interviews with Orestes Pena and Carlos Bringtier as soon as they were available.

Enclosed are two copies of the report of Special Agent Stephen H. Callender dated June 22, 1964, at New Orleans, Louisiana, which contains results of our interviews with Mr. Pena and Mr. Bringtier and additional inquiries we have made in this matter. In view of the conflicting information furnished by Mr. Orestes Pena as described in the enclosure and his refusal to be interviewed by Agents of this Bureau regarding such conflicts in his statements, it is suggested the Commission may desire to subpoena Mr. Pena to testify before the Commission under oath.

Your attention is also called to our letter of June 17, 1964, which transmitted to the Commission the results of our survey of the records of the Passport Agency in New Orleans. We pointed out that Orestes Pena, like

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Lee Harvey Oswald, applied for a United States passport in New Orleans on June 24, 1963, and was issued a passport on June 25, 1963. Enclosed for the Commission are two copies of the passport application filed by Mr. Pena in New Orleans on June 24, 1963.

We have initiated a separate investigation of Orestes Pena to fully develop his background and to determine if he may be engaged in activities inimical to the interests of the United States. Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated May 1, 1964, at New Orleans, Louisiana, entitled "Orestes Pena, IS - Cuba" and two copies of a report of Special Agent James F. Horrissey dated June 19, 1964, at Washington, D. C., entitled "Orestes Pena, Internal Security - Cuba" which contain data we have developed concerning Orestes Pena.

Results of our continuing investigation of Orestes Pena will be promptly furnished to the Commission upon receipt.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (8)