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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

April 1, 1964

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

JACK BURCHAM, Texas Employment Commission, Austin, Texas, on April 1, 1964, advised Special Agent H. T. BURK Texas warrant dated September 23, 1963, payable to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Post Office Box 30061, New Orleans, Louisiana, in payment of his unemployment claim, was mailed in a window envelope direct to OSWALD at above post office box in New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 23, 1963, via regular mail which was picked up about 5:15 p.m., September 23, 1963, at Texas Employment Commission Building, Austin, Texas, by U. S. Post Office Department.

The above unemployment check and all others issued to OSWALD by the Texas Employment Commission, Austin, Texas, while he was in Louisiana, were mailed direct to him at his New Orleans, Louisiana, post office box address, and at no time were any checks sent to him in care of the Louisiana Employment Commission.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
April 7, 1964

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Mr. Germain Messing, District Supervisor, Louisiana Division of Employment Security, Room 200, 442 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised on April 1, 1964, that according to regulations, Oswald was required to report weekly in person in order to continue his claim for benefits. Additionally, Oswald was required at these weekly appearances to furnish information regarding his earnings, his availability for work and efforts made by him to secure employment.

Mr. Messing said that according to his records, Oswald appeared on September 24, 1963 and signed for benefit assistance for the week ending September 27, 1963. He said the benefit checks were mailed by the Texas Employment Commission directly to Oswald at his residence address and that no checks were obtained by Oswald on his weekly visits to the Louisiana Division of Employment Security Office.

Mr. Frederick Christen, Claims Interviewer, Louisiana Division of Employment Security, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans advised on April 1, 1964, that Oswald's weekly visits to his office were to qualify for payments and to show what efforts he had made to obtain employment. On Oswald's visit on September 24, 1963, the claimant filled out a yellow form, IB-2 (Continued Interstate Claim) which form Oswald signed in Christen's presence. He said that Oswald did not receive any benefit checks on his visits to his office, since these checks were mailed directly to Oswald at his residence by the Texas Employment Commission.

Lee W. Robertson, Postal Inspector, Room 2002, Main Post Office Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 2, 1964, observed photographs of FBI Exhibit #D-22 and furnished the following information:

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The "Change of Address Order" signed by Lee H. Oswald bears the stamped mark of 11:00 AM, September 25, 1963 on the reverse side. This is a cancelling machine impression which shows that this card was received at the main Post Office, New Orleans, Louisiana at 11:00 AM on September 25, 1963. This card could have been delivered personally at the main Post Office as late as 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM on September 25, 1963 depending on the volume of mail received at the Post Office at that time and receive the 11:00 AM machine cancelling impression. However, if the Change of Address Card was placed in a collection box on the street, in some outlying section of the City of New Orleans, it could have been deposited as early as 5:00 PM on September 24, 1963.

Inspector Robertson observed that there is a collection box at the Lafayette Square Substation where Post Office Box 30061 is located and that the mail is picked up at this collection box at 10:20 AM and brought directly to the main Post Office which would be in sufficient time to enable the card to bear the cancelling machine impression of 11:00 AM, September 25, 1963.

Inspector Robertson said that the date stamped on the front side of the Change of Address Order of September 26, 1963, is the cancellation stamp of the Lafayette Square Substation showing that the Change of Address Order was received at the Lafayette Square Substation on September 26, 1963. This stamp was also used to cancel the 5¢ postage stamp attached to the card.

The perforated card which has been torn along the perforated edge is an Application For Post Office Box, Form 1093. This application is made out at the Post Office and is not mailed. The application was probably made out at the Lafayette Square Substation when Oswald applied for the box. The perforated card bears two postal marks for the following reason: When Oswald made application for the Post Office Box, he indicated by check mark, that he

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desired "all except special delivery mail in box", which required the Post Office not to place special delivery mail in the box, but to deliver it to the address furnished. This card was sent to the main Post Office to the Special Delivery Section which handles all special delivery mail. There a notation was made to deliver all special delivery mail to the residence address and the card was stamped with the special delivery stamp "June 11, 1963", indicating that this action had been taken and the card returned to the Lafayette Square Substation. The second date stamp, namely October 3, 1963, is the stamp made by the Special Delivery Section noting that the box had been closed and thereby removing its notice to forward special delivery mail to the residence address.

Investigation has determined that the latest available air travel from New Orleans, Louisiana to Houston, Texas on September 25, 1963, which would have enabled Oswald to board a Continental Trailways Bus at Houston, Texas at approximately 2:00 AM, on September 26, 1963, was Eastern Air Lines Flight #543, which was scheduled to depart from New Orleans at 11:40 PM on September 25, 1963 and scheduled to arrive in Houston, Texas at 12:37 AM, September 26, 1963.

It has been determined that Oswald received a warrant from the Texas Employment Commission, Austin, Texas, addressed to his Post Office Box 30061, New Orleans, Louisiana, which warrant was dated September 23, 1963 and was mailed at 5:15 PM on that date and arrived in New Orleans at 6:00 PM on September 24, 1963. Investigation has shown that the earliest time Oswald could have obtained this warrant from his Post Office Box was subsequent to 5:00 AM on September 25, 1963. The Winn-Dixie Store, #1425, 4303 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, the place where the warrant dated September 23, 1963 was cashed, was not open to the public on September 25, 1963 until 8:00 AM. J. D. Fuchs, Manager, Winn-Dixie Store #1425, who approved the warrant for cashing, worked from 6:00 AM until noon and from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM, on September 25, 1963. Mrs. Thelma F. Fisher, Cashier #3, Winn-Dixie Store #1425, who actually cashed the warrant, worked

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from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM on September 25, 1963.

Investigation has further determined that only three busses departed from New Orleans after 8:00 AM on September 25, 1963, and arrived at Houston, Texas prior to 2:00 AM on September 26, 1963. The drivers of these busses hav. failed to identify a photograph of Oswald as a passenger on these busses. There is no record of Oswald as a passenger on any air flight from New Orleans, Louisiana to Houston, Texas on September 25, 1963.

The only conductor, flagman, and porter assigned to the one train departing New Orleans after 8:00 AM on September 25, 1963 and arriving at Houston, Texas prior to 2:00 AM, September 26, 1963, do not recall Oswald as a passenger.

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RE: TRAVEL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD
TO MEXICO

The following investigation was conducted by
SA TERENCE D. DURAN:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

This investigation was conducted in an effort to locate and interview those Greyhound Bus drivers who drove portions of the following trips:

Leave New Orleans 5:45 P.M., September 24, 1963,
Arrive Laredo, Texas, 3:45 P.M., September 25, 1963.

Leave New Orleans 10:45 P.M., September 24,
Arrive Laredo, Texas, 6:50 P.M., September 25.

Leave New Orleans 10:45 A.M., September 25,
Arrive Laredo 10:10 P.M., September 25.

Leave New Orleans 7:00 A.M., September 25,
Arrive Laredo 5:30 A.M., September 26.

Leave New Orleans 2:45 P.M., September 25,
Arrive Laredo 12:20 P.M., September 26.

On December 7, 1963, JOHN FLANAGAN, Terminal Manager, Greyhound Bus Lines Depot, 1401 Texas, furnished the following list of drivers who drove the Houston to San Antonio leg of the above mentioned trips:

Leaving Houston 6:00 A.M., September 25, 1963,
MEL W. NOWOTNY, San Antonio, Texas.

Leaving Houston 9:30 A.M., September 25, 1963,
T. PAT TOLAND, San Antonio, Texas.

Leaving Houston 12:40 P.M., September 25, 1963,
T. C. JONES, San Antonio, Texas.

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