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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 March 18, 1964, dealing with the Mexican aspect of this investigation.

In this connection, there are enclosed two copies each of two memoranda dated March 16, 1964. Our investigation into Oswald's trip to Mexico is continuing.

Upon detachment from the enclosures, this letter may be regarded as unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis:

PATRICIA WINSTON and PAMELA MUMFORD rode in bus with OSWALD from Monterey, Mexico, departing at 7:30 p.m. on 9/26/63, to Mexico City, arriving at 10:00 a.m. on 9/27/63. On the bus, was an Englishman who had lived in Mexico for 30 years. He sat next to OSWALD and a young English couple, who were destined for Yucatan, to study the Indians. All the other passengers on the bus were Mexicans, who spoke no English. OSWALD introduced himself, exhibited his American passport, showing his travel in the U.S.S.R. He said that he had lived in Russia for two years, and had a hard time getting out. OSWALD recommended they stay at the Hotel Cuba, Mexico City, as he had stayed there several times. He said he was not staying there this time. OSWALD acted friendly, made no comment concerning Russia, Cuba, or communism. OSWALD did not indicate why he was in Mexico, where he was going in Mexico, his occupation or future plans. OSWALD was last observed by the girls standing in the bus station in Mexico City. OSWALD was traveling alone and had one piece of luggage, a small zipper bag.

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Miss PATRICIA CLARE RASHLEIGH WINSTON, Jacqueline Apartments, #206, at 153 North New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, furnished the following information:

Miss WINSTON and PAMELA LILLIAN MUMFORD were both born in the Fiji Islands. The parents of both of these girls represented a British company in the Fiji's. They subsequently moved to Australia. Miss WINSTON is an occupational therapist, and Miss MUMFORD is a legal stenographer. Two years ago, they set out to tour the world, and worked their way as they traveled. From Australia, they went to Great Britain and the continent. This took over a year. They then immigrated to the United States as permanent residents under the Fiji Islands quota. They were in New York for about six months, and then toured the United States, including a trip to Mexico. Miss WINSTON is presently unemployed. When the girls were in Texas, they took a trip by bus to Mexico City. They were traveling on what was known as the "See Mexico on \$5 a Day."

On September 25, 1963, WINSTON and MUMFORD purchased bus tickets at the Trailways Bus Depot in Laredo, Texas. These tickets were to Mexico City, with a stopover at Monterey, Mexico. They departed the bus depot at 10:00 a.m. on September 25, 1963, and arrived in Monterey, Mexico at 6:00 p.m. on the same day.

On September 26, 1963, WINSTON and MUMFORD boarded a bus at Monterey at 7:30 p.m. This bus arrived in Mexico City at about 10:00 a.m. on September 27, 1963.

When the girls boarded the bus at Monterey, Mexico, a man who later introduced himself to them as OSWALD, was sitting in the first seat of the bus next to the window. Next to him in the first seat was an Englishman in his late 60's. He was about 6' tall, weighed about 200 pounds, had a paunchy stomach, was slightly bald, his hair was gray, he was clean shaven, and he wore no glasses. He had lived in Mexico for

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about 30 years. He had a definite English accent. He spoke excellent English; the accent appeared to be that of a Londoner. Miss WINSTON indicated that she was familiar with the various accents in the various parts of Great Britain, and it was her opinion that this man was or had been a Londoner.

Behind OSWALD and this Londoner, were a young English couple, man and wife, in their 30's, who apparently had done extensive traveling in the United States and were en route to Yucatan to study the Indians. The girls were desirous of sitting in the front seat on the other side of the bus, but it and all the other seats in the front of the bus, as well as the other seats in the bus, were occupied by Mexicans, crying babies, and small animals. None of these Mexicans spoke English. The bus was loaded. There were about 39 passengers. The only vacant seats were in the middle of the bus, and this is where WINSTON and MUMFORD sat. As they attempted to sit down in these two vacant seats, the Englishman came to them and asked if he could be of assistance. He spoke in Spanish to the Mexicans sitting nearby to clean up the area so the two girls could sit down.

The bus stopped every two hours at a rest and eating station. Practically every time the bus stopped, OSWALD would go in and eat the Mexican food, which he said he enjoyed.

At these various stops, and also while traveling, the girls had conversation with the four persons on the bus who spoke English. On one occasion, the man sitting next to the Englishman came back to the girls and asked them where they had been traveling, and they told him of their world tour. He said that he had done considerable traveling also. He said he had been to Japan, and he asked them if they had been to the Soviet Union. They said "No", but that they had known a girl who had visited Moscow a year or so ago, and they told OSWALD that this girl had said that all the tours that she had in Moscow were "guided" tours, and that the only thing that the Soviets let you see in Moscow is what they want you to see, and that they only tell you what they want you to know. They also told OSWALD that this girl friend had said that if you asked a question, and they did not want to give you the answer, they would either ignore the question completely or else tell you that they would answer the question at a later date. At this,

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OSWALD said nothing, however, he did at that point jump up and say, "Oh, I've been to Russia. Let me show you." He then went to the front of the bus, where he had a small zipper bag. He opened it up and brought out a passport which he presented to the girls. When he first introduced himself to the girls, he said his name was LEE. They examined the passport and saw his last name was OSWALD. He also pointed out to them a stamp in the passport which indicated that he had traveled in the Soviet Union. OSWALD told them he had lived in Moscow for two years and that he had had quite a hard time getting out of Russia and back to the United States.

OSWALD did not indicate that he was married, however, he was wearing a gold wedding ring.

OSWALD made no comment concerning Russia, Cuba, or communism. He did not discuss the international situation, no mention was made of politics, no controversial issues were discussed, and nothing was said of Socialism or any type of ism or ideology.

OSWALD recommended that the girls stay at the Hotel Cuba in Mexico. He told them he had stayed there several times before while in Mexico City, as it was an inexpensive hotel. He told them that he was not staying there this time. They stayed at the Hotel Calvin because it was the hotel which their taxi driver recommended to them.

During their conversation with him, Miss WINSTON recalled that OSWALD said he came from Dallas, Texas.

OSWALD did not say why he was in Mexico, where he was going in Mexico, or what his future plans were, or what his occupation was.

At one of the stops that the bus made for rest and eating, the Englishman said to the girls, "I gather the young man sitting with me has been to Mexico City before." Miss WINSTON assumed from this statement that the Englishman had not been acquainted with OSWALD prior to boarding the bus. In talking with the English couple who were going to Yucatan, she concluded that this couple had never heretofore seen OSWALD.

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It was Miss WINSTON's opinion that OSWALD was traveling alone, that he had had no previous contact with any of the English speaking people on the bus prior to that time. When they arrived in Mexico City, the girls left the bus and took a taxi cab to the Hotel Calvin. When they last saw OSWALD, he was standing in the bus depot with one piece of luggage in his hand. OSWALD was always the first one off the bus at each rest point, and immediately went into the restaurant. He was not observed to talk to anyone at these restaurants. He always ate alone, except for breakfast on the morning of September 27, 1963, when he ate with the English couple in their 30's. OSWALD was wearing light gray pants, a pale green jersey, open shirt with a collar, and from time to time, would wear a charcoal gray sweater with a collar.

After first talking with OSWALD on the bus, the girls gave him the nickname of "Texas", and they referred to him in conversations between themselves thereafter as "Texas."

On the weekend of the assassination, Miss WINSTON and Miss MUMFORD were on a weekend vacation in Las Vegas, Nevada, and in the hotel in which they stayed, there was a television which had on it pictures dealing with the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. During that weekend, they observed pictures of the person who had been arrested for the assassination. They also observed pictures of OSWALD as he was being taken out of the jail, at which time he was killed by RUBB. As soon as they saw the first pictures, WINSTON and MUMFORD said to each other, "Oh, there's Texas." Miss WINSTON stated that she and Miss MUMFORD both immediately identified the pictures of this person as LEE OSWALD, who had been on the bus with them from Monterey, Mexico to Mexico City.

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Miss PAMELA LILLIAN MUMFORD was interviewed at her place of business, 611 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, Room 700. She is employed there as a legal stenographer for Dillavou and Cox, Attorneys. She resides at the Jacqueline Apartments, Apartment 206, 153 North New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles. She furnished the following information:

Miss MUMFORD was born in the Fiji Islands. Her father was a representative of a British company operating in the Fiji's. Subsequent to her birth, her family moved to Australia. Two years ago she set out in company with PATRICIA WINSTON to travel around the world. She went to Great Britain and the European continent. She then immigrated to the United States as a permanent resident and worked in New York for about six months. She then toured the United States and took a trip to Mexico.

On September 25, 1963, Miss MUMFORD said that she and Miss WINSTON purchased tickets at the Trailways Bus Depot in Laredo, Texas. They departed from Laredo on September 25, 1963, in the morning and arrived at Monterey, Mexico on the same day at 6:00 p.m.

On the following day, September 26, 1963, Miss MUMFORD in company with WINSTON boarded a bus in Monterey at 7:30 p.m. and arrived at 10:00 a.m. on September 27, 1963 in Mexico City.

When MUMFORD boarded the bus with WINSTON at Monterey, Mexico, a man who later introduced himself to her as OSWALD, was sitting in the first seat of the bus. Next to him was an Englishman in his late 50's, approximately 5' 7" height, 160 pounds, short plump with white hair, balding.

This Englishman told her that he had been in Mexico for about 30 years. He still retained an English accent. The accent appeared to be that of a Londoner.

Behind OSWALD and the Londoner sat an English couple in their late 30's. They apparently had done extensive traveling in the United States. They indicated that they had been aboard the bus for approximately 36 hours prior to their

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arrival at Laredo. They indicated they had come from Washington, D. C. They said that they were going to Yucatan to study Indian culture.

MUMFORD recalled that there were approximately 39 people aboard the bus and that the only people that spoke English besides herself and WINSTON, were OSWALD, the Londoner, and the British couple. When they made an attempt to get seats in the bus, the only ones vacant were midway back in the bus and that the Londoner came back and talked in Spanish to the Mexicans so that the two girls could sit down.

The bus made a stop every two hours at a rest station, and at each one of these stations there was a cafe. MUMFORD recalled that OSWALD got off at every bus stop and would go in and eat some food.

At one of these stops the Londoner, sitting next to OSWALD, came over to MUMFORD and WINSTON and they engaged in conversation. MUMFORD said that she and WINSTON told him of their world tour. MUMFORD recalled that the Londoner indicated that he was retired and had lived in Mexico about 30 years and was very fond of the country and its people. MUMFORD recalled that the Londoner said during one of these conversations "I gather the young man sitting with me has been to Mexico before". Miss MUMFORD assumed from this statement that the Londoner had not been acquainted with OSWALD prior to boarding the bus. At one of these stops MUMFORD and WINSTON talked to the English couple going to the Yucatan and MUMFORD concluded from their conversation that this couple had never had any contact with OSWALD prior to boarding the bus.

While traveling on the bus the man sitting next to the Londoner came back to where they were sitting and engaged in conversation. They told him of their world tour and he said that he, too, had done considerable traveling having been to Japan and also to the Soviet Union.

He asked MUMFORD and WINSTON if they had ever been to the Soviet Union and they said no. MUMFORD said at this point that she and WINSTON told the man that a friend of theirs, a girl, had been to Moscow on a "guided" tour and that the only

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thing that she had seen was what the Soviets wanted her to see. Furthermore, that the Soviets would not answer questions freely. This man made no comment to this story.

At this point in their conversation with the man, he said "I have been to Russia" and he went to the front of the bus and got his passport which he showed to MUMFORD. He introduced himself as LEE and she recalled in examining the passport that his last name was OSWALD. He pointed out to her in his passport a stamp which indicated that he had traveled in the Soviet Union. OSWALD said that he had lived in Moscow for two years and he had had quite a hard time in getting back into the United States.

OSWALD was wearing a gold wedding ring, however, he made no mention of a wife or family. OSWALD made no comment concerning Russia, Cuba or communism. He did not discuss the international situation and no mention was made of politics and no controversial issues were discussed between MUMFORD and OSWALD.

MUMFORD recalled that OSWALD recommended staying at the Hotel Cuba, in Mexico City. He indicated that he had stayed there several times before while in Mexico City. He pointed out that it was an inexpensive hotel. He added, however, that he was not going to stay at the Hotel Cuba on this visit.

MUMFORD recalled that OSWALD said he came from Fort Worth, Texas. He did not indicate to her why he was making this trip to Mexico City, how long he was going to remain, what his future plans were, or what his occupation was.

Upon their arrival in Mexico City, MUMFORD said that she and WINSTON took a taxi cab to the Hotel Calvin. The last time she saw OSWALD he was standing in the bus depot with one piece of luggage in his hand. Miss MUMFORD believed that the bus line on which they traveled from Monterey Mexico, to Mexico City, was called Auto Buses Estrella. She also believed that the bus depot in Mexico City where she last saw OSWALD was called the Estrella Bus Depot.

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Miss MUMFORD said that OSWALD was wearing a charcoal colored sweater with a crew neck, a colored, possibly checkered shirt. His luggage appeared to be zippered over-night bag.

After first talking with OSWALD on the bus, Miss MUMFORD pointed out that she and WINSTON gave him the nickname of "TEXAS". On the weekend of the assassination of President KENNEDY, Miss MUMFORD was with Miss WINSTON in a vacation in Las Vegas, Nevada. While there, they observed on television pictures of the person who had been arrested for the assassination of the President. They also observed pictures of OSWALD on television when he was being taken out of the jail at which time he was killed by RUBY. Miss MUMFORD said as soon as she and WINSTON observed these pictures, they said to each other, "Oh, there's TEXAS". Miss MUMFORD advised that she immediately identified the television pictures of OSWALD to be identical with the LEE OSWALD who had been on the bus with her and Miss WINSTON from Monterey, Mexico to Mexico City, on September 26 and 27, 1963.