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From: Office of Examiner of Questioned Documents

To: Mr. Melvin A. Eisenberg,
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy,
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.,
Washington, D. C. 20002

On September 4, 1964, I received from you a change of address order, POD Form 3575, Nov. 1959, postmarked Dallas, Texas, October 9, addressed to the postmaster at Fort Worth, Tex., showing change of address for Oswald, Lee H., from 2703 Mercedes Av. Fort Worth, Texas to Box 2915, Dallas, Texas, signed in the name of Lee H. Oswald, and bearing effective date as Oct. 10, 1962.

I have made a careful comparison of all of the handprinting, and of the signature on this card with photographs of the standard writing listed in my memorandum to you dated April 29, 1964, and as the result of this study it is my opinion that the author of the standard writing, which includes both handprinting, cursive writing, and signatures in the name of Lee H. Oswald, is the author of all of the writing on that side of the change of address order which includes name, old address, new address, effective date and signature, and, on the face of the card, the writing "Fort Worth, Tex."

The basis for this conclusion is the complete and detailed agreement in all significant details of writing habit between the standard writing and the writing on the change of address order described above.

The change of address order is returned herewith.

Alwyn Cole,
Examiner of Questioned Documents.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 11, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

With reference to your conversation with Mr. J. R. Malley of this Bureau on June 10, 1964, concerning the desire to afford Jack Ruby, who is now confined in the Dallas County Jail, Dallas, Texas, a polygraph examination, I wish to bring certain observations to your attention.

You will recall, insofar as the polygraph is concerned, the FBI has established certain guidelines. The polygraph, often referred to as a "lie detector," is not in fact such a device. The instrument is designed to record under proper stimuli emotional responses which may indicate and accompany deception. It must be clearly understood that emotional disturbances observed during a polygraph test can and may also be prompted by anger, fear, violent dislike, et cetera. The polygraph operator must be extremely skilled, conservative and objective. This Bureau feels that the polygraph technique is not sufficiently precise to permit absolute judgments of guilt or nonguilt without qualifications.

The polygraph is used as an investigative aid or technique by the FBI in carefully selected cases. The results must be considered within the context of a complete investigation. The polygraph can be helpful to provide investigative direction but it must not be relied on solely or used as a substitute for logical investigation.

Inasmuch as the polygraph is used primarily as an investigative technique by the FBI, we would not consider the use of the polygraph as coming within our guidelines, particularly under circumstances wherein

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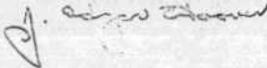
Honorable J. Lee Rankin

the case involved has been adjudicated by a court of law. Specific reference, of course, is made to the Jack Ruby case. The trial of Jack Ruby was publicly aired, it was under the close scrutiny of the eyes of the world, it is reasonable to expect that numerous appellate procedures will be instituted for some time to come, and it is also reasonable to expect that this matter at some time will be judicially reviewed or at least submitted for such review to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Bearing in mind the above factors and the guidelines under which the FBI uses the polygraph, it would seem highly improper for the FBI to give favorable consideration to its use.

I wanted to bring the above facts to your attention in view of your request that the FBI make available its polygraph examiners in connection with the polygraph examination which you desire be afforded Jack Ruby.

Sincerely yours,



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JUN 25 1964

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In answer to your letter of June 11, 1964, concerning the request of the Commission that the Federal Bureau of Investigation afford Jack Ruby the opportunity for a polygraphic examination, we should like to make several things clear. First, it is not the policy of the Commission to use the polygraph even as an investigating technique and it is only being requested in this instance because Mr. Ruby asked for it when he gave his testimony before the Commission at Dallas, Texas, on Sunday, June 7, 1964. The Commission recognizes that the polygraph technique is not sufficiently precise to permit absolute judgment of guilt or innocence without qualifications, as you state in your letter.

In the effort to satisfy Mr. Ruby's request the Commission desires to be scrupulous in avoiding any interference with the State Court or any other proceedings in his criminal trial. The wish is to limit all inquiries to the limited surge of the Commission's interest concerning Jack Ruby's activities. In accordance with these guidelines, the Commission asks that counsel for Mr. Ruby, either Mr. Joe H. Tanshill or such other person as he may desire, Mr. Henry Wade or Mr. James Bowie on his behalf if that is his wish to represent the interest of the State, and Mr. Arlen Specter for the Commission staff be present at the time of the polygraph examination.

We suggest the following questions which we have tried to limit carefully to the area of the Commission's interest:

- (1) Did you know Lee Harvey Oswald prior to November 22, 1963?
- (2) Did you participate in any way with Lee Harvey Oswald in planning or carrying out the assassination of President Kennedy?
- (3) Did you go to the Dallas Police Station at any time on Friday, November 22nd, before you went to the Synagogue?

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