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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
300 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum in the
Lee Harvey Oswald case dated April 10, 1964, classified
"Secret." The enclosed memorandum deals with the comments
and speculations of one Elizabeth Catlett Mora, a
naturalized Mexican citizen of American origin who is
presently a member of the Communist Party of Mexico. (u)

In regard to Mora's remark concerning the
importance of locating press references to Oswald's activities
in New Orleans, Louisiana, before he went to Russia, our
report dated March 9, 1964, at New Orleans, Louisiana, sets
forth the negative results of our review of New Orleans
newspapers for the period immediately prior to Oswald's
departure for France on September 20, 1959. Investigation
has previously established that Oswald received his passport
on September 10, 1959, at Los Angeles, California, and was
discharged from the United States Marine Corps in California
on September 11, 1959. Additional information concerning
Oswald's activities in the New Orleans area in September, 1959,
is set forth in our report in the Oswald case dated
December 10, 1963, at New Orleans. It appears that Oswald
checked into the Liberty Hotel in New Orleans on
September 17, 1959.

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

You will observe that Mora has been ill and, because of her illness, our source has been unable to obtain additional data concerning her comments despite persistent efforts to this end. Our source is still hopeful of developing further details and additional information will be furnished to you as it is developed. ~~(u)~~

For your information, copies of the enclosed memorandum have been furnished to the Central Intelligence Agency in view of its interest in Oswald's activities while in Russia. (u)

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

NOTE:

The enclosed letterhead is from Mexico City. It sets forth speculations of Mora that Oswald could be linked to Mexico only through his activities prior to going to USSR in 1959. Mora indicated that tie in to Mexico may lie in press references to Oswald's activities in New Orleans for the few days he was in that area prior to going to Russia in September, 1959, when he was 19 years old. She also said that Oswald knew Mary Louise Patterson, (an American negress presently attending the Friendship School in USSR) when he was in Russia; hence we are furnishing copies of letterhead to CIA. ~~(u)~~ Our sources in contact with Mora (the highly placed Mex-18 and Mex-19) anticipated spending a few days with Mora, who has been ill, during first two weeks of April, however, they cannot assure us that Mora will be well enough for recontact as she has been ill for a long time.

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