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TO : Mr. Bassett

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FROM : D. Ryan

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PURPOSE: To furnish additional information relating to news reporter Kent Biffle's interest in captioned subject.

DETAILS: Kent Biffle's name was noted, among others, in personal papers belonging to Lee Harvey Oswald (Bufile 105-82555-2579). Biffle was interviewed by the FBI on 12/16/63 (Bufile 105-82555-1212). He advised that he was formerly employed by the Fort Worth (Texas) Press as a reporter in the latter part of 1959 and had been assigned to prepare articles on Oswald's defection. He mentioned no personal contacts with Oswald, but stated he utilized public source information on Oswald and had contact with Oswald's mother and brother for background information. He also stated that the resultant articles (three) contained "all the information which he actually knew about Oswald."

Recent review of information obtained from a very sensitive source in 1959 discloses that Biffle telephonically tried to contact Oswald in Russia. One call on 11/14/59 to Oswald at the Hotel Metropole in Moscow was "placed" by a "Mr. Biffle," although no conversation was recorded. Another call to the hotel by a "Ken Bissle" on 11/16/59 was cancelled because of a poor connection (New York file 65-14825-B1-1677 and 1679). The source of this information has not been utilized since 1970, has not been disclosed according to information in file (Bufile 105-73670) and remains sensitive having been characterized in 1970 as a source, the "disclosure of which would seriously affect the internal security of the United States."

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Since source information does not disclose the results of any contact between Biffle and Oswald while Oswald was at the Hotel Metropole in Moscow in 1959; since the FBI did interview Biffle concerning his interest in Oswald, which he explained; since the new details add nothing nor change what is known; and since further written dissemination of these new details might only serve to compromise a former source by the potential, resultant publicity, it is not felt that written dissemination of the new information is warranted at this time.

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