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were able to determine
if brivald could have take
a more circuitous flight
from dondon as cited in
para 2 of CE 2677 (attached
Therefore our statement in
C1.459-15-12 Nov. 75- Les
aentence, still stands

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

1 July 1964

MINIMANDUM FOR: Er. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT:

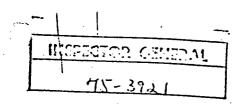
Lee Earwey Oswald's Arrival Time in Helsinki on 10 October 1959

1. In response to your memorandum of 25 May 1964, we have established that the only direct flight from London to Helsindi on 10 Detober 1959 was Finn Air flight 552 which arrived in Helsindi at 2333 (11.3) F.M.). If Oswald had taken this flight, he could not normally have cleared customs and landing formalities and reached the Torni Hotel downtown by 2100 (midnight) on the sam day. This is based on the judgment of officers in this Agency femiliar with the Helsindi airport.

 Ve are presently attempting to determine if Osvald could have taken a zore circuitous flight from London, with a stop at Stockholz, Copenhagen, or some other city. Any additional information received will be forwarded to you promptly.

> Richard Belme Deputy Director for Plane

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2677



6 November 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT

Oswald Flight Inquiry by Time Magazine

Hayes Gorey of <u>Time</u> is writing a piece on Oswald.

He finds in the Warren Commission report a letter from Helms to Rep. Rankin. It is exhibit 2774. The letter says there were no October 10 flights from London to Helsinki but that the Agency will dig still further to clarify this point.

This has to do with the passage of Oswald from London to the Soviet Union, I gather.

Mr. Gorey's query is:

Was the digging done? What did it show?

Is there anything we can do to help Mr. Gorey.

Angus MacLean Thuermer Assistant to the Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the SA/DDO

Mr. Richard A. Fuller

SUBJECT : Oswald Flight Inquery by Time Magazine

Pursuant to Mr. Thuermer's request to provide Mr. Gorey of Time magazine information on Agency efforts clarifying whether or not there was an October 10, 1959 flight from London to Helsinki, Agency records indicate a message was received dated 24 June 1964 which reflected that there was a direct flight from London to Helsinki on 10 October 1959. It was FINNAIR Flight 852 which arrived Helsinki at 2333 hours. This information was passed on July 1, 1964 to Representative Rankin. Efforts to ascertain if there were other more circuitous flights from London on that date were explored without apparent success.

Lawrence M. Sternfield

Acting Chief Counterintelligence Staff