

President's Commission on the  
Assassination of President Kennedy  
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ATTN: Mr. J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Skilled cryptologists at NSA carefully examined the materials relating to the Lee Harvey Oswald case provided by the Warren Commission. The results are as follows:

a. A detailed examination of the two dictionaries revealed no indication of their use for cryptographic purposes.

b. In the correspondence, the Oswald Diary, and the other documents examined there were no evidences of the use of any type of cryptography, to include the use of an open code.

c. Certain letters had been removed from pages 150 and 152 of the Russian novel, GLAZA KOTORYE SPRASEIVAYUT, "Questioning Eyes." Eight letters had apparently been cut from page 152 as follows:

Line 10	Е
Line 11	С, С
Line 13	Е
Line 16	А
Line 24	В
Line 26	К
Line 27	В

One letter had been removed from page 150; however no significance is attributed to the removal of this letter since it corresponds in exact

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position to one of the letters removed from page 152. It was concluded that this letter had been accidentally removed by the cutting process applied to page 152 and that its removal resulted from the application of excessive pressure on the cutting tool when the letter on page 152 was taken out.

The sample is considered too small for any valid conclusions to be reached as to the purposes for which the above noted letters were removed. It is considered most unlikely that this process of letter removal has any cryptographic implication.

d. The Russian "Tourist" portable radio was examined for cryptologic evidence. The radio appears to be a normal receiver and there was no evidence of its use for any other purpose.

e. The names appearing in Lee's and Marina's address books were checked. No evidence of cryptologic implication was found.

Although the results of the examination of the materials provided by the Commission are essentially negative, further study of these materials will be made. If any results are obtained, the Commission will be advised. However, it is considered most unlikely that anything beyond what is reported above will be discovered.

Sincerely,

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Director