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16 June 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. TORDELLA

SUBJECT: Letter for the President's Commission

1. Please note that I have eliminated two items from the original Memorandum for the Record on the examination of the Oswald materials. These are the reference to "micro dots" (paragraph d) and the COMINT reference in paragraph f.

2. I suggest that you informally (possibly by telephone) call the Commission's attention to the appearance of the term "micro dots" on page 44 of Oswald's address book. You might indicate that this reference aroused our suspicion but that we do not feel competent to make an exhaustive examination of the materials for the presence of micro dots - such examination should be conducted by the FBI or CIA. If micro dots are actually found, we would be happy to collaborate to the fullest degree required in the analysis of these dots.

3. I do not believe a statement that we have checked the names against the NSA files needs to be made since:

a. The results were negative and

b. It identifies the existence of sensitive COMINT records.

Of course, if we had found something, a positive report would have been required.

4. Mr. Arnold has reviewed the text of the letter and accepts it as unclassified under the circumstances.

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The material relating to the Lee Harvey Oswald case provided by the Warren Commission was examined and there was no indication that any of the items were used for a cryptographic purpose or for passing secret information.