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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Report on Examination of Material  
Related to Lee Harvey Oswald Case

The undersigned have examined all the material relating to the Lee Harvey Oswald case provided to us by the Warren Commission and have found no indication that any of the items was used for a cryptographic purpose or for passing secret information:

a. A detailed examination of the dictionaries failed to show any indication that they had been used in connection with a dictionary code.

b. A review of the letters of all the correspondents related to the case, as well as of the Oswald Diary and other documents, provided no suggestion of the use of an open code.

c. Perforations which suggested the use of a grilla system appeared on two pages of the Russian novel, GLAZA KOTORYE SPRASHIVAYOT, "Questioning Eyes". However, the manner of perforating only a few letters does not conform to any known system. For purposes of further study, we would like to obtain the original of the novel on long-term or permanent loan. We believe, nevertheless, that it is most likely that the letters were cut out for some purpose related to Oswald's photographic experiments.

d. The appearance of the term "micro dots" on page 44 of Lee Oswald's address book aroused our suspicion, particularly in that it was associated with the address of the photographic firm where he was once employed. There was nothing to indicate to us that micro dots were actually used and we have had to assume that appropriate technical tests were made by the FBI or CIA.

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e. Oswald's Soviet-made portable radio receiver and its associated power supply were examined and tested by R34 with negative results. The radio (for purposes of the tests the power supply was considered an integral part) conformed closely to one examined by the British in 1959. A copy of R34's findings is attached.

f. The names appearing in Lee's and Marina's address books have been checked against NSA files but no COMINT references have been discovered. Collateral references held in the files have only confirmed known information. A copy of the report is attached.

g. In addition to the information on the addresses developed in the personality check, a separate study of NSA address files is being made. While this study is not yet complete, results have so far been negative and there is no reason to expect that anything beyond what the personality check has already turned up will be discovered.

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