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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: ~~X~~ Marvin KANTOR, Possible Connection to Investigation  
of Lee Harvey and Marina OSWALD.

1. Reference is made to your file number (S) 105-77772, subject: Marvin KANTOR and to your file number (S) 105-82555, subject: Lee Harvey OSWALD.

2. It may be of interest to your office to note the following coincidences in the backgrounds of KANTOR and Lee Harvey and Marina OSWALD:

- a. As you know from previous correspondence regarding KANTOR, he reportedly was in Minsk, USSR, for six weeks during the summer of 1958 and during the period 2 June to 5 September 1959. Although OSWALD apparently did not arrive in Minsk until January 1960, Marina OSWALD, according to her own testimony, arrived in Minsk toward the end of August 1959.
- b. In interviews on 3 and 4 May 1961, in Copenhagen, Denmark, with an employee of this Agency who was known to KANTOR as "a representative of American Intelligence", KANTOR claimed to have been something of an oddity in Minsk since he was the only American residing there at the time. As such, he claimed to have attracted to himself a group of young Soviets who displayed an unusual curiosity about the standard of living in the United States and Western Europe and whose interests centered around girls, cars, having a good time and listening to jazz music on the Voice of America. Among these young Soviets, according to KANTOR, was a young man named Igor (LNU), whose father was a Soviet army general. It is interesting that OSWALD also reportedly

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considered himself to be an oddity as the only American residing in Minsk and attracted more or less the same type young Soviets as did KANTOR. It should be noted that OSWALD listed among his close friends in Minsk a young Soviet named Pavel COLOVACHEV, whose father ostensibly was a Soviet army general.

- c. Both KANTOR and OSWALD had served as enlisted men and technicians in the United States Marine Corps.
- d. According to a report from your Detroit office, dated 14 August 1964, KANTOR is employed by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, as a lecturer in Slavic languages and literature in the university's College of Literature, Science and Arts. According to press reports, Marine OSWALD is currently enrolled in a special English language course at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

Signed: John C. Mertz

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