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Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated March 17, 1978, requesting access to material in files of the FBI pertinent to the John F. Kennedy assassination investigation. Additionally, reference is made to FBI letter to the Assistant Attorney General dated April 14, 1978. (U)

On August 16, 1978, Miss Jacqueline Hess, HSCA, requested that the following be provided as a written response to the enumerated items set forth in the request of March 17, 1978. (U)

On November 23, 1963, the FBI furnished a letterhead memorandum to Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C., in order to provide Secret Service with the results of our preliminary investigation into the assassination of John F. Kennedy as well as pertinent background information regarding Lee Harvey Oswald. (U)

The paragraph appearing on Pages 4 and 5 of the letterhead memorandum, which is quoted in your request of March 17, 1978, contains some incorrect information regarding a tape recording of the voice of an individual who identified himself as Lee Oswald. (U)

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Retrievable information contained in files of the FBI indicates that this Bureau received information derived from transcripts of tape recordings furnished by another government agency which conducts intelligence type investigations. The transcripts indicated that on September 28, 1963, and October 1, 1963, the voice of an individual identifying himself as Lee Oswald was recorded by the other government agency conducting intelligence type investigations. Additionally, this government agency provided the FBI with photographs of an individual who appeared to be an American; these photographs being taken by said agency on October 1, 1963. (S)(U)

It is noted that the FBI never received the actual tape recordings from which the transcripts were derived, as the tapes were erased by the other government agency providing the transcripts. (S)(U)

In response to Question 1 of referenced request, retrievable information indicates that the photographs of the individual who appeared to be an American were transported to the FBI Division, Dallas, Texas, on November 23, 1963, by SA Eldon D. Rudd (retired). Subsequently, on November 23, 1963, one photograph of this unknown individual was exhibited to Marguerite Oswald, at Dallas, Texas, by SA Bardwell D. Odum (retired) in an attempt to determine if the individual was known to Mrs. Oswald as an associate of her son Lee Harvey Oswald. Mrs. Oswald could not identify the photograph as anyone she knew. (S)(U)

It is specifically noted that a copy of the photograph exhibited to Marguerite Oswald was furnished to the Warren Commission on February 11, 1964. Additionally, on July 16, 1964, by letter addressed to the Honorable J. Lee Rankin, the Warren Commission was furnished with affidavits regarding the source of the photographs and displaying of same to Mrs. Oswald. (U)

In view of the fact that no tape recordings were ever provided to the FBI, Questions 2 and 3 of referenced request are moot and therefore are not being responded to. (U)

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