President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy
200 Maryland Avenue N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20006

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, GLAVA KTOROY UPRASHNIVAT', "Questioning Eyes." Eight letters had apparently been cut from page 152 as follows:

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One letter had been removed from page 150; however no significance is attributed to the removal of this letter since it corresponds in exact
position to one of the letters removed from page 152. It was con-
clued that this letter had been accidently 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 any-
thing beyond what is reported above will be discovered.

Sincerely,

GORDON A. BLAKE
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director

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