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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Tolson *Key*

DATE: November 23, 1963

FROM : Mr. Belmont

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

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I talked to SAC Shanklin at 9:15 A.M., November 23, 1963, and we discussed the development where our Chicago Office has found that a rifle with the same serial number as the rifle found in the building in Dallas was mailed by Kleins Sporting Goods Company, Chicago, Illinois, on March 20, 1963, to A. Hidell, Post Office Box 2915, Dallas, Texas. Shanklin said Agents have checked with the post office, and that this is a post office box in the name of Oswald's mother and traceable to Oswald. U

According to the Chicago Office the microfilm showing the sale of this gun showed the return address of Hidell, and was paid for by money order. Dallas and Chicago are attempting to trace down the money order. Shanklin pointed out that when Oswald was picked up, he had in his possession a Selective Service Card in the name of A. J. Hidell and a membership card in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in the name of A. J. Hidell. U

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

H.A. TERRY

I told Shanklin it was very important to check out this Hidell angle; that we are checking Oswald's Marine Corps file to get the known handwriting specimens to compare with the signatures of Hidell, and Dallas should be alert for handwriting specimens. The microfilm from Chicago is being sent into the Bureau. I pointed out to Shanklin that our files show New Orleans Agents interviewed Oswald in August, 1963, at which time he indicated that Hidell was head of the FPCC in New Orleans, and New Orleans should be asked to run this out to see if there is such a person. U

Shanklin said that from an initial examination of the photographs of the individual who visited the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City on October 1, 1963, this individual does not appear to be Oswald, as he looks to be older, (u)

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
 - 1 - Mr. Conrad
 - 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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heavier, and with more hair. Also the Agents who have talked to Oswald have

I told Shanklin it is imperative that we solve the question as to whether there is another individual involved with Oswald. To this end, a check must be made of Oswald's whereabouts on or about October 1, 1963, and we must resolve whether there is a A. J. Hidell. (u)

I also told Shanklin that for the time being we should hold tight the information we have developed about the gun being bought in Chicago, and the information about the check we are making on the individual who called the Embassy in Mexico City. X

The Laboratory has advised that the ammunition used in the rifle, believed to have killed the President, is a peculiar ammunition manufactured by Western Cartridge Company in East Alton, Illinois. I authorized the Laboratory to call Springfield and have Agents immediately get some of this ammunition and fly it back to Washington so that it can be used to fire test shots, and further to start an immediate check on the sale of this ammunition to see if we can trace it to Texas. U

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