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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of May 26, 1964, concerning the signature "A. J. Hidell" appearing on a Fair Play for Cuba Committee card found in Oswald's wallet and which suggested the possibility that the signature was written by Marina Oswald. Known samples of Marina Oswald's handwriting were referred to as Commission Exhibits 110, 404A, 408A, 409A and 420.

Commission Exhibit 110 was previously designated as FBI Exhibit D24. Commission Exhibits 404A, 408A, 409A and 420 were furnished to the FBI Laboratory on June 2, 1964, by Miss Mary Ann Rowcotsky and have been designated as FBI Exhibit D220.

Since the handwriting of Marina Oswald appearing on FBI Exhibits D24 and D220 was not adequate for a satisfactory handwriting comparison with the signature "A. J. Hidell" appearing on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee card, a photograph of the card was sent to our Dallas Office. This photograph was exhibited to Marina Oswald on June 3, 1964, and she identified the Hidell signature as her handwriting. She also furnished handwriting specimens of the signature "A. J. Hidell." These known handwriting specimens of Marina Oswald have been designated as FBI Exhibit D225. As a result of a handwriting comparison of Exhibit D225 with the questioned Hidell signature, it was concluded that Marina Oswald wrote the signature "A. J. Hidell" appearing on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee card found in Oswald's wallet.

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2726

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During our contact with Marina Oswald on June 3, 1964, she stated she asked Lee Harvey Oswald what the card containing the name "A. J. Hidell" was for and he told her that it was none of her business. Marina Oswald also told us that her handwriting of the Latin alphabet is very poor now and had been extremely poor at the time she had written the signature "A. J. Hidell." Marina Oswald also stated that she signed this membership card during the time she and Lee Harvey Oswald were residing in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Two photographic copies of FBI Exhibit D225 are attached for your information.

Commission Exhibits 404A, 408A, 409A and 420 are returned to you herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (6)