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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 23, 1964
 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 March 31, 1964, which was received by this Bureau April 6, 1964, requesting that further investigation be conducted in New Orleans, Louisiana; Fort Worth, Texas; and Dallas, Texas, concerning the receipts and expenditures of Lee Harvey Oswald during the period June 13, 1962, through November 22, 1963.

Enclosed for the Commission are two copies of a memorandum dated April 15, 1964, at New Orleans, Louisiana, which sets forth results of our inquiries in this particular matter in New Orleans, Louisiana. Our inquiries in Fort Worth, Texas, and Dallas, Texas, are continuing and the results of such investigation will be promptly forwarded to the Commission upon receipt at our Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

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New Orleans, Louisiana
 April 15, 1964

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Alvin T. Prechter, Personnel Manager, William B. Reily and Company, Inc., 640 Magazine Street, advised on April 10, 1964, that payroll checks were issued to Lee Harvey Oswald on Friday of each week during the time he was employed.

Roland J. Martin, Proprietor, Martin's Restaurant, 701 Tchoupitoulas Street, New Orleans, on April 10, 1964, identified the following checks as having been cashed in his restaurant:

Texas Employment Commission Warrant

<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
G281852	\$66.00

William B. Reily and Company, Inc., Checks

<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
882	\$53.72
1079	\$53.72
1274	\$53.72
1486	\$55.59
1684	\$52.97
1941	\$53.72
1995	\$53.72
2185	\$53.72
2368	\$52.97
2549	\$53.72

He said that normally employees of the William B. Reily Company were not required to exhibit identification in order to cash a check at his restaurant. He charged a 10¢ fee for each check cashed. He advised that he had not

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cashed any other checks for Oswald since he does not cash personal checks for anyone. He only cashes payroll checks and unemployment checks.

He advised that he did not know if Oswald attempted to cash any other checks in his restaurant because he does not recall Oswald at all. He said that his brother-in-law, Anthony Martin or his wife Mrs. Rose Martin, remembers that Oswald used to eat lunch there but that he, himself, cannot place him. Mr. Martin said that he understood from speaking to his wife or brother-in-law, that Oswald spent about 50¢ a day for lunch and he does not know how often Oswald visited his establishment. Mr. Martin could furnish no further information regarding expenditures made by Oswald.

Anthony Martin, Martin's Restaurant, 701 Tchoupitoulas Street, advised on April 10, 1964, that he remembers seeing Oswald eat lunch in the restaurant and recalled that he always sat by himself. He usually ordered a hamburger and a soft drink for lunch and would normally be in the restaurant from about 11:30 to 11:45 AM almost daily. He said that a hamburger costs 35¢ and a soft drink 8¢ and that this was the usual expenditure made by Oswald for his lunch. Anthony Martin did not recall cashing any checks for Oswald and said that the only time he saw Oswald in the restaurant was when he came there for lunch.

Mrs. Rose Martin, wife of Roland Martin, 701 Tchoupitoulas Street, advised on April 10, 1964, that she does not recall Oswald at all. Neither can she remember cashing any checks for him.

Mr. J. D. Fuchs, Manager, Winn-Dixie Store #1425, 4303 Magazine, on April 10, 1964, identified the following checks as having been cashed at his store:

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
G246347	\$33.00
G323653	\$33.00
G358037	\$33.00
G421381	\$33.00
G459698	\$33.00

William B. Reilly and Company, Inc. Check

<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2621	\$10.84

Mr. Fuchs advised that either he or his assistant, J. S. GUILLOT approved these checks for cashing. He said that no fee was charged for cashing these checks. Mr. Fuchs advised that he did not know if any other checks were cashed for Oswald but he doubts that there were. He said that a person cashing a check would have to have some form of identification such as a Social Security Card. He said that Oswald did not have a Winn-Dixie Courtesy Card which would permit him to cash checks at the store, because if he had a courtesy card, the front of the check would bear the number of the Winn-Dixie Courtesy Card. Fuchs advised he did not know whether or not Oswald had attempted to cash any other checks at his store. He stated that he did not know whether or not Oswald made any purchases at his store and said that he had checked with each one of his employees, including all the cashiers, and that none of them remembered Oswald's being a customer in the store. He advised that he did not know how often Oswald actually visited the store and could furnish no information concerning Oswald's expenditures.

Mr. R. W. Massey, Manager, Winn-Dixie Store #1404 3920 South Carrollton Avenue, on April 13, 1964, identified Texas Employment Commission Warrant #G386726 in the amount of \$33.00 as being cashed at his store. He said that actually

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the check was approved for cashing by Henry H. Murphy, Sr., a clerk, but in all probability, Murphy obtained his, Massey's, authorization to cash the check. He said that no charge was made for cashing the check and noted that the front of the check bore the notation USM Card 1653230. He advised that this indicated to him that Oswald had used his Marine Corps Card as identification in order to cash the check. He said if Oswald had used a Winn-Dixie Courtesy Card, that the number of the card would have been placed on the front of the check. He said that he did not know if Oswald had cashed any other checks at his store; however, he does know that Oswald did not fill out an application for a courtesy card at his store because he checked these records and could find no application in the name of Oswald. He stated that he did not know if Oswald had attempted to cash any other checks at his store. He informed that he did not know if Oswald had made any purchases at his store; however, he thought that probably Oswald had made a small purchase when he cashed the above Texas Employment Commission Warrant, because he doubts seriously if Murphy would have okayed the check for cashing if Oswald had not made any purchase. Mr. Massey was unable to state the number of times Oswald may have visited his store. He said that he had checked with all of his employees and that none of them recall seeing Oswald. He was unable to furnish any further information concerning Oswald's expenditures.

Robert Templet, Manager, Winn-Dixie Store #1439, 4901 Prytania Street, on April 13, 1964, identified the following checks as having been cashed at his store:

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
F819610	\$33.00
G231213	\$33.00

He said the first check was approved by him for cashing and the second check was approved by Mrs. Rhea Drago. He said that no charge was made by the store for

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cashing these checks and that he did not know of any other checks cashed by his store for Oswald. Mr. Templet recalled that Oswald had tried to cash a check which he thought was issued by a coffee company in New Orleans in the amount of approximately \$56.00 in either May or June, 1963. He refused to approve the check for cashing at which time he gave Oswald an application for a courtesy card which would permit him to cash checks at the store. He stated that he had searched his records, but was unable to find the application. He said that he thought that Oswald had made purchases at the store but he, himself, was unable to state how often or in what amount. He was unable to furnish any further information concerning Oswald's expenditures.

Ruth Beck, Cashier, Winn-Dixie Store #1439, 4901 Prytania Street, advised that Oswald himself appeared at the store at least several times a week to purchase milk and bread. She thought that he made larger purchases accompanied by his wife, but she was unable to recall the amounts of these purchases or the number of occasions that they were made.

Dorothy Boykin, Cashier, Winn-Dixie Store #1439, 4901 Prytania Street, advised on April 13, 1964 that she recalled that Mrs. Oswald had shopped in this store about twice each week during the Summer of 1963; sometimes she was accompanied by her husband and always she was accompanied by the child. She stated that their purchases usually amounted to about \$5.00 and as best as she can recall, these purchases were made about twice a week.

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