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By Courier Service

Honorable J. Lee Rankin

made by Special Agents of this Bureau at the Texas School Book Depository on December 1, 1963, from paper and tape available in the shipping room of the Texas School Book Depository. As stated in this report the paper and tape used to construct the bag, Q 10, were found to be different from the paper and tape comprising specimen K 52.

Accordingly, the results are correctly reported in each instance, and there is no conflict between the report of Special Agent Gemberling of January 7, 1964, and FBI supplemental report dated January 13, 1964, since they relate to different materials.

In response to your inquiry as to whether the brown wrapping paper sack was the same color as paper used in the shipping department of the Texas School Book Depository, you are advised that the brown wrapping paper sack, Q 10, was similar in color to the paper used in the shipping department and designated as K 52; however, under ultraviolet fluorescence, both the tape and the paper comprising K 52 were markedly different in appearance from the sack, Q 10. In the case of the other known sample, K 2, from the same building, K 2 not only was similar in color to Q 10, but likewise was similar in appearance under ultraviolet fluorescence, as well as in microscopic and all other observable physical characteristics.

With reference to your inquiry as to whether the sack, Q 10, changed color when treated for fingerprints by the Dallas Police Department, you are advised that the sack, Q 10, did not change appreciably in color when treated for fingerprints by the Dallas Police Department, since a dusting powder was apparently used. After the paper sack, Q 10, was chemically treated for fingerprints by this Bureau there was an appreciable change in the color of the paper resulting from the chemical treatment.

Regarding your request for an opinion as to the source of the paper used to make the brown paper bag, Q 10, as noted above, paper similar to that in Q 10 was available on November 22, 1963, in the Texas School Book Depository (represented by specimen K 2) and, accordingly, the bag, Q 10, could have been made from the materials available in the Texas School Book Depository. However, the paper and tape used to make the paper bag, Q 10, do not contain any watermarks or other significant identifying features to indicate uniquely the actual source of the paper used. Accordingly, since paper and tape of this type are widely used for packaging purposes, similar material could undoubtedly have been obtained from many paper dealers, or from other users.

Sincerely yours,

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

When Mr. Melvin Eisenberg visited the FBI Laboratory on March 12, 1964, he made certain oral requests preparatory to the presentation of the Laboratory testimony before the Commission.

Mr. Eisenberg requested that we prepare detailed photographs of the bullet and cartridge case evidence so that the Laboratory examiner would have this material available at the time he testified. The necessary photographs and charts will be completed prior to the appearance of the Laboratory examiner before the Commission on March 31, 1964.

Mr. Eisenberg also requested a sketch showing the ejection patterns of the assassination weapon. Photographs of these ejection patterns are enclosed.

It was also requested that the assassination weapon, C14, be test fired at a distance of 300 feet to determine the reasonable accuracy of the weapon under rapid fire conditions. Four photographs of the actual targets fired are enclosed. A scale is included in each photograph. In connection with these tests, it should be noted that the accuracy of the rifle would depend upon the quality of ammunition used, the condition of the weapon at the time of firing and the expertness of the shooter; however, none of these conditions can be determined for the time of the assassination.

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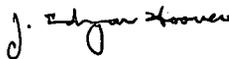
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It is pointed out that the grouping of the shots in the targets shows an inherent capability of great accuracy under rapid fire conditions. No other significance whatever can be attached to these tests since there is no way of determining whether the present condition of the telescopic sight is the same as at the time of the assassination.

It is to be noted that at the time of firing these tests, the telescopic sight could not be properly aligned with the target since the sight reached the limit of its adjustment before reaching accurate alignment. The present error in alignment, if it did exist at the time of the assassination, would be in favor of the shooter since the weapon is presently grouping slightly high and to the right with respect to the point of aim, and would have tended to reduce the need for "leading" a moving target in aiming the rifle.

With respect to the ejection patterns, it is further noted that these patterns show only the distribution of the point of impact of the ejected cartridge cases on the floor under the stated conditions, and do not at all represent the ultimate location at which ejected cartridge cases may eventually come to rest, since the cases ricochet in an unpredictable manner upon impact with the floor and may roll for many feet before eventually coming to rest.

Sincerely yours,



Enclosures (6)

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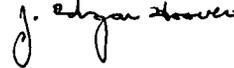
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

This is in reply to your letter of June 9, 1964, and confirms the telephone conversation between Mr. Sebastian F. Latona of the FBI Identification Division and Mr. Melvin Eisenberg of your staff on June 12, 1964.

Only one of the six photographs prepared by Mr. Latona showing latent prints identified as those of Lee Harvey Oswald contains more than one latent print. This photograph is the Commission's Exhibit Number 644. A copy of this photograph shows the number "25" and is one of those furnished for the use of the New York City expert. Three latent fingerprints appear in this photograph. Two of these impressions are not those of Lee Harvey Oswald. The third latent fingerprint, which appears in the center of the three, is identical with the right index fingerprint of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Sincerely yours,



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