Lee Harvey Oswald was issued passport number D002526 on June 25, 1963, by the U.S. Passport Office in New Orleans, Louisiana. He having made formal application for the passport at the same office on June 24, 1963.

The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy has requested that a random sampling be made of those persons who applied for passports at the U.S. Passport Office in New Orleans between the dates of June 17, 1963, and July 1, 1963, and determine how long in each case it took for the authorization to issue the passport to reach the New Orleans Office. The Commission expressed an interest in the amount of time between the filing of the application for passport at New Orleans by an applicant and receipt of the authority to issue the passport by the New Orleans Office from Washington, D.C.

It will be recalled that on May 26, 1964, Mr. George Maddocks, Acting Agent in Charge, Passport Agency, Department of State, 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that daily teletypes are sent to the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., setting forth the names and birth dates of individuals who have made applications either on that date or the day before; that it might be possible to ascertain the identities of persons who made applications at New Orleans, Louisiana, during the pertinent period by reviewing those teletypes. Maddocks further stated that if the identities of these individuals could be ascertained from these daily teletypes, the desired information could then be obtained from their passport applications which should also be on file at Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Maddocks advised that during the period of June 17, 1963, through July 1, 1963, a total of 269 applications for passports were made in person by individuals at New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Maddocks further stated that during this same period, an additional 2,001 applications for passports were received by his office through the mail.

On June 3, 1964, the daily incoming teletypes (or TXs) from the New Orleans Passport Office of the U.S. Department of State for the period June 17, 1963, through July 1, 1963, were made available for review to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Mr. Robert Johnson, Chief Counsel, Passport Office, U.S. Department of State. It was noted that these TXs are generally filed by year, office and the date of the incoming TX. The reply TX from the Passport Office is generally attached to each incoming TX. There may be several incoming TXs from New Orleans in one day. In that case, each of the several incoming TXs is a complete and separately numbered message and the reply TX is affixed to that particular TX.

An indication of the number of names handled on each TX is set forth subsequently in this communication. It is to be noted that during the period designated, the Passport Office at New Orleans handled passport applications from several states. For the requested purpose, only those persons were collected whose passport application indicated they were formally executed at the Passport Office, New Orleans, during the designated period. On June 3, 4 and 5, 1964, samples were taken at random of the applications of those persons. The results are set forth graphically below. The breakdown date is based on the date of the incoming TX from the New Orleans Office to the Passport Office, Washington, D.C.

The columnar headings are explained as follows:

DOB: Date of birth
CDS: This is the cashier's date stamp located on the bottom of the passport application. According to Mr. Johnson, this is affixed by the New Orleans Passport Office.

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It was noted that the letters "NO" appear in red pencil adjacent to the data and time stamp affixed at the Passport Office, Washington, D.C., on the incoming TWI from New Orleans on almost all of the TWIs examined. Mr. Johnson advised that these letters are placed there at the Passport Office, Washington, D.C.; that they are an abbreviation for New Orleans and are used as an administrative aid for filing purposes with no relation to any individual on the TWIs.

SUMMARY

In summation, 124 passport applications were reviewed for the pertinent period. Eighty-six of these, or 69.4 per cent, who made formal application on one day were issued passports on the same day or the next day. Another twelve who made formal application on a Friday were issued passports on the following Monday. Thus, 88, or 79 per cent, of those who made formal application on one day were issued passports on the same day, or no later than the next normal business day.

Analysis of the Passport Office, Washington, D.C., data and time stamp data set forth concerning all the incoming and reply TWIs during the pertinent period, indicates that for all but a few of the thousands of names forwarded by New Orleans, authorization for issuance of a passport was granted by the Passport Office on the same date or on the next normal business day, allowing for weekends.