August 14, 1964

By Courier Service

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of August 11, 1964, which refers to a request by Mr. W. David Slawson of your staff for analysis of the handwriting appearing on certain documents apparently written by Lee Harvey Oswald to the American Embassy in Moscow while Oswald was in residence in Minsk.

It was concluded that the handwriting on Commission Exhibits 913, 244, 931, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 246, 247, 256, 1093 (formerly Commission Exhibit 248), 249, and 1063 (formerly Commission Exhibit 250), was written by Lee Harvey Oswald. In making the foregoing handwriting comparison the following Exhibits were used as known standards of the handwriting of Lee Harvey Oswald:

D3 Passport application of Lee Harvey Oswald (Commission Exhibit 781)
D4 Letter to the Secretary of the Navy and letter to Brigadier General Tompkins (Cadigan Exhibit 2)
D5 United States Marine Corps file of Lee Harvey Oswald (Commission Exhibit 780)
D67 Photographs of State Department records concerning Lee Harvey Oswald (Commission Exhibit 778)

Richard H. lone
Deputy Director for Plans

COMMISSION EXHIBIT NO. 2773
Letters written in Russian from Lee Harvey Oswald to Marina Oswald (Commission Exhibits 55, 56 and 66)

Letters from Lee Harvey Oswald to V. T. Lee, Fair Play for Cuba Committee

For your information, the questioned documents listed in the last sentence of the first paragraph of your letter of August 11, 1964, were not previously used as samples of Oswald's known handwriting and were not the subject of the reference on page 337 of the Report of Special Agent Gemerling dated December 10, 1963.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lee Rankin

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Finnish stamp dated 10/15/59, Departure October 15, 1959 Vainikkala

appears in the upper left of the page. The rest of the text is in Russian:

Citizen OSWALD, LEE HARVEY

Registered in the Section of Visas and Registration of the UVD (Administration of Internal Affairs?) of the Moscow City Council for residence at the city of MOSCOW to October 22, 1959

Chief of the Section of Visas and Registration:

(signature illegible)

No. 80886 October 20, 1959

City of Moscow (Stamp of the Section of Visas and Registration, Central Administration of Militia)

Visa No. 403339 extended to October 22, 1959

For the Chief of the Section of Visas and Registration of Foreign (ers?) UVD of the Moscow City Soviet (Council)

(signature illegible)

(Stamp of the Section of Visas and Registration, Central Administration of Militia)

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