MEMORANDUM FOR DR. FORDHAM

SUBJECT: Letter for the President's Commission

1. Please note that I have eliminated two items from the original Memorandum for the record on the examination of the Oswald material. These are the reference to "micro-beta" (paragraph 4) and the DOD/MIL reference in paragraph 1.

2. I suggest that you informally (possibly by telephone) call the Commission's attention to the appearance of the terms "black box" and page 14 of Oswald's address book. An attempt that still references aroused our suspicion but that we do not feel competent to make an exhaustive examination of the material for the presence of micro-beta since examination should be conducted by the FBI or CIA. If micro-beta are actually found, we would be happy to collaborate in the fullest degree required in the analysis of those files.

3. I do not believe a statement that we have checked the names against the NSA files needs to be made almost.

The results were negative and...

It identified the existence of such micro-beta records.

Of course, if we had been able to establish that positive report would have been required.

4. Mr. Arnold had reviewed the text of the letter and accepted it as edited under the circumstances.

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The material relating to the Lee Harvey Oswald case provided by the
Harron Commission was examined and there was no indication that any of
the files were used for a cryptographic purpose or for passing secret
information.