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20 March 1964

MEMO FOR THE RECORD:

1. After checking Graphics Registry files for pictures of Minsk pertinent to the Oswald affair, Bill Brasko arranged to have several photographs reproduced and sent up to SR/CI/R. The photos were ordered from Graphics and they reached us on 12 March. Upon examination it was discovered that one of the photographs showing a group of persons in front of the Palace of Culture in Minsk in the summer of 1961 included an individual bearing a strong resemblance to Lee Harvey Oswald.

2. Enlargements of the picture were made by Graphics Register and the Duke Street printing plant on 13 March, and OO/C was called for details on the picture, its source, etc. The picture was compared with photos of Oswald provided to us by the FBI (D-33 #16,30) and known to have been taken in the Oswald apartment in Minsk during 1952. This comparison showed that person appearing to be Oswald in the picture from Graphics Register was wearing a plaid short-sleeved sport shirt with a pattern identical to that on the shirt Oswald was wearing in the pictures furnished by the FBI.

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3. Further checks were made with OO on 16 March and that office's approval for an FBI contact with the source of the picture. On 17 March, the picture was shown to C/SR/CI, C/SR, DC/SR and [redacted]. It was agreed that I should draft a CSCI transmitting the picture and information to the FBI and a letter transmitting the same to the Warren Commission. I prepared both on 18 March and received an OK on both from C/SR/CI. I hand carried both to Ray Rocca, C/CI/R&A who approved the CSCI but made certain minor changes in the text of the letter to the Commission.

4. On 19 March, Ray Rocca relayed to me C/CI's view that transmittal of the picture to the Commission should be delayed pending receipt of the results of an FBI check made in response to our CSCI. Note: CSCI asks FBI to contact source of picture and obtain details re taking of picture, persons in it etc. According to Rocca's note, C/SR had been called on this and agreed.

5. CSCI sent forward 20 March 64.

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Attached:

Various memoranda and notes pertinent to this matter.

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