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Dear Mr. Blunt,

Although ordinarily fourth-class mail should get this package to you well before you leave in a fortnight, we will use a more rapid and more costly method. While I write this my wife is enquiring of the post office. As you'll see, I wrapped each book separately and then rapped them both together to protect them.

Foreign ~~ent~~ agent in the act does not necessarily mean spooking. It means any representation of any kind of a ^{foreign} country, as I understand it.

The FBI 26 file classification relates to the interstate shipment of stolen vehicles, I think the Logan Act. I have no idea why Donald is filed that way but it could be in a mention of Sergio Arcacha Smith, who ~~headed~~ headed the CRC in NO. He was a Logan Act case.

You are right on John Rice and you understate on the SS being cooled off by the FBI. It was over the SS investigation of that handbill. The NO FBI told HQ and HQ leaned on SS HQ. But I think nothing happened to Rice. He followed SS HQ ~~orders~~ orders. There are more than ² pp, but when they were ordered to leave it to the FBI they did that.

Debra Crouch seems to be a fine person from the little contact I've had with

Please ~~excuse~~ excuse the rush. I want to get the package mailed so it can go in the morning, by I think priority mail. That may depend on the weight of the wrapping I've added.

Hope you enjoyed your visit to the US and that you have a pleasant trip home.

Sincerely,

Harold Weasley

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NOTE: This letter prepared in accordance with instruction of AH Belmont who has meet with the President's Commission on the evening of 5-4-64 re data listed herein.

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61. A cablegram to this Bureau from our Legal Attache in Mexico dated October 18, 1963, which furnished information from CIA classified "Secret - Not To Be Further Disseminated," reporting that Lee Oswald had contacted Soviet Vice Consul Valeriy V. Kostikov of the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, Mexico, on September 28, 1963. Our Legal Attache indicated he was following this matter with CIA and was attempting to establish Oswald's entry into Mexico and his current whereabouts.

62. A cablegram to the Legal Attache, Mexico, from this Bureau dated October 22, 1963, furnishing a brief summary of data in the files of this Bureau concerning Oswald.

63. The report of SA Milton R. Kaack dated October 31, 1963, at New Orleans, Louisiana, which set forth results of additional investigation regarding Oswald.

64. An airtel from the Dallas office to this Bureau dated October 30, 1963, wherein SA James P. Hosty, Jr., reported a pretext interview in the vicinity of 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas. Such interview revealed Marina Oswald was residing with Mrs. Michael R. Paine and that Lee Harvey Oswald visited Marina at this address but was not living there.

65. An airtel from the Little Rock office to this Bureau dated November 5, 1963, which furnished a change of address regarding Robert Oswald, brother of Lee Harvey Oswald.

66. A letter from the New Orleans office to this Bureau dated November 15, 1963, entitled "Marina Nikolaevna Oswald" which changed the office of origin from New Orleans to Dallas.

67. An airtel from the Dallas office to this Bureau dated November 4, 1963, reporting results of the contact with Mrs. Michael R. Paine on November 1, 1963.

68. A letter from the New Orleans office to this Bureau dated November 19, 1963, changing the office of origin of the Lee Harvey Oswald investigation from New Orleans to Dallas.

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69. An airtel from the Washington Field Office to this Bureau dated November 19, 1963, reporting that an informant advised on November 18, 1963, that Lee Harvey Oswald had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City, Mexico.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: This letter prepared in accordance with instruction of AH Belmont who has meet with the President's Commission on the evening of 5-4-64 re data listed herein.