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Rerep Special Agent John L. Fagan dated 1/3/64 at New York.

It is noted that the FD-305 submitted with rerep indicates the report is being classified "Confidential" but that certain information furnished by WF 1491-S* should be classified "Secret." Since the report contains information attributed to WF 1491-S* under the symbol T-6, the report should have been classified "Secret" rather than "Confidential" as all reports on Security Index subjects are disseminated to the Department of Justice. *X(u)*

Additionally, on page 5 of rerep, the information received from T-6 is set forth. It is believed that this information requires additional clarification, if available. The source of the contributions received by Forer should be set forth if known since it is ambiguous as to whether this money represents "contributions" or is actually money received in payment of legal fees. *X(u)*

Abt recently received nationwide publicity when Lee Harvey Oswald publicly stated following his arrest that he wanted Abt as his attorney. The report makes no mention of this fact, and it is believed it should be set forth in the report.

Dissemination of the report is being held in abeyance and it is desired you make appropriate changes and submit same to the Bureau.

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