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TO : Mr. Adams

FROM : R. J. Gallagher

DATE: September 9, 1975

SUBJECT:

Per request from Mr. Adams, this is to set forth the chain of command concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy investigation in 1963.

To the best of my recollection, at the time the assassination occurred, it was not known that there were a file and pending investigation on Lee Harvey Oswald and Mr. Belmont, in the absence of a Federal violation, assigned the investigation to the General Investigative Division.

Of course, it was handled as a special. At the time Al Rosen was Assistant Director, Jim Malley was the Number One Man, and Jim Handley was the Section Chief of the Criminal Section. It is my recollection that Jim Malley, Dick Rogge, and Fletcher Thompson flew down to Dallas the next day and returned a few days later and prepared a preliminary report. I believe Malley stayed down for several days.

Jim Handley assumed control of the investigation and everyone in the Criminal Section worked on the assassination. In the early stages George Scatterday ran the Division and I handled all of the work in the Criminal Section except the assassination and was assisted in the handling of the mail by Gus Fipp, who was loaned from the Special Investigative Division.

It is my recollection that the case was assigned to Dick Rogge. Ken Raupach did not come into the picture until some time later. But the chain of command was Mr. Rosen; Jim Handley, who was in charge of the investigation; and Dick Rogge was the case Agent. Jim Malley became liaison man with the Warren Commission.

I have a recollection that the investigation was broken down into various facets and Joe Gamble handled one and Henry Schutz handled another. Possibly Al Conley would have some recollection.

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