

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 7, 1964

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J.A. Sizoo
- 1 - Mr. D.E. Moore
- 1 - Mr. D.J. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SUBJECT: MR. ALLEN W. DULLES

This morning Mr. Dulles sat beside me at an annual Boy Scout breakfast held at the Statler Hotel, to which I was invited by Dr. Ray Miller. While this wasn't an appropriate place to discuss in detail the work of the President's Commission on the Oswald case, Mr. Dulles did make one or two statements which may be of interest.

He indicated that they were not having any major problems and that from the standpoint of the FBI there were no worries. He further indicated that the Commission did not plan to call many witnesses. In fact, he thought that the number might be quite small. Mr. Dulles said he was taking a couple of days off to rest in Florida.

Mr. Dulles said to me that they plan to have Mrs. Marguerite Oswald before the Commission but he didn't think that she would help matters much or have anything of value to contribute. Later in the morning Mr. Sam Papich of Liaison was talking to Mr. Dulles, who advised Mr. Papich on this very point, adding that Mrs. Oswald may demand a public hearing and if she did it might be difficult not to grant it to her, although at this time the final outcome of such action is not definite. He said to Mr. Papich about the same that he did to me; expressly, that they had to go through the exercise of calling her before the Commission to get rid of her.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

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DeLoach to Mohr 12-12-63
Re: Assassination of the President

I told Ford in strict confidence that the Director concurred with his viewpoint. I mentioned that our investigation thus far had conclusively shown that Oswald operated by himself and that Ruby additionally was a loner. However, FBI investigation was still pending on a large number of rumors, speculation and gossip and it, therefore, would be quite unfair for the Commission to take a stand prior to all the evidence being turned in. Ford stated this was his point entirely and that although he was a minority of one he intended to stick to his point.

Ford told me that John McCone, Director of CIA, had, approximately one week ago, gone up to his office and told him that CIA had uncovered some "startling information" in the Oswald case. McCone proceeded to tell Ford that a source of CIA's in Mexico had seen money exchange hands between Oswald and an unknown Cuban Negro. Ford stated this excited him greatly inasmuch as it definitely tended to show there was an international connection involved in the assassination of the President. *This shows how glib McCone is. W*

I told Ford that apparently McCone had failed to follow up on this matter. I mentioned that CIA's source had recanted his story and had indicated that it was a figment of his imagination. However, to prove the unstable tendencies of this source, the source had later claimed that he was actually telling the truth. I pointed out that we were still checking some angles of this, however, the CIA source was obviously either unstable or somewhat of a psychopathic liar. Ford stated he could certainly see this. *When will we discuss this? W**

Ford indicated he would keep me thoroughly advised as to the activities of the Commission. He stated this would have to be on a confidential basis, however, he thought it should be done. He also asked if he could call me from time to time and straighten out questions in his mind concerning our investigation. I told him by all means he should do this. He reiterated that our relationship would, of course, remain confidential.

We have had excellent relations with Congressman Ford for many years. He has been given an autographed copy of the Director's book "A Study of Communism" and has been in touch with my office on numerous occasions in the past.

ACTION:

Contact will be maintained with Congressman Ford.

Well handled
[Signature]

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