

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: 12-18-63

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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

My memo 12-17-63 advised that we were assembling reports in the Oswald, Ruby and Assassination cases to be sent to the Commission today. These reports are dated prior to 12-5-63 or are the ones on which the summary which previously went to the Commission was based.

Attached is a list of the reports which are being furnished to the Commission. The reports are being forwarded to Inspector Malley separately. A copy of this list for delivery to the Commission will be attached to the reports.

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Attention is directed to the fact that these reports are classified. This classification is based upon information obtained from an anonymous source and important security informants both of which could be jeopardized if this information is made public, therefore, they have been classified. Other reports which were classified by the field have been reviewed and declassified where it appeared that our informants could not reasonably be identified and also where investigation subsequent to the assassination has secured correspondence of Oswald with the Communist Party and Fair Play for Cuba Committee from representatives of those organizations. It was felt that although we previously had obtained such data from anonymous sources and informants classification at this time is not warranted.

Attention is also directed to the fact that at some places in these reports persons interviewed have requested that their names be maintained in confidence. It is believed that the attention of Mr. Rankin should be directed to these requests and that he should be informed that their names were included because of the importance of this matter but he should honor their request wherever possible.

ENCLOSURE It is also suggested that Mr. Rankin's attention be directed to the fact that Jack Leon Ruby is presently held on the charge of murder by the State of Texas and data contained in these reports could conceivably have a bearing on the legal action.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Inspector Malley deliver the reports referred to in the attached list to Mr. Rankin of the Commission.

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