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- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. O'Connell
- 1 - Mr. Cooke
- 1 - Mr. Nettles
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [redacted] 5/10/76
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To: SACs, Memphis (Enclosures - 2)  
 Dallas (Enclosures - 2) (For information)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

ASSASSINATION OF  
 PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
 11/22/63  
 DALLAS, TEXAS

Enclosed for Memphis is a Xerox copy of the book "The Men Behind the Guns" and a letter from United States Attorney Thomas F. Turley, Jr. One copy of each communication also enclosed for information of Dallas.

The enclosed book was furnished to FBIHQ by Mr. James Robinson, General Crime Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, who received it from Mr. William P. Tyson, Jr., Executive Office for United States Attorneys. Robinson also furnished the copy of the letter from United States Attorney Turley, Western District of Tennessee, to Mr. William R. Morris, Post Office Box 81, Loretto, Tennessee, dated 3/12/76. FBIHQ is not aware of the contents of Mr. Morris' letter of 3/8/76 to which Mr. Turley directs his reply.

The book "The Men Behind the Guns" has been reviewed at FBIHQ. It is a magazine-like publication available for \$2 from W. R. Morris Enterprises, Post Office Box 81, Loretto, Tennessee 38469. It contains some 14 short articles and several pages of previously published photographs. Morris attributes much of his information to "two former agents of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. One of the

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ex-agents, Harry Dean of California, has agreed to permit Morris to use his name." Both Agents allegedly provided Morris with firsthand information about the plot to kill President Kennedy. Morris alleges that former Congressman John Rousselot of California and former Army General Edwin A. Walker of Dallas ramrodded the assassination and convinced members of the John Birch Society to help finance the plot. Morris further alleges that evidence has been found which substantiates the fact that there were at least four assassins and possibly more. He names Loran Eugene Hall and Eladio del Valle as members of the sniper team who killed the President. According to Morris, Oswald was an Agent for the CIA and FBI and was framed in the assassination by Rousselot, Walker and the other conspirators.

Bureau files reflect a great deal of correspondence with Harry J. Dean who in the early 1960s furnished information to the Chicago Office concerning the FAIA Play for Cuba Committee. He was never an informant and was never encouraged in his activities. After he gratuitously furnished information, a background check was made at which time it was determined he was a former mental patient with a criminal record. He was told in 1961 his assistance was not desired. The Los Angeles Office, since November, 1963, has periodically found it necessary to contact Dean and request that he desist from making claims concerning past relationships with the Bureau.

Memphis should contact United States Attorney Thomas P. Turley, Jr., and determine the content of Morris' original letter to him and the nature of the evidence alleged to be in the possession of Morris. Advise FBIHQ and Dallas of results.



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NOTE: Mr. James Robinson, General Crimes Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, referred a copy of a book "The Men Behind the Guns" to FBIHQ for information and appropriate action. Also enclosed was a letter from United States Attorney Thomas F. Turley, Jr., Western District of Tennessee, to Mr. William R. Morris of Loretto, Tennessee, author of the enclosed book. Indices show no references identifiable with Morris. Harry Dean is well known as set out in this communication. He was also previously identified as the person who had flowers placed on Oswald's grave on 11/24/66. This communication instructs Memphis to contact United States Attorney Turley to determine the nature of any evidence Morris alleges to be in his possession pertinent to this case.