

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 4/12/67

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: JAMES C. GARRISON
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

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This is to advise of possible Fraud Against the Government violation involving James C. Garrison, District Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, who has received considerable publicity resulting from his investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

By letterhead memorandum 3/23/67, captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Dallas, Texas, 11/22/63," we advised the Department of the Army of information furnished by Raymond Huff, District Director, U. S. Customs Service, New Orleans, to the effect that he, Huff, received information that District Attorney Garrison had been permitted to resign his commission in the Louisiana National Guard as of the last week in February, 1967. Huff stated that it was his understanding that Garrison, who held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Louisiana National Guard, was falsifying his attendance records and claiming to be at "drill" when, in fact, he was not. Huff added that he did not know if this could be confirmed.

On 4/11/67, Colonel Charles Kelley, Office of The Provost Marshal General, Department of the Army, advised that, according to the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army, although the National Guard comes under State jurisdiction, weekly training pay paid to National Guardsmen who attend such drills comes from Federal funds in accordance with Title 37, U. S. Code, Section 206, and that consequently if Garrison did, in fact, falsify his attendance records and received funds to which he was not entitled, such would be in violation of Title 18, Section 1001, Fraud Against the Government. Kelley added that Garrison, being a civilian, does not come within the investigative jurisdiction of the Department of the Army.

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OBSERVATIONS:

The information supplied by Mr. Huff was furnished Assistant Attorney General Vinson and Assistant Attorney General Yeagley of the Criminal Division and Internal Security Division, respectively, of the Department, on 3/28/67, for information purposes without highlighting the possible fraud violation and without comment as to any action contemplated by the Bureau.

Since we have already furnished the above to the Department and in light of the sensitivity of the Garrison matter, it is felt that we should not get involved at this time in an investigation of Garrison. Any investigation of Garrison by us could very well result in criticism of the Bureau and could be construed by Garrison and his associates as an effort by the Bureau to impede his, Garrison's, investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

ACTION:

If approved, no further action will be taken concerning this matter at this time.

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