

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 12-9-63

FROM : M. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 22473. Senator Russell, (D) Georgia, submitted for himself and Senator Cooper, (R) Kentucky, a joint resolution (S. J. Res. 137) authorizing the Commission established to report upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence.

Pages 22542-22546. Senator Simpson, (R) Wyoming, spoke concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. He stated "From all strata of American life—from pulpit, press, and the Nation's highest court—has come the enunciation that a great deficit in American morals is the underlying cause of the Dallas tragedy. This, I vehemently resent. . . . Statements affixing a collective guilt, whether it be upon Dallas, the great State of Texas, or the Nation, can come only from men who have lost contact with the American spirit. They are ignoring both the facts of the assassination and the manner in which the American people responded to the tragedy. . . . Those who would accuse the political right of pulling the trigger overlook the plethora of facts which point the finger of guilt at Lee Oswald and his affinity to leftwing dogmas from Marx to Castro. . . . As I have said, Mr. President, it is unlikely that a conspiracy of Oswald's leftist compatriots exists in the assassination. It is my understanding that a soon to be released report by the FBI substantiates that Oswald acted as a 'loner' in the killing. But why was not Oswald under the closest scrutiny during the President's visit in Texas?" Mr. Simpson included several articles and editorials with his remarks.

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Pages 22551-22553. Senator Mundt, (R) South Dakota, spoke  
ning the assassination of President Kennedy. Mr. Mundt stated "A  
roup of propagandists in foreign lands and a few commentators and writers in  
America have sought to convey the erroneous idea that the tragic and brutal  
assassination of President Kennedy reflected 'an American attitude' and that  
all our citizens should have a sense of guilt because of this atrocious act.  
Fortunately, however, wiser and more thoughtful spokesmen are now making  
clear the fact which should have been apparent to us all; namely, that Oswald  
was a malicious killer and that his murderer, in turn, was an erratic individual  
and publicity seeker." Mr. Mundt, in submitting three newspaper articles with  
his remarks, included an article entitled "Assassination Evokes Odd Views—  
Many Seen Linking Kennedy Killing To Racists, Rightists, Despite Facts." This  
article stated "Now a series of inquiries is beginning. One is by the FBI and the  
Justice Department into both the assassination and the murder of the accused  
assassin. - - - But one simple fact should not be ignored. The accused, and  
likely, murderer was a proudly professed Marxist; he never boasted of being a  
segregationist or a far-righter."