

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 12/4/63

FROM: A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

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Attached are the two reports we have prepared concerning the assassination of the President and the subsequent killing of the assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, by Jack Ruby.

ASSASSINATION REPORT

This report, in Part I, briefly relates the assassination of the President and the identification of Oswald as his slayer. Part II sets forth the evidence conclusively showing that Oswald did assassinate the President. Part III is in two sections, the first setting forth what the FBI knew about Oswald prior to the assassination; and the second section setting forth the results of our investigation of Oswald's background, activities, associates, et cetera, subsequent to the assassination.

Three sets of exhibits accompany this report. The first sets out evidence tying Oswald in with the assassination of the President; the other two set out documents relative to Oswald's contacts with the Soviets, the Communist Party, et cetera.

We are continuing to receive leads concerning Oswald, and consequently at the end of the report we state that investigation will continue until every piece of relevant evidence has been developed and examined.

The Dallas Office has read and approved the first two parts of the Assassination report. The third part of the Assassination report was sent to Dallas for reading after completion during the early morning hours of December 5, 1963.

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REPORT OF KILLING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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The report on the killing of Oswald by Jack Ruby covers the actual killing; the information developed concerning Jack Ruby; the interview of Ruby; Ruby's whereabouts from 11/22 to 11/24/63; and the investigation by the Bureau under the Civil

Enclosures

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Right Statutes to determine whether there was any conspiracy involved in the killing.

Attached to this report are two exhibits, one a photograph of the actual killing, and the other a diagram of the police department building basement where the killing occurred.

Due to the fact that no records were kept of the police officers or news media representatives in the basement at the time of the killing, we have not been able to identify, locate and interview all persons who were present when Ruby killed Oswald. We state in the report that persons identified to us have been or are being interviewed. We have interviewed 88 Dallas police officers, and are attempting to identify any others who were in the basement and interview them. An estimated 150 news media representatives were in the basement. We have been able to identify and interview 36 so far, and leads are set out throughout the country to identify and locate others who may have been present. We have no reason at this time to believe that the stories of these people, when we locate them, will be at variance with the facts developed so far, but we do want to locate them so that all possible questions can be resolved.

We say at the end of this report that the investigation will continue until every possible source of pertinent information has been exhausted.

The Dallas Office has read and approved this report on the Killing of Lee Harvey Oswald.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: Assassination of the President

ADDENDUM (AHB:csb), 12/6/63:

Mr. Katzenbach called me on the night of 12/5/63. He said he had read our report and it was "sensational." He wanted to know whether we thought a public statement should be made, either by the Department or the White House, to the effect that the report was finished, and the status of the matter. I advised him we had no opinion on this; that this was up to the Department; that we had done the investigation, and were continuing to follow out leads, and we had given the report to the Department.

Katzenbach said if we did not object he would go through with his original promise and let high officials of CIA, State and Secret Service look at this report on the morning of 12/6. I told him we had no objection.

Katzenbach asked whether we had any views as to how the report should be transmitted to the White House or the commission. I advised him that, here again, the commission had not asked the FBI for the investigation; that the President had, and that we had done the investigation, prepared the report, given it to the Department, and it was up to the Department to decide what should be done with it.

Mr. Katzenbach said that if Warren Olney is appointed as counsel for the Presidential commission, Katzenbach is going to try to get an attorney from the Criminal Division in with the commission, so that he will know what is going on.

Katzenbach said he would probably like to get together with us on the morning of 12/6 to discuss the report, although he had very few questions. I told him we would come over and discuss it with him at any time he wanted.

A. H. Belmont

