

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: November 26, 1963

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
 11/22/63
 DALLAS, TEXAS
 ASSAULT ON A FEDERAL OFFICER

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At approximately 10:05 a.m., 11/26/63, ASAC Roney of our New York Office called to advise that "The Worker" which had come out this morning dated 11/26/63 contained information critical of the Director and the FBI. The information furnished by ASAC Roney follows:

The midweek edition of "The Worker" dated 11/26/63 contains a front page editorial bearing the caption "The Search for the Assassin Is Not Over." A subcaption reads "A Call for An Extraordinary Commission." The pertinent portions of the lengthy editorial bearing on the caption read as follows: "We believe that President Johnson on the one hand and Congress on the other should act at once to appoint respective extraordinary investigative commission with full powers to conduct a searching inquiry into all circumstances around the assassination of the President and the murder of the suspect...Such an investigating committee, headed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, should be composed of citizens and experts who enjoy the confidence of the Nation."

The same edition of "The Worker" reports results of a "Worker Conference" held on Saturday, 11/23/63. The only participants identified were James Jackson, Editor of "The Worker," and Robert Thompson, New York communist leader. This article states "They laid the guilt for the slaying at the door of the ultraright." Jackson is quoted as stating "Culpability for the assassination of the President must be shared by J. Edgar Hoover who has no record of accomplishment of ever bringing to justice the murderers of Medgar Evars, of William Moore, or the six Negro children of Birmingham, Hoover should be compelled to resign," Jackson added, "for malfeasance in office."

Roney also advised that the New York Office obtained this morning a copy of a one-page sheet put out by "The Worker" under the

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date of 11/23/63. This one-page sheet, which had writing on both sides, carried a headline "Defend America--Punish the Assassins--Unite for Democracy." This one-page sheet accuses the right-wing groups in the United States of being responsible for the President's death. A part of the writing in this one-page sheet mentions the Director and the FBI and is quoted as follows: "So indeed must J. Edgar Hoover account to the Nation for the dismal failure of the FBI to bring the neofascist plotters against the President's life and the Nation's liberties to justice."

It appears quite obvious that the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) is embarking on an all-out effort through its press to throw up a smoke screen which may convince some people that the assassination of former President Kennedy was plotted and carried out by right-wing extremists. The Party then tries to create the impression that the FBI is responsible by saying the FBI has failed to properly investigate and "bring to justice" rightist organizations in the United States. This is a typical communist maneuver and the Party is desperately trying to put out of the minds of the American public the fact that Lee Oswald who was accused of assassinating the President was an admitted Marxist.

ACTION:

I instructed ASAC Roney to forward "The Worker" and the one-page sheet to the Bureau promptly.

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to Roney

It is just because of such attacks that I have pressed for early but thorough report on this matter but I am not meeting with any success within the Bureau.

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