

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

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SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages 23356-23368. Senator Thurmond, (D) South Carolina, spoke concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. He commented on the attempts to fix responsibility for this act on either the conservatives or persons living in the southern area of the United States. Mr. Thurmond stated "From some quarters such unfounded attacks are to be expected. For example, the official organ of the Communist Party, U. S. A., the Worker, issued just such a smear attack in a printed dodger under the date of November 23, 1963." He included the text of this editorial with his remarks. This editorial stated

"The finger of guilt points beyond the triggerman who wielded the assassin's gun to a criminal cabal of White Citizen Councilmen, Birch Society plotters, the National States Rights Party chieftains, American Nazi Party moguls, the National Renaissance Party, the Minute Men bandits, and other paramilitary Fascist-racist groups. - - - So indeed, must J. Edgar Hoover account to the Nation for the dismal failure of the FBI to bring the neo-Fascist plotters against the President's life and the Nation's liberties to justice." Mr. Thurmond went on to state "there is no excuse for the continuation of the diatribes against southerners, conservatives or the American people as a whole for the assassination of President Kennedy. There were many who disagreed with his political views. There was only one misfit who perpetrated the dastardly crime of assassinating the President." Mr. Thurmond submitted several articles and editorials with his remarks. The references to the FBI contained in these articles and editorials have been noted.

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