UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT lemorandum TO Mr. DeLoach DATE: 1 - 7 - 64FROM D. C. Morrell SUBJECT: MR. M. M. "PAT" MURPHREE DALLAS, TEXAS **CASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT** 

Mr. Ivan Sinclair, Assistant to the President, The White House, has requested that a suggested reply for the President's signature be prepared in answer to a letter dated December 17, 1963, from Mr. M. M. "Pat" Murphree, Murphree Photographers, 3103 South Marsalis, Dallas, Texas.

In his two-page letter, Mr. Murphree congratulates the President on the fine job he is doing, asks God's blessing on him and indicates Mr. Murphree is remembering the President in his prayers. In substance he desires the President to commend the Dallas police for their prompt apprehension of Oswald and to do something to stop the criticism of Dallas authorities which is bringing disrepute to Dallas and to Texas. He believes the FBI and the Secret Service should share or take the blame for overlooking Oswald and asks where the FBI and the Secret Service were when Oswald was shot by Ruby. Mr. Murphree indicates he plans to send the President a plan for the future advancement of the Democratic Party.

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Murphree.

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A suggested reply has been drafted and is attached.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the suggested reply be approved and that upon approval it be returned to Mr. DeLoach for personal delivery to The White House.

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