

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 1-9-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY,  
BREACHES REVEALED IN SECURITY SYSTEM"  
SECURITY GAZETTE  
DECEMBER, 1963

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BACKGROUND:

In above-captioned article, it is alleged that there were three breaches in the security system devised to protect the President at the time President Kennedy was assassinated. The breaches were listed as: (1) the failure to use the bulletproof shield, (attributed to subjecting security to political needs) (2) failure to check the route used by the President so that any would-be assassin could be located, (article alleges this not done because route originally decided on was changed 48 hours before the President's visit to Dallas) (3) insufficient dossier examination was directed solely at the right-wing elements).

The article goes on to state that despite the above factors, "...the main contributory reasons for the security failures are however to be found elsewhere: first, in the apparent lack of liaison between the Secret Service, the F. B. I., and the local police; and secondly in the atmosphere of violence that is peculiar to the United States."

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Our files reveal that we have enjoyed friendly relations with the officials of this publication and its Editor, Mr. Leslie Scott, is on the Special Correspondents' List. We have sent them a number of our publications over the past few years which they have republished in their magazine. The Director last wrote Mr. Scott on 12-4-63 thanking him for using in the November, 1963, edition of Security Gazette, some data taken from our Annual Report and the booklet, "Know Your FBI." This is a British publication.

OBSERVATIONS:

In view of the friendly relationship that exists between the FBI and the officials of this publication, it is felt that the best interest of the Bureau would be served by having Legat, London, contact Mr. Scott and tactfully point out to him the splendid relationship that exists between the FBI and Secret Service.

Enclosure *sent 1-10-64*  
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo  
RE: "The Assassination of President Kennedy,  
Breaches Revealed in Security System"

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be sent to Legat, London, instructing him to contact Mr. Scott and brief him concerning the true nature of the airtel.

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