

SAC, Los Angeles

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Director, FBI

EARL ZERK
3703 MONROE STREET,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIMINAL SECTION - GENERAL
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Enclosed for Los Angeles and Dallas are copies of five items received by the Bureau through liaison. The enclosed items are self-explanatory.

It does not appear Zerk has any information of value relating to the assassination of President Kennedy other than his own opinion. However, the general tone of his communication is insulting and prejudicial to us. As of this time no request for investigation of this matter has been received from the President's Commission. No information identifiable with Zerk could be located in Bureau files.

Los Angeles instructed to initiate logical background investigation on Zerk, including indices and regular record checks. The results of this investigation should be promptly submitted to the Bureau. Zerk should not be interviewed concerning this matter, nor should a neighborhood investigation be undertaken.

Enclosures (5)

1 - Dallas (Enc. 5) ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Mr. O. H. Bartlett
- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. I. W. Conrad

- ① - Bufile 62-109060 ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
- 1 - Bufile 62-109090 PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

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Letter to SAC, Los Angeles
RE: KARL ZERK

NOTE:

On 1/16/64 U.S. Secret Service furnished our liaison representative with a letter dated 12/29/63 from Zerk, of Los Angeles, to the President's Commission. Among items enclosed with Zerk's letter was a copy of the cover from the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," and newspaper photos relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. It is not known how Secret Service came into possession of this information.

Zerk in his letter claims the Director's book has been for years "the bible of right wing extremists." He claims President Kennedy was assassinated to punish him for "deviating from the precepts of this bible." Zerk also alleges evidence collected during the assassination was "pre-arranged" to "frame" Lee Harvey Oswald, and that Oswald's "pre-trial execution" with an altered "low power .38" bullet constituted a "lynching of an innocent man for an imputed crime." Zerk concluded his letter with other insulting and uncomplimentary remarks concerning the Director's book.

Since we have not received a request as yet from the President's Commission to investigate this "crack pot" it is quite apparent the Commission does not attach much significance to Zerk's ramblings and obvious distortions of the true facts concerning the assassination. It would appear Zerk may be experiencing some mental distress and may be in need of psychiatric help. However, since we know nothing about him and in view of his insulting and belligerent attitude, it is felt we should develop some background information on him for possible future action.