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The Bureau instructed that I contact Mr. SCOTT concerning an article in the Security Gazette in December, 1963, entitled "The Assassination of President Kennedy, Breaches Revealed in Security System."

I saw Mr. SCOTT on the afternoon of 1/22/64. He was advised that literally thousands of people come to the attention of the FBI each year who have exhibited unusual behavior or have expressed unorthodox views. He was told it would be wrong for the FBI to inundate the Secret Service with the names of people unless there was some reason to suspect those persons were potential threats. He was also informed that the FBI was investigating Lee Harvey Oswald since he had indicated through his actions and statements that he advocated principles contrary to the best interests of the United States. His background and activities fully justified the FBI's action but the data on him gave absolutely no clue to indicate he was a potential assassin.

Mr. SCOTT was also informed of the splendid relationship existing between the FBI and the Secret Service. He was advised that this relationship was very close and that we cooperated completely with the Secret Service in matters of mutual interest.

I told Mr. SCOTT that we were bringing these facts to his attention in view of the past friendly correspondence between himself and Mr. Hoover. He stated the article was

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Re: Mr. Leslie Scott

not intended in any way to be critical of the FBI and as a matter of fact, his thoughts were that the FBI, in view of its efficiency, should have control over the Secret Service. The organizational set-up and jurisdiction of the FBI and the Secret Service was explained to Mr. SCOTT. He then stated he could understand how the FBI could not send thousands of names to Secret Service unless there was some specific indication that the persons involved were a potential threat to the President.

Mr. SCOTT was most appreciative of this information and stated he would do anything Mr. Hoover desired to "put the facts straight". He was told this was a matter for him and this information was merely brought to his personal attention. Mr. SCOTT commented that he had been pressuring for years for improvement in the police systems in England and had always patterned his recommendations after the FBI. He stated he felt there was a need for an article in the Security Gazette on the history, jurisdiction, duties and restrictions of the FBI. He said this would have a great deal of interest in England and would serve to enlighten persons in police circles as to the FBI's responsibilities. He asked if Mr. Hoover would prepare a 1500 word article and suggested that it might include the points covered with him regarding the Presidential assassination.

The Security Gazette is well thought of in police circles and its Associate Editor is Sir Ronald Howe, former Assistant Commissioner at Scotland Yard, with whom this office enjoyed a close relationship.

I recommend that the Bureau prepare such an article as outlined above as I feel it would be helpful in presenting the FBI in its correct role.

It is requested the Bureau advise if such an article can be prepared.