

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 4/30/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT/KENNEDY

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Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission called Malley at 7:15 p. m. 4/29/64 from New York. He advised Attorney General Waggoner Carr of Texas had called him from Baltimore, Maryland, and furnished information to him concerning one Paul V. Carroll of El Paso, Texas, who allegedly has a tape recording in his possession telling of a conspiracy of the John Birch Society to assassinate President Kennedy. This information supposedly was obtained by Carroll when he covered a meeting in Mexico sometime in the past. Attorney General Carr told Rankin he had learned a justice of the peace in Austin, Texas, was holding a hearing (presumably a court of inquiry which can be called by a justice of the peace in the State of Texas) on 4/30/64 and Carroll has been subpoenaed to appear before this hearing.

Carr told Rankin there was some question as to whether Carroll was emotionally unstable and that he was concerned that the situation would get out of hand and considerable publicity would arise from the situation. Carr told Rankin one Bob Looney, an attorney from Houston, Texas, who is running for Congress-at-large, had something to do with arranging for the hearing at Austin. Mr. Rankin requested to be advised of any information the Bureau might have concerning this matter in order that he might advise Carr so that Carr might take action to stop the hearing at Austin.

The El Paso Office telephonically advised Paul Vottler, Carroll had appeared at the El Paso Office on 11/22/63 at which time he stated he had information of a conspiracy on the part of the John Birch Society and the American Nazi Party in late 1961 and early 1962 and that these two groups intended to take control of the Republican Party and control of the United States by force if necessary. On the occasion of this interview at the El Paso Office, Carroll jumped around the office, was almost impossible to control, and admitted extensive psychiatric treatment in Dallas, Texas, as well as being under the care of a psychiatrist at El Paso, Texas, at the time of the interview, the doctor being Dr. Edmund P. Jones of El Paso. At the time Carroll was unemployed and was allegedly writing a book. He claimed he picked up this

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information while in Mexico and had attended a rally in a grove of trees but he could not furnish the location where this meeting occurred. He claimed members of the John Birch Society were present and a group of men wearing arm bands was present. He furnished as a reference for his membership in the John Birch Society one Dexter Mapel, III, and indicated Mapel resided in Dallas, Texas. On this occasion he made no reference to the assassination of President Kennedy.
telephonically

Carroll again contacted the El Paso Office/ at 5:30 a. m. on 4/29/64, stating he had received a subpoena from a justice of the peace in Austin, Texas, and desired to talk with an Agent of the El Paso Office. He arrived at the El Paso Office with an attorney early in the morning but was incoherent and it was difficult to obtain information concerning the nature of his visit. He did not have the subpoena in his possession and he was requested to obtain this subpoena and return to the El Paso Office. He did not do so. At 11:15 a. m. Carroll called the El Paso Office and in a frantic voice requested that the FBI stop all airplanes of Continental Airlines in order that he could get a plane immediately to Austin, Texas, to answer the subpoena of the justice of the peace.

The above information was furnished to Mr. Rankin who was very appreciative of the information made available and stated there did not appear to be any reason for the Bureau to make any further attempts to interview Carroll. He was most appreciative of the information received and stated he would contact Attorney General Carr of Texas.

ACTION:

Mr. Rankin was advised that full details concerning our contacts with Carroll will be obtained as well as the results of contacts with doctors who have treated Carroll and this information will be made available as soon as possible.

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Letter to Rankin.
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