

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-25-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ARTHUR E. SWEENEY
5005 SAXONY COURT
CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA

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On November 24, 1964, Mrs. Collins, in the office of Congressman Paul G. Rogers, Florida, telephoned the Bureau and spoke to SA John W. O'Beirne of the Crime Research Section.

She advised that the captioned individual had been in touch with her office and requested that an appointment be made for him with Mr. Hoover to discuss a report he gave to the Bureau following President Kennedy's assassination. Mrs. Collins was informed that Mr. Hoover was out of town and that his schedule of official commitments was such as to preclude the possibility that an appointment with him could be arranged for Mr. Sweeney. After contacting Sweeney, Mrs. Collins informed that Sweeney would visit the Bureau on November 25th to discuss the matter with SA John W. O'Beirne.

Bufiles reflect that Sweeney, a retired school teacher, advised that in October, 1963, he visited relatives in Oklahoma and during the visit an article in "Faith" magazine was discussed wherein a correspondent with the publication predicted President Kennedy's assassination. Sweeney recalled that his brother-in-law, Fred Norris, commented, "I hope it happens before January first." At that time, Sweeney informed that the statement was made during a political discussion among the family group.

Norris was interviewed on June 11, 1964, and stated that he and Sweeney have always been on opposite sides of political discussions and have often engaged in heated political arguments. Norris could not recall making the statement attributed to him by Sweeney and, in fact, he considered the President's assassination to be a tragedy. He said Sweeney had informed him that he would advise the FBI of his, Norris', political views. He had no knowledge of or any contact with Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack Ruby.

RECOMMENDATION:

O'Beirne will interview Sweeney on his arrival.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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ADDENDUM: JWO'B:gms 11-25-64

Sweeney advised SA O'Beirne on 11-25-64, that his having furnished information to the Bureau concerning his brother-in-law, Fred Norris, had caused considerable dissension in his family. He wanted to know if there is any way Fred Norris' name could be taken off our "list." He was informed that the Bureau maintains no such list and that the interview of Norris was in keeping with our established procedure and was one of thousands of similar interviews conducted during our investigation of the assassination. He was informed that no "list" is maintained by the Bureau, but that his brother-in-law's name is merely indexed as having been interviewed in this case. He was informed no stigma of any kind is attached to such an interview. Sweeney advised he was simply visiting to learn how he could restore peace in his family and was thankful for the information furnished to him.

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