

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Jevons

DATE: 12/9/64

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Belmont _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. Evans _____
- Mr. Gale _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Sullivan _____
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TO : Mr. Conrad

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY; 11/22/63;
DALLAS, TEXAS

The Los Angeles Office has forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated 12/3/64, a document entitled "HOW PRESIDENT KENNEDY REALLY WAS KILLED!" This document was furnished to the Los Angeles Office by George C. Thomson, a resident of Glendale, California. This document contains approximately 100 pages in which Thomson attempts to refute certain information contained in the Warren Report. The Los Angeles Office stated this document was being furnished the Bureau because Thomson advises it will be published and since he states the initial printing will be 10,000 copies and the Bureau may receive inquiry regarding it. (Los Angeles' letter and this document are attached.)

Los Angeles describes Thomson as a person of some means, a prolific writer apparently obsessed with the idea that Oswald is not responsible for the death of President Kennedy and his general demeanor raises a question as to his mental health.

In my memorandum of 11/27/64, you were advised that we had reviewed a 30-page document submitted to the Los Angeles Office by Thomson entitled "A SMALL MATTER OF ARITHMETIC." These two documents are along the same lines in attempting to refute certain aspects of the Warren Report.

A review of the current document shows that Thomson again dwells on matters which have been thoroughly covered by the Bureau in its investigations and Laboratory analyses and are obviously based on fallacious observations and incomplete information on his part. For example, Thomson states on page 20 of the document that Oswald carried a vintage Italian rifle that Benito Mussolini would not have had around. The fact is the 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano Italian military rifle such as the one used by Oswald

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1-Mr. Belmont
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was carried by Italian troops during Mussolini's time. Thomson also states that Oswald was good at only long shots whereas in fact, none of Oswald's shots could be considered long shots for a scope rifle, such as was used in this case. In discussing the murder of the Dallas policeman, Thomson says there was considerable doubt about the "slugs" fitting Oswald's revolver. The fact is the cartridges used in the murder of the Dallas police officer were .38 Special caliber and would chamber in Oswald's revolver as was demonstrated during the course of the examination of these items. As another example, Thomson concluded that the bullet which hit Governor Connally and which was found on the stretcher weighed in excess of any 6.5 mm ammunition made by Western Cartridge Company. It is a known fact that the Western Cartridge Company loaded bullets of this weight in its 6.5 mm cartridges.

These are but a few examples of Thomson's faulty thinking in this matter. Obviously, Mr. Thomson has not made the effort to substantiate his observations in support of his argument.

In view of the obvious misinformation on the part of Thomson concerning the details in this case and the question as to his mental health, the facts set forth in Thomson's document do not constitute a valid argument and insofar as the technical aspects are concerned, no further consideration need be given by the Bureau.

ACTION:

For information in the event inquiry is made of the Bureau concerning Thomson's views in this case.