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TO: Mr. Rosen

DATE: November 21, 1966

FROM: R. L. Shroder

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
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- 1 - Mr. Raupach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963

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It will be recalled that "The Oswald Affair," the book written by Leo Sauvage, was reviewed and a memorandum prepared. A copy of this book, prior to its publication, was made available by Mr. O'Leary at the "Washington Star," and had to be returned to him.

Through the efforts of our Cleveland Office a copy of this book has been obtained and is attached in the event it is needed for future reference.

It is noted that Sauvage throughout the book implies that the FBI had a preconceived notion that Oswald was the only assassin involved in the assassination and that, because of this position, the Warren Commission accepted this premise in conducting its review and determination as to the President's assassination.

In connection with the above, the following passage is set forth on page 11:

"On December 9 the Justice Department finally announced that, on instructions from the White House, the FBI report had that day been submitted direct to the Warren Commission. The Department spokesman added that the Commission had insisted that nothing be made public until it had 'reviewed the document and taken whatever action it may feel appropriate.' This was duly reported in the New York Times of December 10; the Washington story telling about the Commission's wishes, however, was headed: 'OSWALD ASSASSIN BEYOND A DOUBT, FBI CONCLUDES.' The subhead: 'HE ACTED ALONE AND DID NOT KNOW RUBY, SAYS REPORT TO WARREN INQUIRY PANEL.' And the television news program took up the same theme: The FBI report confirmed that Oswald was the assassin.

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Re: ASSASSINATION

"This was clearly a poor beginning. Despite all that had been said and written - and even preached from the pulpit - against the denial of justice in the Dallas 'trial by television,' now the same kind of denial was under way in Washington. And this time under the auspices of the Justice Department, with no 'Texas cowboys' to blame and with the aggravating circumstance that in Washington, having had the opportunity to ponder the precedent, the Department certainly knew what it was doing. Wasn't the FBI consciously forcing the hand of the Warren Commission, just as the Dallas authorities had been in fact forcing the hand of a future jury if there had been a jury for Lee Oswald"?

ACTION:

This is submitted for record purposes.

AV