

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- DATE: 2/21/67
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan

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*B. J. [unclear]
Branigan*

Assistant Attorney General Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr., Civil Division, Department of Justice, called the Bureau at 5:35 p.m., February 20, 1967, and made reference to an article in the "Washington Daily News" for February 20, 1967. According to this article, David Lewis, a bus station express handler who worked as a private investigator in New Orleans in the months before the assassination, claimed to have the names of five persons allegedly involved in the planning phase of the plot on President Kennedy's life. Mr. Sanders requested that he be furnished information in Bureau files that can be identified with David Lewis.

Our files disclose that James S. Martin, a private investigator in New Orleans who reportedly is a mental case and who was a psychiatric patient in a New Orleans hospital in 1956-1957, informed our Dallas Office on January 13, 1967, that the District Attorney's Office had interviewed David Lewis in connection with the assassination. According to Martin, Lewis claimed to have met Lee Harvey Oswald while working for former SAC W. Guy Banister in New Orleans, at which time Mr. Banister was a private investigator. Martin claimed Oswald was in contact with two Cuban nationals at the time Lewis met Oswald.



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On February [REDACTED] 1967, our informant advised he learned that Lewis had been interviewed by investigators of the District Attorney's Office in New Orleans and had identified Raul Torres, Sergio Arcacha Smith and Carlos Quiroga as individuals under suspicion by the District Attorney's Office as being involved in the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

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Carlos Quiroga is a Cuban refugee in New Orleans who volunteered information to our New Orleans Office on November 27, 1963, reporting he had become aware of Oswald's activities in New Orleans in August, 1963, at which time Oswald was passing out Fair Play for Cuba Committee literature. Quiroga stated he contacted Oswald to determine the extent of his pro-Castro activities and had reported such contacts to the New Orleans Police Department. We have received no evidence that Carlos Quiroga is involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

ACTION:

Attached is a letter to Assistant Attorney General Sanders furnishing him with a copy of our memorandum concerning the involvement of Lewis in the assassination and the investigation being conducted by the District Attorney's Office in New Orleans and other items mentioned herein which give an insight into the type of investigation being conducted by District Attorney Garrison. A copy of our memorandum is being disseminated by separate communications to the White House, the Acting Attorney General and the Secret Service.

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