

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE: March 1, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

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

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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PURPOSE:

To advise the 2-22-67, issue of the "Pensacola Journal" carried an article revealing Earle J. Killam wanted the body of his brother Henry Thomas Killam exhumed and an autopsy performed. Killam died 3-17-64, when he either fell or jumped through a plate glass store window. The allegation is he was supposedly frightened and fleeing "Agents" or plotters of President Kennedy's assassination. This is a result of publicity released by District Attorney Jim Garrison, New Orleans.

BACKGROUND:

The 2-22-67, issue of the "Pensacola Journal" carried an article entitled "Brother Wants Body Exhumed. Did Mystery Death Here Link to JFK?" The article revealed Earle J. Killam wanted the body of his brother Henry Thomas Killam exhumed and an autopsy performed. He is alleging his brother was supposedly frightened and fleeing "Agents" or plotters of President Kennedy's assassination which was the cause of his death. The article indicated the deceased Killam's wife was employed by Jack Ruby, that Killam knew John Carter who had lived at the rooming house with Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, and that "Agents" who did not identify themselves visited Killam repeatedly after the assassination causing him to lose one job after another and that "Agents" browbeat his wife into telling them where he was.

Files of the Dallas Office reveal Wanda Joyce Killam was interviewed on one occasion at Dallas, Texas, by FBI Agents, and that her husband Henry Thomas Killam was reported as residing at 8114 Newport Avenue, Tampa, Florida. Henry Thomas Killam was interviewed on one occasion which was at the address in Tampa, Florida, by an FBI Agent. All Agents properly identified themselves on each of these interviews.

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The article related this situation has arisen as a result of the investigation being conducted by District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans that there was a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy. The allegations set forth in this newspaper article are pure fabrication and an act of irresponsible reporting.

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During the assassination investigation, efforts were made to determine whether there was any association between Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald. Wanda Joyce Killam was interviewed on 12-13-63 and verified she was employed by Jack Ruby. Ruby asked her to leave work as her husband continued to come to the club while she was working and Ruby felt he was interfering with her work. She returned to work with Ruby after her husband left town. She did not know Oswald and was not aware of any connection between Ruby and Oswald. On 12-19-63, John Carter was interviewed by our Agents who properly identified themselves. Carter indicated he talked to Oswald at the rooming house where they were both living on one or two occasions. Carter did not know Ruby although he was acquainted with Killam and his wife. On 1-22-64, Henry Thomas Killam was interviewed at Tampa, Florida. He did not know Ruby well and did not know Oswald at all. The Commission commented on this phase of the investigation on page 363 of its report.

Local Pensacola authorities advised Killam was well known to them as he had previously been arrested on charges of breaking and entry and grand larceny to which charges he pleaded guilty, and was placed on probation. Killam's mother had requested on numerous occasions aid in placing Killam in a mental institution as he was "hearing voices on radio" that did not exist "imagining people were following him," and he was "seeing snakes." His mother reported he was taking pills and authorities obtained samples. They determined the pills were barbituate and amphetamine tablets. Arrangements were made for Killam's commitment to a hospital on 3-17-64, the same day he died. Authorities were of the opinion that during a hallucination, Killam either fell or jumped into the store window resulting in his death, and his death was listed as possible suicide.

Local authorities are determining if there are grounds to exhume Killam's body. The feeling is there is not sufficient reason for such action.

ACTION:

Jacksonville is following this situation and will report pertinent developments.

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