

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

DATE: 6-30-67

- 1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Goble

Tolson	
DeLoach	✓
Mohr	✓
Bishop	✓
Callahan	✓
Conrad	✓
Felt	✓
Gale	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	
Holmes	
Gandy	

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

PURPOSE:

Editor of German newspaper furnished letter to American Embassy, Bonn, addressed to the Bureau offering cooperation in exchange for information concerning the U. S. Army and FBI record of New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison. Bonn being advised to have editor contacted and notified of receipt of information by Bureau but that we cannot cooperate in this matter and that in future information of possible interest to U. S. law enforcement should be furnished through German authorities.

BACKGROUND:

On 6-15-67, Mr. Georg Fleissman contacted Cultural Attache, American Embassy, Bonn, Germany, and furnished him with a letter addressed to the Bureau with the request that the letter be forwarded. Fleissman is the editor of a weekly newspaper in Nuernberg, Germany. The newspaper has been described as having a small circulation, rightist, a bit sensational and tending to be inaccurate. Its articles on the U. S. have been generally favorable. Bureau files contain no information on Fleissman.

Fleissman offered in his letter to assist the Bureau provided the Bureau supported him in his work and specifically asked several questions concerning New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison, such as the basis for his Army discharge, whether he was ever in Germany, and whether Garrison was ever with the FBI. Fleissman included with his letter an article from his newspaper indicating that Lee Harvey Oswald did not murder President Kennedy. Fleissman told the Cultural Attache that he had information that a foreigner from an unnamed country killed the President. He claimed to have obtained this information on a recent trip to New Orleans from Germany.

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Legat, Bonn, questioned Fleissman's motives and recommended contact with him should be guarded and through established police sources.

OBSERVATIONS:

Fleissman's letter should not be answered with a letter, either from the Bureau or from Legat, Bonn, since it is apparent Fleissman would use such a letter to his own advantage and for his own purposes, possibly publishing it. While the fact that Garrison was briefly with the FBI has been publicized, we should give Fleissman no information whatsoever. Fleissman's letter to the Bureau should be acknowledged through established police sources available to Legat, Bonn, who should contact Fleissman and advise him that his letter has been received at Bureau Headquarters and that the Bureau cannot cooperate with him in this matter. These police sources should suggest to Fleissman that in the future he furnish any information of possible interest to U. S. law enforcement he has to the German police authorities for referral to the Bureau.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is airtel to Legat, Bonn, so instructing it.

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