

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: August 3, 1967

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

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

The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth a brief analysis pointing out a possibility why Dean A. Andrews, New Orleans Attorney currently under perjury indictment in New Orleans, interjected the name Clay Bertrand into the assassination investigation.

BACKGROUND:

Dean A. Andrews, New Orleans Attorney, was confined to the Hotel Dieu Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, from November 20, 1963, to November 29, 1963, for treatment of pneumonia. From November 20 through November 24, 1963, Andrews was seriously ill and was kept under heavy sedation by Dr. J. P. Andrews. Dr. Andrews doubted that Dean Andrews was capable of using the telephone in his room during this four-day period.

On November 25, 1963, Dean Andrews informed our New Orleans Office that he had received a telephone call on the evening of November 23, 1963, the day following the assassination of President Kennedy, from a Clay Bertrand who requested Andrews to go to Dallas and defend Lee Harvey Oswald. Andrews also told our interviewing Agents that Oswald had visited Andrews' law office on several occasions during June and July, 1963, seeking legal advice regarding his citizenship status, the citizenship status of his wife, Marina Oswald, and regarding his dishonorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps.

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Extensive investigation failed to locate Clay Bertrand and on December 5, 1963, Dean Andrews informed Special Agent Regis L. Kennedy that Andrews' contact with Clay Bertrand must have been a figment of his imagination when he was under heavy sedation in the hospital.

New Orleans District Attorney Garrison claims Clay Bertrand is Clay Shaw. He has brought Andrews before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on at least two occasions and Andrews has been indicted twice for perjury. Andrews' trial is scheduled to begin August 9, 1967.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
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On July 11, 1967, we were confidentially informed by [redacted] that there is an unlisted telephone number, [redacted] for a C. A. Bertrand, 403 Gatehouse Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana. This number was originally listed to Miss Jane C. Baker on September 20, 1964, and since such date C. A. Bertrand and two other individuals have been added to the listing. Our inquiries have disclosed that C. A. Bertrand is identical to Miss Carol A. Bertrand, an anesthetist, Hotel Dieu Hospital in New Orleans. Dates of her employment at this hospital are not known.

We do not know if Carol A. Bertrand, anesthetist at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, was employed by such hospital during the period Andrews was a patient there November 20 through 29, 1963. However, if she was, she may have had contact with Andrews in her professional duties or her name may have been broadcast over the hospital loudspeaker system, for example, "Will C. A. Bertrand (or Carol A. Bertrand) please report immediately to surgery." To a semiconscious Dean Andrews such contact or message could have made a strong impression upon his mind. Thereafter, in his heavily sedated condition, he may have hallucinated and actually dreamed of his contacts with Lee Harvey Oswald and Clay Bertrand. The whole episode may have been so vivid to Andrews he may not be certain, even today, whether the episode is fact or fancy.

OBSERVATIONS:

The information set out in the paragraph above is speculation. To determine if such speculation has any basis in fact would necessitate our making inquiries concerning Carol A. Bertrand, including possible interview of her or other hospital personnel. This would be undesirable since District Attorney Garrison is trying Andrews on perjury charges scheduled to begin August 9, 1967. The Director has instructed that this Bureau not get involved in Garrison's probe of the assassination.

We do feel that our observations in this particular matter have merit and would be of interest to the Department. We feel this information should be furnished to the Department, pointing out to the Department that we are conducting no investigation in this particular matter in the absence of a specific request from the Department.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to the Attorney General setting forth our observations as contained herein. We are informing the Attorney General we contemplate no additional inquiries in this particular matter in the absence of a specific request from the Department.

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