

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. A. Rosen  
DATE: February 12, 1969

1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
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For information, Perry Russo, 27-year-old book salesman and main witness against Clay Shaw, was on witness stand in Clay Shaw trial in New Orleans for second day on 2/11/69. News media report defense cross-examined Russo entire day.

Defense probed Garrison's investigative methods such as placing Russo in hypnotic trance to obtain information from him. Defense suggested Russo's story of Shaw-Oswald-Ferrie conspiracy meeting implanted in Russo's mind. Defense also probed use of "bugs" in Russo's apartment by Garrison investigators to tape interviews of Russo by newsmen.

Russo emphasized he never considered the conversation between Shaw, Oswald and Ferrie as conspiratorial. He conceded he never heard Shaw or Oswald agree to kill President Kennedy. He admitted seeing Ferrie after date of assassination of President Kennedy and Ferrie never cautioned him not to say anything about the conversation.

ANALYSIS:

Russo's testimony contains many weaknesses and defense is capitalizing on these. Methods used by Garrison to obtain Russo's story were fantastic. In 1963-1964, our New Orleans Office conducted thorough investigation into allegations Ferrie and Oswald were acquainted. We found no evidence to show this was true.

ACTION:

For information, since facts have been reported in news media. Case will continue to be closely followed.

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