

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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

- 1 - Mr. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. J. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. I.W. Conrad

DATE: February 17, 1969

- 1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. W.A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. T.N. Goble

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For information, 2/14 and 15/69 sessions of Clay Shaw trial in New Orleans produced following highlights, according to press reports.

SA Lyndal Shaneyfelt testified to his examination of Zapruder film and pointed to frame where President was shot in head. On cross-examination he stated his opinion as photography expert that shot which killed the President "came from the rear."

Roger D. Craig, former Deputy Sheriff, stated he saw man run from so-called "grassy knoll" to station wagon and vehicle left area. He also said he later heard Lee Harvey Oswald state in Dallas Police Headquarters "that station wagon belongs to Mrs. Paine."

James L. Simmons testified he detected what appeared to be a puff or whiff of smoke under some trees on the "grassy knoll," and in that area where he saw the smoke, found footprints in the mud. Defense brought out that Simmons did not get to area where he saw footprints until about 15-20 minutes after shooting.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. Shaneyfelt's testimony supported conclusions of Warren Commission, and defense.

2. Craig was interviewed by us on 11/22 and 11/25/63 and claimed he saw a man run from Texas School Book Depository Building following assassination and leave area in a station wagon driven by unknown man. He later, same afternoon, observed Oswald in Dallas Police Department and said Oswald was man he saw. His statements were never corroborated. In fact, investigation showed Oswald left the building by bus and later transferred to a taxicab to proceed to his rooming house. Several witnesses corroborated these facts. The Sheriff in Dallas at the time advised he believed Craig was honest in his opinion but made a mistake in identity.

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When we interviewed Craig on 11/22/63, after he observed Oswald in Dallas Police Department and claimed Oswald was man who got in station wagon, Craig made no mention about hearing Oswald say anything about a station wagon belonging to Mrs. Paine. If he did hear Oswald say this, it is strange he did not tell us then, since it supported his opinion that it was Oswald he saw. This appears to be an embellishment he has added since. It is noted Craig stated on cross-examination that he currently works for one of the New Orleans businessmen who have provided Garrison private funds to carry on his investigation.

3. Simmons told us what he thought he saw was exhaust fumes of smoke. He also told us that it was his opinion the shots came from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository Building.

ACTION:

For information. Case being closely followed.

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W.C. Sullivan ✓

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