

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. BASSETT *HJB*

DATE: September 9, 1975

FROM : J. A. CONLEY *JAC*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.
(OSWALD VISIT TO DALLAS OFFICE AND NOTE)

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During the course of the special inquiry conducted at Dallas, Texas, the week of 9/1/75, Joseph L. Schott, retired Special Agent of the FBI, was interviewed on 9/3/75. During the course of the interview Schott stated he received information concerning Oswald's visit to the Dallas Office and delivery of a note addressed to SA James P. Hosty from another individual whom he refused to identify in Wichita Falls, Texas, in the early part of 1964 in connection with either grand jury proceeding or a trial.

Based on this information, inquiry was initiated on 9/3/75 through SA William E. Logg, SRA of the Wichita Falls, Texas, RA, and he subsequently advised that as the Deputy District Court Clerk at Wichita Falls was on annual leave he had been in contact with the U. S. Attorney at Fort Worth and requested that office to search their records in an effort to identify the dates of the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) sittings at Wichita Falls and the identity of cases presented or identity of Agents of the FBI listed as appearing before such FGJ. Subsequently, on the same date, U. S. Attorney Frank D. McCown telephoned me at the Dallas Office and stated based on the request his office received from SA Logg he felt it necessary that he refer the request to the Executive Office for U. S. Attorneys, Washington, D. C., to obtain authority to release such information from his records. Mr. McCown stated such information is not considered public information and in view of Freedom of Information Act considerations he thought it might be necessary to obtain a court order under Rule E. He did advise during this telephone conversation that in 1964 one FGJ met in Wichita Falls on October 7, 8 and 9. Mr. McCown said when he heard back from the Department he would be in further touch with me at the Dallas Office, at which time he would be able to furnish the names of those Agents scheduled to appear before the FGJ at Wichita Falls. Mr. McCown was informed that if the Department had further questions of him concerning this matter that Deputy Attorney General Tyler and Assistant Attorney General Thornburg of the Criminal Division were familiar with the reason for our being in Dallas and had the details concerning same. *ST 109*

On the afternoon of 9/4/75 AUSA Alex McGlichey telephonically advised he had received permission from the Department to make the requested information

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available to us after which he placed Frances Gardner on the telephone and she furnished the identities of the following Agents of the Dallas Office who had appeared before the FGJ in Wichita Falls in October, 1964:

Joe B. Abernathy
James W. Anderton
James W. Bookhout
Charles T. Brown, Jr.
Robert P. Butler
Vincent E. J. Drain
Raymond C. Eckenrode

Alfred C. Ellington
Robert P. Gemberling
Will Hayden Griffin
Joseph J. Hanley
Emory E. Horton
Milton L. Newsom
Gaston C. Thompson

This information was made available to you and the others working on the special for consideration in conducting interviews of Agent personnel during the course of the inquiry.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None . . . for information.