

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
 - 1 - Mr. D.W. Moore
 - 1 - Mr. Bassett
- DATE: 9/2/75

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

FROM : MR. J. B. ADAMS

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Former SAC Gordon Shanklin telephonically contacted me on 8/29/75 to advise that he had received an inquiry from a Martin Ralbovsky of the "Houston Chronicle," telephone 713-220-7880. Ralbovsky had contacted Shanklin on 8/28/75 concerning his review of the Warren Commission material. He had some questions for Mr. Shanklin concerning a reported statement by then Chief of Police Curry of the Dallas Police Department to the effect that he had been asked to cover up the fact that Oswald had been under surveillance by the FBI prior to the assassination and the Dallas Police Department had not been advised.

Mr. Shanklin advised me that there was no truth to the matter, that it had been fully considered at the time and, in fact, had been reported in the newspapers with the Chief of Police later coming out and issuing a statement that he had not been asked by Shanklin to cover up any such information. Mr. Shanklin indicated he could not be very specific in replying to the reporter without having access to the information in the files. I advised him that he should advise the reporter that there was no truth to the allegation, that the matter had been fully reported on at the time, and that if he had any specific inquiries in connection with the matter he should contact the External Affairs Division at FBI Headquarters. Mr. Shanklin indicated he would so advise the reporter.

ACTION:

None. Information only.

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