

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

DATE: 2/17/64

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (89-44) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS
11/22/63
AFO
(OO:DALLAS)

Re Omaha letter to Salt Lake City, 1/6/64, which enclosed a U. S. Treasury Department Tax Form 1040 with the handwritten words "LEE OSWALD was here."

On 2/12/64, FRED WIGNALL, Acting Director, Western Service Center, Internal Revenue Service, Ogden, Utah, examined the form 1040 reflecting the above hand-printed words. He advised that he could place no significance on this writing except that it apparently was some employee's idea of a joke. He said that the Western Service Center has handled mailing of all 1040 forms to tax payers west of the Mississippi River, the total tally being 15,163,202. These forms were prepared for mailing on mechanical addressing machines, three of which were used during the period from the first of October to the latter part of December, 1963. These machines were manned on two shifts, five days a week, approximately 25 people on each shift. He exhibited the addressing machines, which are presently in operation preparing different tax forms for mailing.

It was observed that the forms are received in large cardboard cartons and fed into the machines in stacks of approximately 50 forms. The machine attaches a pre-printed adhesive address slip to the form and they emerge from the machine in a continuous process. They are thereafter gathered into bundles for each town or placed in mailing bags.

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The addressed forms are given a very rapid and cursory examination, which Mr. WIGNALL said was only for the purpose of detecting address slips which are not firmly attached or which have been folded over. He said no attempt is made to remove forms to which an address is not attached as these are later discarded by postal authorities and the operation is too rapid to attempt to examine the forms as they emerge from the machine. He said that marking pens with various ink colors are available throughout the area, which includes the addressing machines, and he was unable to suggest anyway in which it might be possible to identify the employee who had written on the form in question.