

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN (100-10461)      DATE: 3/20/64

FROM : SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Bureau airtel to Dallas, 3/18/64, enclosing copies of the President's Commission letter dated 3/16/64, pertaining to the testimony of ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND before the President's Commission on 3/10/64.

The Bureau has instructed that a thorough, appropriate background investigation be conducted concerning ROWLAND in view of certain information furnished by him.

The following suggested outline for this investigation is as follows:

*Copies attached*

1. A thorough review should be made of results of interviews with ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND appearing on pages 20 through 25 of the report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 11/30/63, and page 14, report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated 12/23/63. None of the interviews with ROWLAND have established any information pertaining to the elderly Negro mentioned in reBuairtel.

2. Consider interview with ROY S. TRULY, WILLIAM H. SHELLEY and O. V. CAMPBELL at TSBD in an effort to identify the elderly Negro described by ROWLAND as reflected in the President's Commission letter. In the event the elderly Negro is identified, he should be thoroughly interviewed to prove or disprove the allegation by ROWLAND that he saw a Negro at the southeast corner window of the TSBD.

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3. Check the records of Adamson High School regarding ROWLAND's claim to have an I.Q. of 147 and to have had a straight "A" average through his junior year in high school. Verify his claim that he received his I.Q. test in May 1963.

4. Conduct inquiry at Finn and Finn, Optometrists, Fidelity Union Tower Building, to establish when ROWLAND had his eyes examined and to substantiate his statement that he has "much better than" 20-20 eyes.

5. Will make inquiry at the Southern Methodist University to determine if ROWLAND has been accepted at that college and, also, consider setting out leads for Texas A&M and Rice Institute records to be checked to determine if they have accepted ROWLAND for college entrance.

6. Check Crozier Tech, including interview with his alleged instructor, SAM FOSTER, to determine what special courses ROWLAND has taken in sound and study of echo effects.

*attached* 7. A complete credit and criminal check should be made concerning ROWLAND, and the information contained in 79-0-1479 should be included in the information prepared for the report.

All contacts made should endeavor to establish ROWLAND's veracity and reputation.

Appropriate 302's and inserts should be submitted on multilith for the 100-10461 file in connection with all interviews conducted concerning ROWLAND with two flimsies of each in order that the desk may prepare an appropriate letterhead memorandum from such 302's and inserts.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT THESE INQUIRIES  
BE MADE EXPEDITIOUSLY.