

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : *S*  
W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 11-30-63

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DJB*

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- 1 - Sullivan
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- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
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- Evans \_\_\_\_\_
- Malone \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen *✓*
- Sullivan *✓*
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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSTALD  
CASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

*John F.*  
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On 11-29-63 Mr. Melvin Vogtman, Office of Management and Evaluation, Veterans Administration (VA), advised Liaison he had been furnished with information which possibly relates to captioned matter which came from Mr. Roy Rice, nursing aide, Poplar Bluff, Veterans Administration Hospital, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Mr. Rice reported a conversation which occurred in the Spring of 1963 that he had with one Paul Eugene Ford, a patient at the above hospital, to the effect that Ford on an unidentified date and unknown place allegedly overheard a conversation which involved unknown persons connected with the Dallas, Texas, night club business to the effect that this group was plotting to harm President Kennedy.

Mr. Vogtman advised Ford, whose last known address was Gideon, Missouri, was discharged from the above hospital during May, 1963, against medical advice. Mr. Vogtman said Ford was a World War II veteran who has been confined periodically for brain damage. Mr. Vogtman identified Ford as having VA number C-14691130, having been born 4-18-20 and his complete VA record jacket is filed at the VA in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Vogtman stated he had absolutely nothing additional concerning this matter.

ACTION:

Although the source in this case was a mental patient and the story seems absurd, it should be checked out. Attached for approval is an airtel instructing St. Louis to locate and interview Ford and get the facts.

Enclosure *Completed*  
*to Tele. Room*

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