

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *W*

FROM : Mr. J. C. Sullivan *WCS*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

DATE: November 29, 1963

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Rushing

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Assistant Director Gale has requested to be advised whether there have been instances in the past in which we gave information to police departments resulting in embarrassment to the Bureau.

My memorandum of November 27, 1963, captioned "Domestic Intelligence Division Policy on Dissemination of Information to Local Law Enforcement Agencies" pointed out that Departmental Regulations relating to the protection of defense information specify that classified defense information is not to be disseminated outside the executive branch except under conditions and through channels authorized or heretofore authorized by the Attorney General.

With respect to Mr. Gale's question, during the approximate period February, 1951, until discontinuance on March 10, 1955, the Bureau, with the approval of the Attorney General, disseminated subversive information to selected state and local authorities, including selected representatives of police departments concerning individuals of interest to them; namely, employees of state and local government as well as individuals employed in the educational field. This program was discontinued by SAC Letter No. 55-21 (I) dated March 10, 1955, inasmuch as recipients of the information in a number of instances had failed to handle properly the information furnished them by the Bureau on a confidential basis. The discontinuance of furnishing information from Bureau files in the internal security field was with the concurrence of the Attorney General.

ACTION:

Submitted in accordance with the request of Assistant Director Gale.

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