

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: Dec 4, 1963

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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0 Page 21996. Senator Byrd, (D) West Virginia, spoke concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. He pointed out that a strong effort has been provoked to place the responsibility for this despicable act on political forces within the country which were opposed to the policies of the late President. Mr. Byrd included an editorial entitled "Assassination Evokes Odd Views—Many Seen Linking Kennedy Killing to Racist, Rightist, Despite Facts" written by Richard Wilson and published in the Washington Evening Star. The editorial stated "Now a series of inquiries is beginning. One is by the FBI and the Justice Department into both the assassination and the murder of the accused assassin. Another study will be conducted in Congress in connection with legislation to make a murderous attack on the President and Vice President a Federal crime wherever committed. The State of Texas will conduct a special ex post facto inquiry. - - - But one simple fact should not be ignored. The accused, and likely, murderer was a proudly professed Marxist; he never boasted of being a segregationist or a far-righter."

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