

Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE: 12-19-63

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Turner

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

This memo discusses the question of dissemination of reports in the captioned case.

Four reports have been received from the Dallas Office since the assassination which totaled approximately 2500 pages. In addition, we have already received approximately 145 reports from auxiliary offices and, of course, many more will be received. These reports contain pertinent information pertaining to the captioned individual and the investigation of him after the assassination but in addition contain the results of coverage of dozens and dozens of false leads, hoaxes and allegations. Some of the material contained in the reports includes nonspecific-type data concerning statements made by persons who were opposed to President Kennedy and his Administration, data alleging that persons or groups are in possession of firearms and may be a threat to the security of President Johnson or other public figures and data pertaining to mental cases who might possibly be considered dangerous. Such material was previously forwarded to the Bureau by teletype and/or letterhead memo and disseminated locally as well as at the Bureau to the Secret Service.

In view of the fact that we are making reports to the Commission which was created to investigate the assassination it is not believed necessary or desirable that we automatically disseminate all of these investigative reports in the captioned case to the Secret Service. Unless advised to the contrary we will take the following action:

1. Screen each report for specific information re any person or group who might be considered dangerous and a possible threat to Government officials and establish that this information has previously been disseminated to the Secret Service. (If any instances are noted where no prior dissemination has been made, it will be disseminated promptly. If the report consists entirely of such data, the entire report

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will be given to Secret Service, but if it contains other results of investigation of the subject, it will be excerpted from the report and the excerpt given to Secret Service.)

2. These reports will be screened for additional pertinent data to be included in any subsequent supplementary report which is furnished to the Commission.

3. They will be screened for any additional pertinent material to be added to the brief prepared for the Director's use.

4. Since we furnished to the Department the summary which went to the Commission and since the investigative reports are being furnished to the Commission, we will not send them to the Department or any other agency.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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