

Memorandum

TO : W. C. SULLIVAN *WCS*

DATE: 12-26-63

FROM : W. A. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

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Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Cooper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Malone	_____
Rosen	_____
Sullivan	_____
Tavel	_____
Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

- 1 - Belmont
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- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Turner

The Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division forwarded to the Bureau on 12-20-63 a copy of a paper entitled "Seeds of Doubt: Some Questions About the President's Assassination." He also forwarded a letter dated 11-23-63 from A. M. Lydon advising that a patient in a veterans hospital some months ago declared that he would kill the President and his whole family.

The paper "Seeds of Doubt" was previously furnished the Bureau by the office of the Attorney General which had received it from Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Special Assistant to the President. My memo 12-17-63 pointed out that this paper raised a number of questions based upon newspaper versions of the assassination and that one of the authors, Staughton Lynd, had been associated with known communists while the other author, Jack Minnis, had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy in 1958 and had reported this fact to the Bureau. A summary of the information in our file concerning the authors was sent to the Attorney General and has also been furnished to Mr. Lee Rankin, Counsel of the Commission to investigate the assassination.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Inasmuch as the AG and Mr. Lee Rankin have been given a summary of background information concerning the authors of "Seeds of Doubt," it is recommended that the attached letter and memo be sent to the Assistant AG of the Criminal Division furnishing him with similar information.

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2. It is also recommended that Liaison deliver to Secret Service a copy of the letter to the AG from A. M. Lydon which refers to statements allegedly made by a patient at a Veterans Administration hospital. In view of the contents of this letter, no investigation should be conducted by the Bureau in an effort to identify this patient.

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