

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *WB*

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.
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DATE: December 19, 1963

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated 12/18/63 on the above captioned matter. This memorandum recommended that Bureau liaison should obtain a copy of the Secret Service report so that it may be reviewed prior to its submission to the Presidential Commission. It was further recommended that Bureau liaison make inquiry to Secret Service to determine the purpose of the efforts of Secret Service to develop the identity of FBI Agents who allegedly interviewed Mrs. Marina Oswald on 11/24/63.

On 12/19/63 Liaison Agent Bartlett was handed a copy of the Secret Service report by Mr. James J. Rowley, Chief, U. S. Secret Service. Mr. Rowley indicated this report is complete with the exception of an appendix which is the report of Secret Service Agent Lawson, who was the advance Agent from Secret Service headquarters in Dallas making the arrangements for the President's trip. This phase of the report was still being printed.

Concerning the efforts of Secret Service to identify the FBI Agents who allegedly interviewed Mrs. Marina Oswald, Mr. Rowley told Bartlett that this phase was so vague on the part of Mrs. Oswald that he suspected she was either trying to "muddy the waters" or that there was a complete mistaken identity on her part. Mr. Rowley said that the alleged interviews may have been done by Agents of other Government agencies, such as the Immigration and Naturalization Service; however their inquiries have failed to identify the persons who interviewed her if, in fact, such interviews did take place. Mr. Rowley said there is no question in his mind about the fact that the last Bureau interview with Oswald or his wife took place on 8/10/63, the time of Oswald's arrest in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. Rowley continued by emphasizing the cooperation necessary between the Bureau and the Secret Service and commented specifically that he instructed his entire Service not to conduct any investigation regarding Oswald after it became apparent that some of the field Agents were making inquiry which was within the FBI's jurisdiction. Mr. Rowley also commented that the complete cooperation and assistance

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rendered to him and his Service by the Director and the Bureau is much appreciated. He commented on the Director loaning Bureau Agents to assist the Secret Service, such as President Kennedy's funeral. He also commented on the generosity of the Director in furnishing a bulletproof car for the President's use. At this point Mr. Rowley emphasized that he wanted the Director to understand that the detailed questioning of Mrs. Oswald by his Service concerning the alleged interviews by FBI Agents was done at his direction only because he felt she was not telling the truth and he desired to get to the bottom of it.

Secret Service Report

A review of the Secret Service report dated 12/18/63, a copy of which was given to Liaison Agent Bartlett, reflects that it covered the advance preparation of the Secret Service for the Presidential visit to Dallas on 11/22/63 and the activities of Secret Service in Dallas on that day. This report does not set forth any investigative activity by Secret Service to ascertain or assist in ascertaining the identity of the President's killer or his motives. It is indicated in a cover letter that the results of such investigative activity by Secret Service has been made available to the FBI. It is indicated that this report contains several aspects of Secret Service's operation which are not generally public knowledge and requests the Commission to consult with the General Counsel of the Treasury Department prior to making public any of the material in this report.

The report goes into great detail about the arrangements made with various individuals, civic leaders, political leaders and police departments in anticipation of the President's visit. The activities of individual Agents of Secret Service, both before and the day of the President's assassination, are set forth. It sets forth individual statements by all the Treasury Agents who were actually on guard duty with the President and Vice President as to individual operations.

On pages seven and eight, the report sets out that Secret Service offices around the country had established liaison with the FBI in their districts, and that such was the case prior to 11/22/63. The report states that "In accordance with the usual practice, the local FBI office informed the local Secret Service office of any information which affected the President's visit." On 10/30/63, the local FBI Office gave Secret Service in Dallas the name of a right-wing individual in the Dallas area. The report indicates that an investigation was made. On 11/21 and 22/63, the Dallas FBI Office referred two pieces of information to the local Secret Service office;

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one involved scurrilous literature already in the hands of Secret Service and the second involved possible picket trouble which the local police were aware of. This report indicates that the name of Lee H. Oswald was not known to any Secret Service Agent in Dallas or elsewhere prior to the shooting of the President. This is the only reference to the FBI in the entire report.

ACTION:

This is submitted for your information.

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