

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr  
FROM : C. D. DeLoach

DATE: February 10, 1964

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT John

At 9:45 p. m. on 2-9-64, Kemper received a call from Sid Roberts of Associated Press. Roberts said that an exclusive had just come out in the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" that there was an eye witness to the assassination of the President. This eye witness was purported to be a Negro janitor who saw Oswald shoot the President and that he is going to testify to this before the Warren Commission. According to the story, the janitor was on the same floor with Oswald and stated, "Oswald almost stepped on me." According to the story, the janitor was arrested for vagrancy and has been held since that time in protective custody.

In line with our policy, no comment was made on this matter.

At 9:55 p. m., 2-9-64, Tom Pettit of NBC, Dallas, called about the same story. He said that he had talked to Mr. Ed Guthman of the Department and Mr. Guthman said that he had not seen anything in FBI reports concerning such a witness.

It is noted that Mr. Guthman had called me in this regard and stated he was going to cut the rumor off.

At 10:06 p. m., 2-9-64, Mr. John Riseling of the "Washington Post" called concerning this story and he was given no comment and referred to Mr. Guthman.

### RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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