emorandu Mr. Belmon Sullis Mr. Rosen BENJAMIN C. WARD 828 SUMMIT STREET SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY. ALABAMA PURPOSE: That information contained in attached letterhead ! memorandum concerning the captioned individual be verbally furnished to Congressman George M. Grant (D-Alabama) as approved in Mr. M. A. Jones to Mr. DeLoach memorandum 3/16/64. BACKGROUND: On 3/13/64, Congressman George M. Grant (D-Alabama) furnished inspector Kemper a copy of a letter he received from the captioned individual in which Ward made various comments concerning his "old buddy Lee Oswald." Mobile Office Agents interviewed Ward who advised he recognized the photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald following the assassination as the same person he met during January and February, 1963, and subsequently on Friday before Labor Day, 1963, at Nontgomery, Alabama. Ward, during interview could not definitely state Oswald was the same person he met in Montgomery, Alabama, and reporting Agents noted that during the interview, Ward appeared to be under the influence of an extremely strong tranquilizer as he was constantly yawning and making rather irrational statements. <u>Various medical records revealed Ward has been diagnosed</u> OBSERVATION: Due to Ward's medical history no credence can be placed on his alleged observations. Enclosure, ENCLOS 25 APR 8 41964 1 - Mr. DeLoach KMR:las:icm

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont RE: BENJAMIN C. WARD

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, the results of this interview with Ward and his medical history be discussed with Congressman George M. Grant (D-Alabama) by a representative in Mr. DeLoach's Office.

Dallas Office has received appropriate copies of the information contained in attached letterhead memorandum for inclusion in a report to be disseminated to the President's Commission.

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