

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-8-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ARTICLE CONCERNING ASSASSINATION
OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
"THE OBSERVER"
LONDON, ENGLAND

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Attached is an article entitled "Who Really Killed Kennedy?" which appears in the 4-5-64 issue of captioned publication.

SUMMARY OF ARTICLE:

This article discusses various views of the assassination and, in particular is critical of some of the opinions appearing in the European press. The author discusses at length the articles of Thomas Buchanan which have been appearing in a series in the Paris newspaper, "L'Express." It is noted that Buchanan's articles are to be published as a book by Secker and Warburg. The author mentions that many Americans, "among them officers of the F. B. I.," are satisfied that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin. The author then discusses Buchanan's suggestion that two gunmen, neither of whom was Oswald, participated in the assassination, and that the President could have been the victim of a murder plot by Dallas police and Texas oil millionaires. The author also mentions similar points are made by Attorney Mark Lane, who prepared a "defense brief for Oswald" which was published in the "National Guardian."

The author goes on to point out that Buchanan has never denied published reports that he was once a member of the Communist Party (CP) and that he probably had personal reasons for taking exception to the FBI's report in this matter. He comments on "the confused nature of official statements" made by Dallas authorities following the assassination, but he states that officials were under great pressure at the time. He indicates that it is difficult for anyone to admire the Dallas police. He says that there are some obvious discrepancies in the official story, the main one being in regard to whether one or more of the shots was fired from the front or rear of the President's car. The writer says that even so, when Buchanan and Lane try to show where a gunman could have been located when firing shots from in front of the President's car, "they tax the credulity of anyone familiar with the scene of the murder." The author goes on to point out that the theory of a gunman on a railway bridge in front of the car is not sound because this position would have afforded no cover whatever and any gunman would have been seen instantly by Secret Service men behind the President's car.

- Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 - 1 - Mr. Rosen
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: Article Concerning Assassination of President Kennedy

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Thomas Gettings Buchanan, Jr., is the subject of Bufile 100-354341. He has publicly admitted his former affiliation with the CP. When this fact became known to officials of the Washington "Evening Star" in 1948, he was dismissed from that newspaper where he had been employed as a reporter. Since 1961, he has worked as an electronics engineer in Paris. His series of articles on the assassination have all been received at the Bureau and are maintained in his case file. Buchanan's latest comment on the case appears in the 4-4-64 issue of the "National Guardian" where he predicts Jack Ruby's "suicide" which, he implies, will be brought about by members of the Dallas Police Department.

Mark Lane is the subject of Bufile 100-409763. He is the attorney who was retained by the mother of Oswald to represent her before the Warren Commission investigating the assassination. He has long been a Soviet apologist, has participated prominently in the activities of various CP front groups and reportedly enjoyed CP support in an unsuccessful effort to secure the nomination as a Congressional candidate. Recently he has been on a speaking tour sponsored by the "National Guardian."

Bufiles contain no pertinent information regarding the Paris newspaper, "L'Express." The only pertinent information we have concerning the reported publisher of Buchanan's book, Secker and Warburg, is that this is a publishing firm located in London, England.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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