

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 21, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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Belmont	_____
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Casper	_____
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 7/1/64
 J. Lee Rankin
 Staff
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Reference is made to Rosen to Belmont memorandum dated 5-11-64, setting forth request of Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission for a number of Bureau personnel to proceed to Dallas to assist in the gathering of certain additional technical data desired by the Commission.

A conference was called by Mr. Rankin today at approximately 5:15 p. m., which was attended by Messrs. Gauthier, Shaneyfelt and Malley. This conference lasted until 8:15 p. m. A detailed discussion took place concerning the cumulative information available relative to the possible locations where the shots were fired and the evidence to substantiate what actually took place. The Commission staff members are of the opinion that while they are in a position to present a rather factual story there are a few items which they have no possible explanation for. One of these items that was discussed in great detail was whether two or three shots actually hit the occupants of the President's car and the possibility of one shot having missing the car entirely. The Commission staff members felt that without making some additional checks the President's Commission could be severely criticized for not having made an on-the-spot effort to fill in the few gaps that remain. A decision was finally reached that Mr. Rankin, accompanied by Messrs. Norman Redlich and Arlen Specter of the Commission staff, will proceed to Dallas, Texas, Saturday afternoon, May 23, 1964.

As previously indicated, Messrs. Gauthier, Shaneyfelt, along with whatever technical assistants they need, firearms expert Frazier and Malley will proceed to Dallas on Saturday. Inspector Tom Kelley of Secret Service will also proceed to Dallas.

ACTION:

None-information.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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