

Memorandum

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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Wick	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
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Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: December 21, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wick

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

With reference to the "New York World Journal Tribune" article of December 19, 1966, wherein the comment is made that "FBI men were too busy looking for places in the parade," the following is submitted:

This matter was checked with the Dallas Office and Supervisor Robert Gemberling states that a thorough search of the Dallas files was made concerning this matter without locating any specific information concerning such an allegation. He advised that he had been in touch with various Agents who were assigned to Dallas in November, 1963, as well as with SAC Shanklin who is on leave and that these Agents, as well as the SAC and himself, recall that there was a conference held in the Dallas Office on November 27 or shortly thereafter, at which time Inspector J. R. Malley, who was there on a special, was discussing with the Agent personnel the necessity for a thorough investigation of all events in connection with the assassination. Gemberling advised that specific comments were made relative to the possibility that some of the Agent personnel may have viewed the Presidential motorcade either while being in the vicinity of the motorcade route on official business, on their lunch hour, or possibly while on annual leave and in the event any had made any observations of any kind, they should be certain to submit appropriate memoranda relative to any observations. Gemberling advised that at the time this request was made no information was volunteered and Dallas has been unable to locate any memoranda submitted along this line in Dallas files.

Gemberling

Supervisor/pointed out that on page 461, Volume IV, of the "Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy," Special Agent James P. Hosty, when testifying before the Warren Commission, stated that he had completed a conference with an Army intelligence officer at approximately 11:45 a. m. on Nov. 22, and then walked with an Army intelligence officer towards Main Street where the motorcade was scheduled to pass by. He stated he was on his lunch hour and watched the motorcade go by at the corner of Field and Main Street Dallas.

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ENCLOSURE

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Memo to DeLoz from Rosen
re: Assassination of President

In addition to the above, Special Agent James W. Bookhout gave testimony to a member of the Warren Commission in Dallas on April 8, 1964. He advised he was on annual leave on November 22, but he had been requested to come to the Dallas Office to handle some expedite dictation on a particular case. Having completed the dictation, Bookhout left the office and proceeded to the Mercantile National Bank where he transacted some personal business and, upon leaving the bank, he momentarily expected the Presidential motorcade would pass that area. Bookhout stood there for a few minutes and as the motorcade passed he was actually unable to personally observe the President due to the crowd on the sidewalk. Other than the testimony of the two Agents mentioned, no information is available indicating other Agent personnel of the Dallas Office made any attempt to observe the President's motorcade.

It is noted the newspaper article states: "He (Manchester) names everybody and has the quotes to back it up." "Among those named, besides FBI agents, in the book's account of the assassination in Dallas on November 22, 1963, are Secret Service men and Dallas policemen, the publishing source reported."

While the foregoing is very general and does not name Agents, it raises the question as to whether or not this matter will be coming up again. Based on the inquiry of the Dallas Office, in the absence of Agents' names being available, no further inquiry can be made without making a complete check with every Agent who was assigned to the Dallas Office on November 22, 1963.

ACTION:

Attached is a teletype to the Dallas Office instructing them to determine from records available all Agent personnel assigned to the Dallas Office on November 22, 1963, and obtain a memorandum from each of these Agents stating specifically whether they did or did not observe the Presidential motorcade on November 22, and if so, full details relative thereto.

Handwritten notes:
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Suggest we go on record with Manchester for ...
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