

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. A. Branigan *WAB*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY...  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Jensen

- DATE: 3/6/67
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
  - 1 - J. R. Malley
  - 1 - Mr. Raupach
  - 1 - Mr. Sullivan
  - 1 - Mr. Branigan
  - 1 - Mr. Lenihan
  - 1 - Mr. Goble

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News media reported on 3/2/67 that New Orleans District Attorney Garrison had issued a subpoena for the appearance of Dean Adams Andrews, Jr., at 5 p.m. that date. This recommends we furnish the White House, the Attorney General and the Director of the Secret Service a summary of the facts available in our files concerning Dean Andrews. *B1922*

Andrews is a New Orleans attorney. He was interviewed several times by us in connection with Lee Harvey Oswald, the first time on 11/25/63. At that time he was ill with pneumonia and hospitalized (in the hospital from 11/20/63 to 11/29/63). *CR*

He related in the 11/25/63 interview that he met Oswald in late June, 1963, when Oswald appeared at his office with several individuals who impressed him as being homosexuals. (Andrews could not identify the people with Oswald) Oswald requested assistance, according to Andrews, in making inquiries concerning his bad conduct discharge from the Marine Corps; he was also interested in his citizenship status and the immigration status of his wife. Andrews said he talked with Oswald two or three times but never opened a file on him and was never paid anything by him. Andrews recalled a person, possibly named Clay Bertrand, who accompanied Oswald, and described him as 22 to 23 years old, 5'7", blond hair.

Andrews further stated that on the evening of 11/23/63, when he was under sedation and asleep, the telephone in his hospital room rang and the caller identified himself as Clay Bertrand. The caller asked Andrews if he would be interested in handling the defense of Oswald and indicated he would call Andrews back later. He never called back. *62-10960-4678*

Andrews related that on 11/24/63, he telephoned Sam Monk Zelden, another New Orleans attorney, and asked him if he would be interested in assisting in the defense of Oswald, but while they were talking, the news was received that Oswald had been shot. (Zelden, interviewed on 11/25/63, confirmed that Andrews had telephoned him as indicated above.) *1957*

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Andrews had no file on Oswald or Clay Bertrand. Andrews was specifically asked if he had any information that Oswald was a homosexual and he stated he had none.

Andrews was reinterviewed on 11/27, 29 and 30/63 and 12/3 and 5/63. In the interview of 12/3/63, he described Bertrand as 6'1" to 6'2" with brown hair. He stated at that time the telephone call incident could have been dreamed by him in view of his physical condition and on 12/5/63 he concluded that it was a figment of his imagination. Aside from the conflicting descriptive data he could furnish no leads to Bertrand.

The Secret Service interviewed Andrews on 11/25 and 29/63 and on 12/2/63 and he furnished it substantially the same information he furnished to us. Extensive and thorough investigation was conducted by our New Orleans Office and Secret Service to identify and locate Clay Bertrand with negative results. On 7/21/64, Andrews testified before the Warren Commission (Volume XI, Hearings, pages 325-339). The Warren Commission Report noted Andrews' information and that Bertrand was never located.

There is no record in the criminal files of our Identification Division on Dean Adams Andrews, Jr.

Bureau files reveal Andrews was born in 1922. In 1951 he applied for the position of Special Agent with the FBI; he was never employed. In 1954 he was investigated as an applicant for a position with Immigration and Naturalization Service. Persons who knew him described him as poorly adjusted and not well-balanced, as unstable, and as a "big talker" who had the habit of stretching the truth.

**OBSERVATIONS:** Newspaper accounts have reported that District Attorney Garrison has determined Clay Bertrand was an alias of Clay Shaw. It is noted in this regard that Clay Shaw, arrested on 3/1/67, in New Orleans, is 54 years old, whereas the Clay Bertrand described by Andrews was 22 to 23 years old. 191

**ACTION:** Attached is a letter to the Honorable Marvin Watson of the White House, to the Attorney General, and to the Director of the Secret Service summarizing the information concerning Dean Andrews.