

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 3-20-67

- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan

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Tolson	✓
DeLoach	✓
Mohr	✓
Wick	✓
Casper	✓
Callahan	✓
Conrad	✓
Felt	✓
Gale	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

The purpose of this memorandum is to briefly summarize information furnished by Mr. Lawrence Schiller, a photographer-journalist who resides at Bel Air, California.

On 3-16-67 Mr. Schiller informed our Los Angeles Office that he had recently completed a study for "Life" magazine concerning homosexuality in the United States. Schiller added he recently was commissioned by "Life" magazine to conduct inquiries concerning the alleged homosexual nature of Clay L. Shaw, who was recently arrested in New Orleans on the basis of District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination.

Schiller claims to have determined that Shaw spent the night of 11-21/22-63 in company of [redacted] a San Francisco homosexual. Schiller, in contact with [redacted] was informed that Clay Shaw, when informed of the death of President Kennedy, accepted the information as fact and had made several telephone calls from his hotel room.

Schiller states that on 3-9-67 he spoke to New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison in Las Vegas and discussed with Garrison the assassination. Schiller stated that Garrison's theory of the assassination is on a "homophile" basis and believes Jack Ruby is part of the conspiracy. Garrison also believes the Winter Wonderland Ice Skating Rink in Houston, Texas, was used as a "message center" by the conspirators in the assassination.

Schiller said he had dictated the results of his contacts with Garrison and [redacted] on a tape recorder and had forwarded the tape to Mr. Richard Bailey, Editor, "Life" Magazine, New York City. Schiller indicated he believed Bailey would make a copy of the tape available upon request of appropriate authority.

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OBSERVATIONS:

We have previously received information that "Life" magazine is financing some of Garrison's investigation. We also received information that "Life" magazine was considering coming out with an article attacking the conclusions of the Warren Commission Report.

Accordingly, it is not desirable that we contact "Life" magazine in this particular matter.

ACTION:

Attached is an airtel to the New York Office instructing that no contact be made with "Life" magazine for the purpose of obtaining copy of the tape which Mr. Schiller reportedly has furnished to "Life" magazine. Data furnished by Mr. Schiller set out herein has been disseminated to the Department and to Secret Service.

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