

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan *WAB*

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

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: January 5, 1968

- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

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Purpose of this memorandum is to set forth information in our files concerning James Hicks, Enid, Oklahoma. News media January 5, 1968, reports Hicks had been subpoenaed by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison as a "material witness" in connection with Garrison's assassination probe. *WAB*

A check of our files disclosed that the name James Hicks did not come up in connection with our investigation of the assassination nor does it appear in the Index of the Warren Commission Report. *WAB*

The only information apparently identical with Hicks which appears in Bureau files is contained in a newspaper clipping from the "Enid Morning News," Enid, Oklahoma, for July 27, 1967, which reported that James Hicks had been in contact with New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison. *WAB*

This newspaper article reports that Hicks claims he was in Dallas, Texas, on the day of the assassination of President Kennedy and was standing less than 100 yards from President Kennedy's automobile when President Kennedy was assassinated. Hicks reportedly claims that he remained in Dallas for some time after the assassination and met six Cubans, pictures of whom he later recognized as among 150 pictures exhibited to him by Garrison. *R*

The article further reports that Hicks stated "It just didn't happen the way the Warren Commission said it did." Hicks claims he heard four shots at the time of the assassination and that one shot seemed to go directly over his head and not from the Texas School Book Depository Building. Hicks also reportedly stated that he recalled seeing a man kneeling in the trunk of a car near the Texas School Book Depository Building and that it was his theory that the man in the automobile trunk could have fired one or more shots, ducked into the trunk and

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closed the trunk lid over himself. Then another person could have driven the car away from the scene. The news article identified Hicks as an employee for Serv-Air, Inc., where he held the position of an instrument technician. Hicks told newsmen that he felt Garrison is building a strong case for his contention that President Kennedy's death was more than a one-man deal. Hicks also stated he thinks that Garrison's case will stand up in court.

ACTION:

For information.

A copy of the "Enid Morning News" article is attached. Also attached for approval is a copy of a letter to the Attorney General furnishing him information in our files identical with Hicks.

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