

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 15, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Shroder

SUBJECT: "THE DAY KENNEDY WAS SHOT"
AUTHOR JIM BISHOP

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Mr. Bishop has made available the first installment of his book "The Day Kennedy Was Shot." This has been reviewed and it appears to be accurate and not derogatory to the FBI.

The forward to the book is a rather bitter recitation of events in which Bishop's attempt to write his book were thwarted by Mrs. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy. It is apparent Bishop has great admiration for Mrs. Kennedy, but by the same token points out the great influence she had on every one around her including the President. Bishop characterizes her by saying "In every instance she knew what she wanted and how to move directly toward it."

Bishop also shows great personal admiration for President Kennedy, but states "John F. Kennedy, in death, was a bigger man than in life. His record is replete with noble aspirations, bright aphorisms, and a mediocre performance chart."

Bishop quotes President Kennedy as referring to Khrushchev as being an "S. O. B.," and to opposition in Congress as "bastards." He also refers to efforts made by motion picture star John Wayne to assist the Republican Party in 1959 and asks "How do we cut John Wayne's --?"

The narrative portion of the book to the point written is a memorabilia of the events which transpired prior to the assassination pertaining to the main characters, President Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald, his wife and their friends. There is considerable space devoted to Secret Service activities and Bishop, while not acting as an apologist for the Secret Service, sets forth in detail the security measures employed by the President. He also mentions the President's statement that complete protection could not be afforded him under all circumstances.

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Re" "THE DAY KENNEDY WAS SHOT"

There are five references to the FBI. One is a quotation by Oswald that he was "hounded by the FBI." Other references refer to the excellent cooperation between the FBI and the Secret Service. Lastly, in assessing the potential dangerousness of Oswald prior to the assassination, Bishop states "The FBI was aware of him, but only as a 'Marxist' who appeared to be 'clean.' He had never attended a Communist Party meeting, never consorted with Reds, never tried to get employment in a sensitive defense area, appeared to have considerable trouble with his marital life, and bounded from one cheap laboring job to another."

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