

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. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
DATE: March 7, 1968

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

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The purpose of this memorandum is to briefly summarize another allegation involving the assassination. The individuals involved in the allegation are in current contact with New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison and other individuals of unsavory background who are engaged in criticizing the Warren Commission Report.

On July 18, 1967, Mr. A. Edward Horsey contacted the Detroit Office and advised that he had been working with a group of individuals to determine the true facts concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. Horsey stated he operates a public accounting firm in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and has made a study of the assassination of President Kennedy but does not believe full facts concerning the assassination were disclosed by the Warren Commission. He also indicated he possessed information that Oswald was in contact with a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) employee in Mexico City prior to the assassination and also believed Jack Ruby was acting under a post hypnotic suggestion when he shot Oswald. On February 29, 1968, Mr. Horsey again contacted the Detroit Office and advised that he is continuing his inquiries into the assassination and has been in contact with a number of critics of the Warren Commission Report, including Mark Lane, Jim Garrison, Penn Jones and Professor Joshua Thompson of Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania. (We have previously thoroughly analysed the allegations of all of these individuals and have found not one scintilla of evidence to back their claims.)

Horsey advised that he has recently been in contact with a James Mays, Miami, Florida. Mays informed him that Mays and a friend were approached by Lee Harvey Oswald at a night club in Dallas, Texas, approximately ten days prior to the assassination and both were offered \$25,000 each to participate in the assassination of President Kennedy. Mays stated that his companion actually fired shots at President Kennedy on the day of the assassination from an area of the "grassy knoll" using a

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.357 magnum pistol equipped with a telescopic sight. Mays added that his companion subsequently effected his escape from the scene by means of sewers and has fled the United States. Mays offered to disclose the identity of his companion for \$10,000 cash, a guarantee of protection, preferably from Jim Garrison, and an additional \$15,000 cash or one-half the royalties from any book which might be written relative to any convictions obtained.

Horsey also informed the Detroit Office that he has telephonically contacted Mark Lane concerning Mays and that Lane subsequently told him that Garrison is interested in Mays' information.

During his contact with the Detroit Office, Horsey also stated he had received a visit from a telephone company employee who informed him there might possibly be a "tap" on his telephone. Horsey also stated that William Berry, Assistant Editor, "Miami News," Miami, Florida, has been in contact with Mays on at least two occasions but it is Horsey's understanding that Berry does not wish to act as a "middle man" for any contacts between Mays and any individuals who might wish to negotiate with him.

A review of Bureau files disclosed no additional information identifiable with Horsey to that set forth herein and our files contain no information identifiable with James Mays, Miami, Florida. There is no mention of Mays in the index to the Warren Commission Report.

OBSERVATIONS:

News media in recent months have given wide circulation to statements of New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison, Mark Lane and others that there were other assassins than Oswald in Dallas on November 22, 1963; that unnamed gunmen fired at President Kennedy and subsequently escaped through the Dallas sewer system. It appears Mays is attempting to capitalize on these wild allegations.

ACTION:

For information. The memorandum setting forth the data herein has been disseminated to the Department, Secret Service and the Central Intelligence Agency. We are taking no additional action on Horsey's allegation in order to avoid possibility of getting involved in Garrison's investigation.