

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 9-17-75

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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On 9-16-75 Alan Parker, Chief Counsel for the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, advised Inspector Hotis that the Subcommittee will hold hearings at the earliest opportunity on matters relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Parker said that Chairman Edwards does not want to reopen the assassination inquiry, but he feels that the Committee must address certain questions that have been raised concerning the alleged destruction of a threatening note received by the Dallas Office from Lee Harvey Oswald in November, 1963, and the Bureau's relationship with Jack Ruby. Among the matters to be examined by the Committee are allegations that the Bureau's Office in Dallas was alerted to the possibility of an assassination attempt at least five to ten days prior to the assassination. In addition, the Bureau reportedly told the Warren Commission that we had no knowledge of Jack Ruby prior to the assassination, nor did we have any information indicating that he was connected with organized crime. And yet, it is alleged that the Bureau had contacted Ruby on nine different occasions in an attempt to recruit him as an informant. Parker said it was his understanding that these contacts were discontinued when Ruby failed to provide any useful information to the Bureau. It is also claimed that Ruby, who was then known as Jack Rubenstein, was involved in a union killing in 1939. Parker said that these charges raise serious questions about Ruby's relationship with the Bureau and with elements in organized crime. Finally, Parker said that if a threatening note was, in fact, received from Oswald, the Committee wants to know what the note contained and why it was destroyed. He said this seems to contradict the testimony by Mr. Kelley before the Subcommittee earlier this year in which he stated that the Bureau does not destroy investigative information.

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Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Adams - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bassett - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher - Enclosure
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