

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher

FROM : B. H. Cooke

DATE: 11/11/75

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF  
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
11/22/63  
DALLAS, TEXAS

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins

- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. O'Connell
- 1 - Mr. Cooke
- 1 - Mr. Nettles
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Moore
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[redacted] wrote a letter dated 10/23/75, to Honorable Don Edwards, Chairman, Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, House Committee on the Judiciary, and sent copies to Congressmen M. Caldwell Butler and Robert F. Drinan, and the Director. In this letter, [redacted] made reference to the 10/21/75 testimony of Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams before the Subcommittee. He ended his letter by stating, "Now, if you really want to open a can of worms, direct the FBI to disclose the results of its 'exhaustive internal inquiry' into the circumstances surrounding the destruction of a registered letter that I dispatched to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in September, 1963, informing him of a conspiracy involving Oswald and two Cuban refugees to assassinate President Kennedy."

The Director wrote on Mr. [redacted] letter, "I would like for someone to inform Mr. Edwards of our records in this matter."

Our records show that Mr. [redacted] allegation about a September, 1963, letter has been made on several occasions. No record has ever been found indicative of receipt of such a letter. In fact, in an April, 1967, letter to Senator Richard B. Russell (which was provided to the FBI), [redacted] stated he was no longer certain he had mailed the September 1963, letter.

[redacted] who served as an officer in the U. S. Army, was the lone survivor of a military aircraft crash in 1954

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at which time he suffered severe head injuries. Since then, he has received psychiatric treatment in numerous hospitals. In January, 1963, he was diagnosed in a Veteran's Administration Hospital as suffering from "chronic brain syndrome associated with brain trauma with behavior reaction characterized by passive, aggressive, and paranoid features."

At one time he claimed to be acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald's wife, Marina. When shown a photograph of [REDACTED] she said she had never seen him before.

Deputy Assistant Director James C. Farrington, Legal Counsel Division, advises it is the opinion of that Division that under the provisions of the Privacy Act, specific details of our inquiries into Mr. [REDACTED] allegation cannot be given to Congressman Edwards unless he (Edwards) requests them. The Legal Counsel Division recommends that a letter be sent to Congressman Edwards which states the FBI has looked into Mr. [REDACTED] allegation on several occasions and no record has ever been found of receipt of his claimed September, 1963, letter, without going into specifics. A letter is preferred over a personal contact since a letter would clearly show what we told Congressman Edwards and leave less grounds for a charge of violation of the Privacy Act than would a personal contact.

If Congressman Edwards requests details of our inquiries into Mr. [REDACTED] allegations, in his official capacity as Chairman of the Subcommittee, the details can then be furnished to him without violating the Privacy Act.

ACTION: In view of the above opinion of the Legal Counsel Division, the General Investigative Division recommends that the attached letter be sent to Congressmen Edwards (with copies to Congressmen Butler and Drinan since they also received copies of Mr. [REDACTED] letter).

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