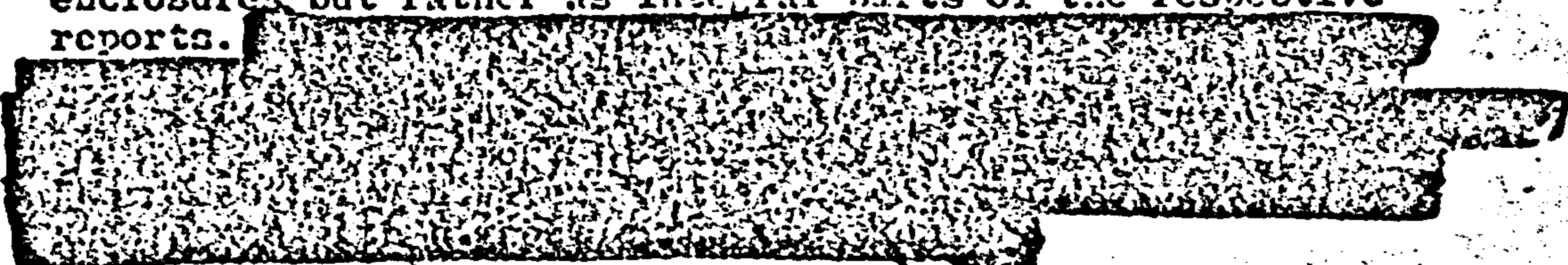


NOTE:

We are investigating the De Mohrenschildts at the request of the President's Commission. The above-mentioned communications have been reviewed by the supervisor, Mr. Malley and Mr. Belmont. These communications consist of 77 pages. Four of the enclosed reports have attached informant reliability memoranda; however, in order to avoid confusion with the Commission, these are not being considered as separate enclosures but rather as integral parts of the respective reports.



LA T-4 originally advised that one of DeMohrenschildt's brothers was at one time close to Adolf Hitler, but was later executed by the Hitler regime. He said that DeMohrenschildt had strong pro-communist convictions and in his mind DeMohrenschildt was entirely capable of communist conspiratorial activity, but that he considers him intellectually shallow and incapable of originating or executing a complicated scheme. During subsequent interviews LA T-4 refused to elaborate or substantiate these statements and declined to furnish further information.

APRIL 10, 1964

REPORTS PREPARED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT
JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT

<u>Report of</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Office</u>
John R. Wineberg	3/13/64	Philadelphia
Harry H. Whidbee	3/18/64	Los Angeles
Darrel B. Currie	3/24/64	Boston
Warren C. De Brueys	3/25/64	New Orleans
James E. Freaney	3/25/64	New York
James H. Downing	3/25/64	Miami
John R. Wineberg	3/25/64	Philadelphia
W. L. Dalrymple, Jr.	3/26/64	Phoenix
James F. Morrissey	3/27/64	Washington, D. C.

Two memoranda dated 3/24/64.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE 4-9-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "DID PRESS PRESSURE KILL OSWALD"
ARTICLE BY LARRY GROVE

Tolson	✓
DeLoach	✓
Mohr	
Casper	
Callahan	
Conrad	
DeLoach	
Evans	
Gale	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
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BACKGROUND:

In my memorandum to you dated 3-30-64, I pointed out that the above-captioned article by Larry Grove, who was described as an award-winning reporter with the "Dallas Morning News, was accepted for publication in the "Quill," the official publication of Sigma Delta Chi. In explaining some of the facts surrounding the killing of President Kennedy, Mr. Grove made erroneous statements regarding the FBI's responsibilities and duties. Since we knew nothing about Grove, it was recommended and approved that SAC, Dallas, contact [redacted] of the "Dallas Morning News." Since [redacted] is an SAC Contact of the Dallas Office and has been very friendly and cooperative with them, SAC Shanklin, by airtel dated 3-30-64, was instructed to contact [redacted] get a discreet line on Grove, and through [redacted] endeavor to set Grove straight.

By airtel dated 4-6-64, SAC, Dallas, advised that he had contacted [redacted] and furnished him the correct information concerning the erroneous statements made by Larry Grove. [redacted] stated he was a great admirer of the Director and the Bureau and was appreciative of the information furnished to him. Although he understood our position, he felt that the President's Commission, by not making public its findings, was putting the Bureau in a somewhat bad position. He noted that the longer it took the Commission to make its report public, the more speculation there was among the general public regarding any possible connection between Oswald and Ruby.

[redacted] advised that he considers Larry Grove a loyal American citizen and a fairly good reporter who had come to the "Dallas Morning News" from radio and television station WBAP. Grove has a column in the "Dallas Morning News" known as "Poor Larry's Almanac," dealing with current human interest items of the day. In the presence of the SAC, [redacted] explained the FBI's position to Larry Grove who stated that he certainly did not want to be critical of the Bureau. Grove fully appreciated our position but noted that he felt the public should have some report as to our position. It was pointed out to him that the full facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy and the killing of Oswald have been given to the President's Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.
1 - Mr. DeLoach
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TRUE RESEARCH

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 4/8/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

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Memo from Wannall to Sullivan dated 4/1/64 set forth information concerning a letter from J. Lee Rankin dated 3/26/64 which requested information in Bufiles concerning four Cuban organizations, all of which had been extensively investigated by the FEL.

This matter was taken up with Mr. Rankin on 4/3/64, at which time he was advised that the Bureau had conducted extensive investigation concerning the four Cuban organizations and there was a total of 280 reports and memoranda available concerning these organizations. He was asked whether or not the President's Commission desired this voluminous material or whether the Commission would prefer a brief summary memorandum which would cover the questions asked by the Commission.

Mr. Rankin advised he would check into this further and would let the Bureau know what action he desired. He stated he certainly did not want the Bureau taking the time to prepare a summary if, in fact, the Commission desired the reports. At the time of this discussion Mr. Rankin was shown the March 26, 1964, letter that he had sent to the Bureau and he stated he would retain the Commission's letter and would either return it to the Bureau or direct a new letter to the Bureau.

Today, while telephonically talking to Mr. Rankin at his New York office, the question was raised with Mr. Rankin as to whether a decision had been made concerning the submission of reports to the Commission or whether they desired a summary memorandum. Mr. Rankin stated he had presented this matter to members of his staff. They were told to make up their minds what they wanted and discuss it with him and apparently no decision had been reached as yet. He stated the Bureau should disregard this request until he officially advised what action he desired to take.

This is submitted for information.

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. Nasca
- 1 - Mr. Mullins

1 - Mr. [unclear]

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April 3, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

REC'D-READING ROOM
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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of April 1, 1964, wherein you advised that Mr. Samuel A. Stern of your staff, would be in Dallas and desired to have available Special Agents Manning Clements and James Eookhout on April 2 or 3, 1964.

In accordance with your request, our Dallas Office has been instructed to have the above-named Agents available and Mr. Stern is requested to contact Special Agent in Charge Gordon Shanklin upon his arrival in Dallas in order to set a convenient time for his interviews with them.

If in the course of his interviews with Agents Clements and Eookhout items arise which make it advisable, in Mr. Stern's opinion, to take depositions from other Agents, this will be permissible and should be handled through Mr. Shanklin in order that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

1 - Mr. Sullivan, 807 RB

JRM:mpd (10)

Note: See memo. c Rosen to Belmont 4/2/64 re Pres. Com., Assassination of President Kennedy JRM:mpd.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Bishop _____
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
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April 1, 1964

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Samuel A. Stern, a member of the advisory staff of the President's Commission, has been authorized by the Commission to travel to Dallas to take the depositions or affidavits of several persons, including federal law enforcement officers who were present during events which occurred in the course of the detention of Lee Harvey Oswald. In this connection, Mr. Stern has been authorized to take the depositions or affidavits of such members of the Dallas office of the FBI as seem appropriate, including particularly Special Agents Manning Clements and James Bookhout.

The Commission would greatly appreciate your making available Agents Clements and Bookhout at the office of the United States Attorney, Dallas, Texas, on April 8 or April 9, 1964. If you approve, Mr. Stern will communicate with Special Agent in Charge Shanklin upon his arrival in Dallas, to set a precise time convenient as far as possible for the agents involved. If in the course of his interviews with agents Bookhout and Clements, it seems to Mr. Stern advisable to take the depositions of other agents in the Dallas FBI office, I trust it will be satisfactory with you for Mr. Stern to make appropriate arrangements with Mr. Shanklin.

The general subject matter of the depositions or affidavits will be to inquire of what facts the agents may know concerning the arrest and detention of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in the work of the Commission.

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Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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