

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 26, 1963

C. D. DeLoach

ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

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SAC Shanklin of the Dallas Office telephoned at 1:25 p. m. today and spoke to Wick. Shanklin said that District Attorney Wade is attempting to get back in the good graces of the public, that arrangements are being made for Chief Curry to turn over all evidence in captioned case physically to the FBI this afternoon as soon as police finish an inventory of it at police headquarters. To maintain the chain of evidence, of course, there will be a physical transportation of the evidence from the Dallas Police Department to the FBI Office in Dallas, according to Shanklin.

PROPOSE OF SHANKLIN'S CALL:

SAC Shanklin said that he knows very well that as soon as the evidence is turned over to the FBI, the scores of reporters at the Police Department and in District Attorney Wade's Office may know of this or they may even know it at this time. Shanklin states he believes he will receive many calls from the news media asking whether the evidence has been turned over, what has been turned over, why it was turned over, what we propose to do, etc.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Shanklin be instructed to state to the press in the event inquiries are received after evidence is turned over to us merely that, "The Dallas Police Department has turned over to the FBI evidence in this case this afternoon." All other inquiries will be answered with a strict "no comment." In other words, Shanklin will only confirm that the Police Department has turned over evidence to the FBI and no more. If you agree, we will so inform Shanklin who is under instructions to telephone Bureau upon receipt of his first inquiry. REC-43

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