

Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE: 11/26/63

FROM : A. E. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Rosen
Mr. J.P. Mohr

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
Assassination of the President *John F. Kennedy*

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The Director advised that he had talked to Katzenbach, who had been talking to the White House relative to the report we are to render in the Oswald case. It is Katzenbach's feeling that this report should include everything which may raise a question in the mind of the public or the press regarding this matter, including such things as the return of the passport to Oswald in Moscow, and the furnishing of money to him by the State Department for the purpose of returning to the U.S. If the State Department regulations or law required State to do these things, we should get a copy of the law.

This report will have to contain anything of relevance to the case. We should get from the Defense Department Oswald's record and disciplinary action and discharge. We should cover the angle of Oswald going down to Mexico City, and his contacts down there.

In other words, this report is to settle the dust, in so far as Oswald and his activities are concerned, both from the standpoint that he is the man who assassinated the President, and relative to Oswald himself and his activities and background, et cetera.

At such time as the report is finished, Mr. Katzenbach will go over it, and will furnish it to other officials of the government, such as McCone of CIA, the Secretaries of Navy, Defense, and State, so that they can look it over and make sure they agree and do not have any objections.

The above change will, of course, require more time for the preparation of this report. However, the Director desires that it be out as quickly as possible. Division Six will continue to handle the portion of the report dealing with the assassination attempt and the evidence gathered to show that Oswald is responsible. This means that we will have to carefully check the evidence and Oswald's possessions that the police are now turning over to us, to see if additional information should go into the report from this.

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Division Five will handle the other part of the report, which will show the background, associations, et cetera, of Oswald. We must be certain that anything that is put into the report can be backed up, as it will be subject to minute scrutiny from the press and the public. For Division Five's part of the report we should be certain also that we get back-up material, such as the law relied on by State to give

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Oswald's passport back to him, et cetera. We should be certain that agents thoroughly go through Oswald's effects to see if they can pick up any correspondence with the Communist Party, the Soviet Embassy, et cetera.

This is a difficult report to prepare, but we will have to concentrate our full attention on it in order to produce the desired results.

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