

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 1, 1964

FROM : W. R. Wannall

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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By letter 3/26/64, Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of Warren Commission, requested detailed information available in Bureau files concerning four Cuban organizations, all of which have been subjects of extensive FBI investigations.

Rankin pointed out that Commission's investigation has uncovered references to Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), a pro-Castro group, as well as three anti-Castro organizations, the DRE (Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil), the JURE (Junta Revolucionaria Cubana), and the 30th of November Movement. According to Rankin, the Commission is interested in what FBI files show concerning these four groups in the following respects: origin and growth of organizations; activities, both present and over past few years, including inter-relationships, if any; names, identifying data and activities of leaders, both present and over last few years; location of headquarters and any other important or special places of activities; sources and methods of financial and other material support; and known or suspected underworld contacts, if any.

Rankin's letter specifically requested details of foregoing not only on a national level but also specifically relating to activities in Dallas and State of Texas generally, New Orleans, Chicago, Miami, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Puerto Rico and Mexico City.

OBSERVATIONS:

As can be seen, Commission's request is a most extensive one and in effect encompasses virtually the entire range of our investigation of the four groups in question. It is, therefore, believed that the only way to fully satisfy the Commission's inquiry is to furnish the Commission with copies of all of our investigative reports (including letterhead memoranda) covering the activities of these groups on a national level and with regard to the local areas specified.

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- 1 - 105-100081 (DRE)
- 1 - 105-114542 (JURE)
- 1 - 105-92196 (30th November)

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It is pointed out that our investigations of these groups have been most extensive (dating back to 1960 in case of FPCC and to 1961 or 1962 in case of three anti-Castro groups). A total of some 80 reports and memoranda are involved with respect to three anti-Castro groups and approximately 200 reports and memoranda are involved with regard to FPCC. It is recognized that in furnishing Commission with copies of all of these communications we would be providing it with a mass of information, the great majority of which has no direct bearing on the Oswald case.

Nevertheless, it is not believed that we can properly respond to the Commission's request except through this means. In addition, if we sought to be selective and furnish only a portion of the data in our files, it is quite possible the Commission might check files of other agencies (such as Central Intelligence Agency--CIA--and State Department) to whom we have disseminated copies of reports in these cases and Commission might in this way become aware that we have not furnished it complete details. This would be undesirable.

ACTION:

If you approve, letter will be sent to Warren Commission transmitting copies of reports and memoranda concerning the four organizations in question.

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