

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Belmont

DATE: November 24, 1963

- Tolson
- DeLoach
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- Bishop
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- Conrad
- Felt
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
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FROM: Mr. Rosen

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*Re: News of Lee's assassination
chrt. Hq. FBI*

Suspect

*Oswald as
Gale
Suspect*

ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

At 4:00 p.m., today, the Director telephoned Mr. Rosen's Office in his residence and advised he had just spoken with President Johnson concerning the shooting in Dallas, Texas, of Lee Harvey Oswald. The President was greatly disturbed about this incident and desired that the FBI conduct whatever investigation possible into the matter. Mr. Hoover said it had occurred to him that we might have jurisdiction from a possible civil rights standpoint. Mr. Hoover had talked with Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach concerning this possibility, and Katzenbach is presently in the process of having research performed to determine for what Federal jurisdiction we might proceed.

Mr. Hoover referred to the fact that our Dallas Office had warned local authorities concerning the anonymous call received at the Dallas Office on 11/24/63. This was the call that threatened the shooting of Oswald when he would be transferred from the City to the County Jail 11/24/63. He said Dallas Chief of Police Curry had not properly handled the situation, as evidenced by the fact that Oswald was, in fact, critically wounded.

Mr. Hoover stated he wanted the Dallas Office to immediately have interviews with the individuals in the interview at Dallas Police Department Headquarters of the individual who had shot Oswald. (At this point Mr. Hoover was apprised of the identity of the individual, Jack Leon Ruby, and what background was then available concerning him.) He was advised that we were reviewing Bureau files for all available information on Ruby. It had already been determined that records of the Identification Division contained only one print which had been submitted by the Dallas Police Department 12/5/54 when Ruby was arrested on a local liquor violation. The Director was also advised that the Dallas Office was considering the possibility of a dying declaration being obtained from Oswald. He agreed that this should be done. He said that Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach was going to be recontacted and furnish results of his research. At that time Mr. Hoover will give further instructions concerning this matter.

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- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Evans
- Mr. Sullivan

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