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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 12-9-63

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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Wilton J. Lutwack, President of Colad Company, Buffalo, New York, has theorized that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was accomplished through posthypnotic suggestion, Lee Harvey Oswald serving as the unconscious tool of the Soviet Union. Lutwack, who claims many influential friends in the newspaper business, has requested that his theory be brought to the attention of top officials of the FBI and to Chief Justice Earl Warren, but that his name not be mentioned.

Lutwack suggests that while in the Soviet Union (October, 1959 to June, 1962), Oswald may have been prepared for the assassination by mistreatment and "brain washing," followed by posthypnotic suggestion. He said that necessary details could have been planted without Oswald being aware that he was being hypnotized and that Oswald could have been so conditioned as to have had no recollection of the assassination following its completion, even though subjected to drugs or a polygraph. Lutwack, who claims his company is the world's largest manufacturer of custom designed plastic coated book covers, stated that he has studied hypnotism for years and believed his theory will be supported by George H. Estabrooks, former president of Colgate University and author of the book "Hypnotism," and other leading experts in this field.

Wilton J. Lutwack, then doing business as the Federal Redistribution and Salvage Company was interviewed in 1944 as the subject of an Impersonation investigation (Bufile 47-31119), but changed the name of his organization and prosecution was declined. Bureau files contain no other references identifiable with him.

### OBSERVATIONS:

As Lutwack describes it, this is but a theory. We could contact experts or discuss it with United States Army authorities (who, according to Lutwack, are experimenting in the use of post-hypnotic suggestion), but it would still be theory, and would be exploited by apologists for Oswald and purveyors of sensationalism.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that no further inquiry be made  
in this matter.

A letter to the Attorney General is attached for your  
approval, inasmuch as he may wish to bring this theory to the  
attention of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

*EHG*

*WCS*

*JD*

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