

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: 6-5-64

FROM : W. A. Branigan *WAB*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Memorandum recommends that 4 documents furnished by Legat, Mexico City, to former Ambassador Thomas Mann be furnished to the President's Commission per their request. Facts follow.

In April, 1964, the Commission sent 3 of its staff members to Mexico City. Prior to the trip, they conferred in Washington with former Ambassador Thomas Mann (presently Assistant Secretary of State). Following return of Commission representatives from Mexico City, the Commission on 4-24-64 requested to be furnished with the "dossier" the Bureau previously furnished to Ambassador Mann. We knew of no dossier furnished to the Ambassador and upon inquiry of Legat, Mexico City, we learned that in the early days of the assassination Ambassador Mann asked to be briefed on the investigation and Legat, feeling that under the circumstances of the moment the Ambassador's request could not logically be declined, furnished him 4 documents as follows: (1) an undated memorandum on the assassination of some 11 pages; (2) an undated memorandum on the Jack Ruby investigation of 17 pages; (3) a 12-3-63 memorandum prepared by Legat dealing with a complaint of a mental case; and (4) a 12-11-63 memorandum by Legat dealing with results of initial inquiries by Legat and CIA in Mexico City. The material in Items 3 and 4 have heretofore been furnished to the Commission.

Items 1 and 2, which have not been furnished to the Commission, were work papers prepared in Dallas on 11-25 and 26-63 for briefing purposes. They were also prepared for use in connection with the preparation of the first formal report which we made to the Commission. Items 1 and 2 were taken to Mexico City by Supervisor Laurence Keenan who was sent to Mexico in late November to brief the Legat and to clearly explain to the Ambassador our position in connection with inquiries being run in Mexico. Items 1 and 2 were left by SA Keenan with the Legat.

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The work papers, items 1 and 2, were hurriedly prepared during the intense pressures of the initial stages of our investigation of the assassination. Prior to utilizing the material therein in our formal report and supplemental report to the Commission, several factors in these documents were clarified, corrected and extended; hence, the work papers are now outdated. We believe that the numerous reports and memoranda which have been furnished to the Commission supersede the information in items 1 and 2, with the possible exception of a reference on page 5 of the Ruby memorandum to information received from a Chicago source that Ruby was previously a close friend of a Joe Scaramuzzo, a Chicago gun shop proprietor, from whose store 3 of the 4 guns used by the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico members in the attempted shooting of President Truman in March, 1954, were purchased. This information appeared on Administrative pages of the 11-30-63 Dallas report in the Ruby case and our indices do not show that this information was furnished to the Commission in the Oswald or related cases. Scaramuzzo has since been interviewed and states that he does not know Ruby, has never done any business with him and had never heard of him prior to the shooting of Oswald by Ruby. The President's Commission is being advised of this.

Accordingly, in furnishing the 4 documents to the Commission, we are also sending copies of the items 1 and 2 to Dallas to insure that all information contained in these documents is run out and furnished to the Commission in report form.

On 6-4-64 Liaison Agent Bartlett ascertained from William T. Pryce, Staff Assistant to Assistant Secretary Thomas Mann, that Mann did not give or show items 1 and 2 to members of the Warren Commission. We do know, however, that the Commission is presently combing State's files to insure they have received everything in the possession of State. Accordingly, it is necessary that we furnish to the Commission all of the documents Legat gave to the former Ambassador.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Attached for approval is letter to the Commission transmitting the documents in question. As items 1 and 2 were work papers and as they are outdated and have been clarified by the numerous reports and memoranda furnished to the Commission, letter points out that we would appreciate having items 1 and 2 returned to us if they are of no further use to the Commission.

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As a further help to the Commission, also enclosed with the letter is a detailed summary of all investigation in Mexico through mid-May.

(2) Also attached for approval is letter to Dallas requesting that items 1 and 2 be completely reviewed to insure that all material set forth therein has been completely run out and properly reported in form to disseminate to the Commission.

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