

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : FILE (100-10461)

DATE: 1/23/64

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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On 1/23/64, [redacted] of the Dallas PD advised SA GEMBERLING confidentially, stating that under no circumstances should his name be revealed, that a source of his on 1/22/64 had advised that District Attorney HENRY WADE had supposedly received a call from the President's Commission to appear immediately in Washington, D.C. concerning information that WADE supposedly had that OSWALD was on the pay roll of the FBI at \$200.00 per month, and had a code name and number assigned to him and that SA HOSTY was supposedly a non existent person and that that was just a code name used by the FBI. b7D

I called Inspector MALLEY and advised him of this information, plus the fact that a reporter had called me, indicating that an article had appeared in the Nation Magazine just off the press, which he had not seen but he understood it indicated that OSWALD was an informant of the FBI and that he thought that this article was supposed to have claimed the source of their information was District Attorney HENRY WADE.

Mr. MALLEY stated that there had been numerous articles such as this appearing in the "Daily Worker" and "The Peoples Word," and that possibly this article was a rehash of that. I told him I planned to call WADE concerning another matter and would bring this up.

WADE called me at approximately 10:15 AM and during the course of the conversation, I mentioned to him that I had received information that possibly he had indicated that OSWALD was on our pay roll and was an informant for supposedly \$200.00 per month. He stated that he had never received any such information, had never given out any such information, and knew nothing about it. He did state that back sometime in late December, LONNIE HUDKINS, a reporter for The Houston Post, came over to him and posed some leading questions about whether OSWALD was in informant of the FBI or some Government agency.

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WADE claims he told him he knew nothing about it, had no information to that effect, and that he was not the source of any information along this line. HUDKINS, when he was interviewed by Agents in Houston, admitted he was on a "fishing expedition" at the time he was in the Dallas area, attempting to gather information along the above lines.

WADE advised me that if he learned of any information to this effect, he would let me know so that the source can be checked.