

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

A10 Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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DATE: 2/20/64

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FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DJB*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

At his request, J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission was furnished a duplicate set of the vouchers and receipts of former Special Agent Henry M. Wade with the Director's letter of 2/10/64. This recommends that a letter be sent to Rankin reminding him that any public disclosure of this material, even after more than 20 years, could be harmful to the informants handled by Wade and could be damaging to the relations between this country and Ecuador.

Vouchers and receipts forwarded by Wade in Ecuador disclosed the identities of the informants assisting him and the exact amounts paid to each. In memorandum, under this caption, W. C. Sullivan to A. H. Belmont, 2/4/64, it was pointed out that this data may become public information if furnished to the President's Commission. The possibility was also considered that the informants involved might be questioned by their government in Ecuador. We also believe that government might take strong exceptions to publicity on intelligence operations of United States representatives in Ecuador during World War II and could, at least for the record, register some type of protest.

Now that the Commission has had the opportunity to fully evaluate the statements of Wade after receiving the Director's affidavit, copies of Wade's vouchers and receipts, and results of our interview with him on 2/8/64, the entire question of his manner of operating in the Special Intelligence Service has undoubtedly been clarified and placed in proper perspective for the Commission.

We deem it advisable, however, to specifically point out to the Commission that public disclosure of data from our records regarding Wade's confidential assignment in Ecuador would be most undesirable. This is because the informants named could be placed

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in jeopardy with their own government and such disclosure could also prompt criticism or complaints against the United States for conducting intelligence activities in South America at the time.

ACTION:

If approved, the attached letter covering these points will be delivered to Mr. J. Lee Rankin by Mr. Malley.

*Letter not sent
JM 2/24/64*

W.C.S.

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I am reluctant to do this. Warren has already stated some testimony may never be made public & as a result he has been vigorously criticized in the press. All he would need would be a letter like this to hang on on protest from JBP.

Warning to pass on down of White's information