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4:01 p.m.

November 22, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
 MR. BELMONT  
 MR. MOHR  
 MR. CONRAD  
 MR. DE LOACH  
 MR. EVANS  
 MR. ROSEN  
 MR. SULLIVAN

I called the Attorney General at his home and told him I thought we had the man who killed the President down in Dallas at the present time. I stated the man's name is Lee Harvey Oswald; that he was working in the building from which the shots were fired that hit the President and the Governor; that apparently he left the building and a block or two away ran into two police officers and, thinking they were going to arrest him, shot at them and killed one of them with a side arm; that the rifle had been left in the building.

I told the Attorney General that we have had a case on Oswald as he has been involved in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. I stated the Dallas police have him down at headquarters and I have our Agents there.

The Attorney General asked if Oswald is a communist. I said that he is not a communist but has communist leanings. I related that Oswald went to Russia and stayed three years; came back to the United States in June, 1962, and went to Cuba on several occasions but would not tell us what he went to Cuba for. I stated he is a very mean-minded individual; that it is entirely possible he may have some communist sympathies but, so far as we know, is not a member of the Communist Party.

I told the Attorney General that, since the Secret Service is tied up, I thought we should move into the case.

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- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
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- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
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I also informed the Attorney General that the plane has left with the President's body; that Lyndon Johnson has been sworn in and is coming in on the same plane.

I advised him that I have told our men to go down to police headquarters and participate in the interrogation of Oswald.

I also advised him that we have received information that a woman notified police authorities at Long Beach that she was told a few days ago that the President would be killed in Dallas by some man friend of hers, when he arrived in Dallas today. I stated we are trying to find this woman and locate the man friend.

I advised him also that a telephone operator at the Woodner overheard a conversation with a man in Texas in which the Washington man inquired whether or not it had been carried out and the man here said: "I will remain quiet then." I said we reported this to the Secret Service and they have sent agents out to the Woodner Apartments.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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