

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMO Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

Re: President's Assassination

TO: Mr. Belmont

DATE: 4/22/64

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FROM: Mr. A. Rosen
Official position: Chief of the Secret Service prior to his death

SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Branigan

Memorandum 4/17/64 Sullivan to Belmont set forth results of interview with Secret Service Chief Rowley on 4/17/64 relative to the statement made by Mr. Rowley to the effect that Secret Service had made the statement that Lee Harvey Oswald would have been under surveillance on November 22, 1963, if the Secret Service had been furnished information concerning Oswald.

Mr. J. Lee Rankin was advised today by Malley that the Bureau had received information from several sources indicating that Secret Service has made comments that Oswald would have been under surveillance if they had been advised of Oswald's background. He was told that this matter was discussed with Secret Service Chief Rowley and Rowley had stated there was no information indicating the possibility of physical violence on the part of Oswald and that he would not, therefore, have been placed under surveillance. Rowley also stated that had the Secret Service checked the building (Texas School Book Depository Building) they would have taken no action concerning Oswald inasmuch as he was employed in the building.

Mr. Rankin was told that we understood Special Agent in Charge Robert L. Bouck of the Protective Research Section, Secret Service, was scheduled to appear before the Commission on 4/23/64 for testimony. Mr. Rankin verified that Bouck would appear. It was suggested that in view of Mr. Rowley's statements it might be well for the Commission to officially inquire of Mr. Bouck the position Secret Service would have taken concerning this matter.

Mr. Rankin was most appreciative of being advised of the comments made by Secret Service Chief Rowley on this matter and stated that the Commission would handle the matter in full on an official basis.

ACTION: Liaison Supervisor Orrin H. Bartlett has been advised of this discussion with Mr. Rankin and he, in turn, is again discussing the matter with Mr. Rowley.

ADDENDUM: OHB:mpd At 9:25 a. m. today Liaison Agent Bartlett spoke with Secret Service Chief James J. Rowley and advised him of our conversation with

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with Mr. Rankin earlier today. Mr. Rowley advised that he appreciated being brought up to date on the matter and that he will brief Mr. Bouck fully on the official position of the Secret Service prior to his testifying before the Commission tomorrow, 4/23/64.

Mr. Rowley reiterated his official position as: Secret Service would not have placed Oswald under surveillance even if they had the information that Oswald was in Dallas in view of no history of physical violence; that had Secret Service checked the Dallas School Book Depository they would have taken no action concerning Oswald in view of the fact that he was employed in the building.

utilized by each agency. He specifically mentioned that Mr. Stern, CIA, in several discussions and more recently, has expressed his concern

Mr. Stern to get touch with [redacted] concerning the report [redacted] by the [redacted] and [redacted] to [redacted] of [redacted] the organization of same, and the general manner of handling information, order to see that it is properly correlated.

Mr. Williams was asked [redacted] to more [redacted] in [redacted] required. Mr. Williams advised that the [redacted] was interested in [redacted] to what extent the Bureau was using [redacted] and [redacted] degree it had been successful in utilizing [redacted] in [redacted] that he would be glad to put the request in writing [redacted] at the time of the call to furnish additional information concerning [redacted]

Mr. Rankin on one occasion asked [redacted] of [redacted] or [redacted] made use of data-processing machines in [redacted] On that occasion he was advised that Bureau of [redacted] to [redacted] concerning the latest [redacted] being developed and that [redacted] [redacted] the most modern equipment was being utilized.

RECOMMENDATION: If approved, it is recommended [redacted] that Director Tavel of the Records Division would be the proper person to contact concerning the [redacted] records system. He would also to furnish the Bureau a letter outlining the general nature of the [redacted] [redacted] concerning the Bureau's records.

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