

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: May 8, 1964

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

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS;  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

*midday*  
*W. J. Brennan*

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated 4/23/64 in the above-captioned matter. This memorandum answered the Director's inquiry concerning assistance rendered by Secret Service to representatives of the Warren Commission. It was reported that the Secret Service were assisting the Commission in locating witnesses and in some instances, driving the Commission investigator to conduct interviews.

One particular instance of cooperation by Secret Service took place at Dallas, Texas, when Secret Service Agent Patterson drove Commission investigator Bert Griffin to the residence of [redacted] Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit (ATTU), for an interview. Secret Service Chief Rowley requested his Agent to submit a memorandum concerning this matter.

Rowley has furnished a copy of SA Patterson's memorandum to the Bureau. It revealed that Secret Service Agent William H. Patterson, Dallas, Texas, did drive Bert Griffin of the Warren Commission on April 17, 1964, to the residence of [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] could not be located during the work day. According to Patterson, Griffin questioned [redacted] along the lines of Cuban activity in the Dallas area. [redacted] furnished no specific information but did talk at length about firearms matters which he handles exclusively. [redacted] discussed the arrest of an arms dealer in Dallas and indicated that the dealer is a member of the "Minutemen" and may be associated with the "John Birch Society." He indicated that he furnished this information to the Bureau.

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The gun dealer mentioned by [redacted] appears to be identical to [redacted] who operates [redacted] Dallas, Texas.

On 11/22/63 [redacted] ATTU, advised the Dallas Office that [redacted] was arrested 11/20/63 for violation of the Federal Firearms Act, in that he was selling parts which converted M-1 semi-automatic carbines into M-2 automatic carbines. [redacted] advised he had determined [redacted] is apparently a member of "Minutemen" or strongly sympathetic to this group, and is possibly selling firearms to the group or a similar organization.

- Enclosure *WCS*
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| 1 - Mr. Belmont  | 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf |
| 1 - Mr. Mohr     | 1 - Mr. Wannall   |
| 1 - Mr. DeLoach  | 1 - Liaison       |
| 1 - Mr. Rosen    | 1 - Mr. Bartlett  |
| 1 - Mr. Sullivan |                   |

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Memorandum Brennan to Sullivan  
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

On 2/11/64 ██████████ advised Dallas Office he had interviewed ██████████ subsequent to this arrest and determined ██████████ had strong "right-wing" beliefs. ██████████ stated there was an "elite group" of patriots in the Dallas area, which he indicated was local in nature, but did not name the group. Subsequent to the above interview, ██████████ attorney has not allowed him to be interviewed. ██████████ trial is set for early May, 1964.

Patrolman Preston Snoga, Irving, Texas, Police Department, advised the Dallas Office in February, 1964, he had in the past furnished information regarding ██████████ activities to ATTU, Dallas. He described ██████████ as being in the gun business for the money he can make. ██████████ advised Snoga that "Minutemen and John Birchers" had contacted him to buy ammunition. ██████████ did not identify any of these individuals nor has he ever mentioned to Snoga he is a member of "Minutemen" or the "John Birch Society."

Dallas is conducting an investigation to determine if there are any units of "Minutemen" in its territory. To date, Dallas has not developed any evidence that there are any organized units in its territory.

Dallas has conducted an investigation of ██████████ because of allegations he was a gun dealer and had been contacted by anti-Castro groups. No evidence of a neutrality matters violation was developed but information regarding a possible Firearms Act violation was furnished to ATTU. At the present, Dallas is following ██████████ case to determine the outcome of his trial.

The first two paragraphs of Secret Service Agent Patterson's memorandum mention: ██████████, a Cuban refugee living in Dallas. The Bureau furnished the Warren Commission information concerning this individual who advised Bureau Agents that in late September or early October, 1963, she was contacted in Dallas by two Cubans requesting her to write letters to businessmen in Dallas seeking funds for the organization known as Junta Revolucionaria or JURE. Miss ██████████ indicated that these Cubans were accompanied by a person introduced as Leon Oswald and that based on photographs she believes this is Lee Harvey Oswald. The Bureau also interviewed Mrs. ██████████, a friend of Miss ██████████ and also Miss ██████████ psychiatrist, Dr. ██████████, who indicated that Miss ██████████ was probably telling the truth. Our investigations have shown that there is very little Cuban activity in the Dallas area.

The Secret Service Agent's memorandum, a copy of which is enclosed, ends by saying that he does not recall any specific conversation between Griffin and ██████████ concerning lack of FBI cooperation. He indicated that the interview left this impression, even though it was not stated.

ACTION:

For information.

*W. J. [unclear]*

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