

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: January 6, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.
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The 12/30/63 issue of the "U. S. News and World Report" contains an article starting on page 28 relating to the assassination and primarily the FBI's inquiry into same. This article includes a statement to the effect that when the Presidential limousine was sent to Detroit to be "armor-plated" a hole was found in the car's floor pan which speculation has indicated is a bullet hole. No further information regarding this hole is included in the article.

Immediately after the return of the Presidential limousine to Washington, D. C., from Dallas, Texas, representatives of our Laboratory examined this car specifically to detect and collect any bullet fragments for examination. It was not feasible at that time to rip out the upholstery or otherwise dismantle the car. However, from such examination as could be made without mutilating the car, we were successful in locating some additional lead bullet fragments which had not been found by the Secret Service during their earlier examination of the car. No bullet holes were observed in that portion of the floor pan which was accessible during our examination. Of course, in preparation for armor-plating a car, the interior is completely stripped of all upholstery and other components down to the bare metal, and portions of the car would, therefore, be exposed which would not be accessible under any other conditions. (It is our understanding that the armor-plating is being carried out in Cincinnati rather than in Detroit as reported in the present news article, and the lack of accurate information on the location may extend into other facets of the article.) Our investigation to date fails to indicate that we have been advised of the presence of any such hole by Secret Service who have responsibility for the vehicle. REC 53, 62-109060-2240

There appears to be little significance to the alleged location of this hole in the Presidential limousine at this time; however, since this item appears in a magazine with a nationwide distribution it is possible questions may be raised by the President's Commission concerning this. Therefore, it is felt we should be in a position to promptly answer any such inquiry.

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
 - 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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