

# Memorandum

TO: Mr. Belmont

FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: January 31, 1964

SUBJECT: DON B. REYNOLDS  
INFORMATION REGARDING CASE  
INVOLVING ASSASSINATION OF  
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

On 1-22-64, Mr. Walter Jenkins at the White House furnished information that Don Reynolds, an insurance agent in Silver Spring, Maryland, is alleged to have made the following statements: That President Johnson was soon to be impeached and that the Director had collected sufficient data to prove Johnson was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. That Governor Connally of Texas had been an accomplice of President Johnson in the assassination and that Clint Murchison had kept Oswald in a Dallas hotel for several days prior to the assassination. The Director instructed that Reynolds be interviewed at once and "make him put up or shut up."

On 1-24-64, Reynolds was finally located and interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office in the presence of his attorney in Silver Spring, Maryland. He admitted knowing the FBI had been seeking to interview him the previous day but wanted to wait until his attorney was present. Reynolds was confronted with the allegations attributed to him and he gave the following answers:

He denied having told anyone that President Johnson was going to be impeached. He stated he may have said a hundred years ago we had a President Johnson who missed impeachment by one vote. Reynolds stated, to the best of his knowledge and recollection, he has never made the statement to anyone that the FBI has information, evidence or data in its possession which would prove President Johnson was implicated in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Reynolds, when asked if he had any facts to support his observations and opinions previously furnished concerning the death of President Kennedy, stated he did not and that his opinions were based on inferences.

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which he drew from conversations and hearsay and that he had nothing further to add concerning the assassination.

During this interview, Reynolds said he has no substantiation whatsoever but he had been told while Governor Connally of Texas was in Washington, D. C., and Lee Harvey Oswald was residing in the YMCA in Dallas, Texas, Oswald was supposed to have received long-distance calls. Reynolds stated he was not told these long-distance calls were from Connally or from Washington, D. C., but the implication left with him was that Oswald might have had calls from Connally.

This information was immediately furnished to our Dallas Office so it could be checked out. Dallas advises that investigation at the YMCA where Oswald is known to have stayed on the night of October 3-4, 1963, reveals no telephones in the rooms and no records were kept of long-distance calls made to the YMCA, and further, guests were not permitted to make long-distance calls out.

On 1/27/64, Mr. Jenkins at the White House was furnished a copy of the results of Reynolds' interview.

Inasmuch as Reynolds, on interview, stated he does not know who furnished the information to him relating to Governor Connally calling Oswald and he is in possession of no facts whatsoever to support this, no effort has been made to determine the whereabouts of Governor Connally during the period of October 3-4, 1963.

The interview of Reynolds points up the fact he is an opinionated rumor-monger who apparently gets satisfaction out of spreading deliberate exaggerated stories.

ACTION:

In view of Reynolds' uncontrollable tongue, we will alert the President's Commission to the allegations attributed to Reynolds, furnish it with a copy of his interview, and also advise that we have not ascertained the whereabouts of Governor Connally on October 3-4, 1963. If you approve, the attached letter will be sent to Mr. Rankin.

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