

Memorandum

Mr. Mohr

DATE April 24, 1964

C. D. DeLoach

ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

At 1:34 p.m. today, Mr. Walter Evans, News Director of Radio Station WFAA in Dallas, telephoned and asked to speak to the Director. He was advised of Mr. Hoover's absence and was offered the services of an assistant which he declined.

The Director agreed that Evans should be called back. At 2:55 p.m. Tom Perryman, Assistant News Director of WFAA, telephoned and asked for the Director and refused to speak with anyone else. He said he thought he would call the Attorney General.

ACTION TAKEN:

At the Director's instructions, we called WFAA in Dallas at 3:40 p.m. Tom Perryman took the call. He stated his station is owned by the same company owning "The Dallas Daily News" which this morning published a story quoting a Dallas police officer testifying before the President's Commission to the effect that Agent Hosty, shortly after the assassination had said, "We knew he was capable of assassinating the President but we didn't dream he would do it."

Mr. Perryman said that a rival newspaper, "The Dallas Times Herald," an afternoon paper, now has come out with a story quoting Mr. Hoover as stating, with respect to the police officer's statement, "That is absolutely false. The Agent made no such statement and the FBI did not have such knowledge." Mr. Perryman said also that the Associated Press is so quoting Mr. Hoover. Mr. Perryman asked whether Mr. Hoover was quoted accurately. Wick, who talked with Mr. Perryman, told him that Mr. Hoover has been quoted accurately.

Mr. Perryman who had been recording Wick's conversation asked if he could utilize the recording of the conversation Wick had with Perryman on the phone. Wick told him he saw no need for this, that Mr. Hoover's statement as quoted by the Associated Press is accurate and if he, Perryman, desired, he could quote

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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spokesman at FBI Headquarters as saying, "Mr. Hoover today said the statement (the police officer) is absolutely false. The Agent made no such statement and the FBI did not have such knowledge."

Mr. Perryman said this situation is most embarrassing for WFAA which is owned by the same company publishing the News, in that WFAA is now in the position of having to quote from a rival newspaper. This it could not do, therefore, this station preferred to quote directly from FBI Headquarters.

Wick told Mr. Perryman this would be perfectly all right that he could so quote Mr. Hoover.

ACTION:

For information.

Wick

Wick

*We will not make
any further statement
on the Dallas incident
and my own statement
is sufficient to make
a proper profession.*

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