

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) (P)

DATE: 1/23/64

FROM : SAC KYLE G. CLARK

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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District Attorney HENRY WADE telephonically advised at 11:30 AM today that he had received a telephone call from HUGH AINSWORTH of The Dallas Morning News, inquiring if he was acquainted with former SA WILLIAM W. TURNER. Mr. WADE advised that he did not know this individual and had checked records available to him and found no record of such a former Special Agent.

AINS WORTH then read portions of an article which he stated had been written by WILLIAM W. TURNER, and it is reportedly being published in the Saga Magazine to be released 1/28/64. In essence, Mr. WADE advised that the article made very disparaging remarks concerning the FBI's handling of OSWALD with respect to the assassination of President KENNEDY and rendered the opinion of former Agent TURNER that the FBI could have prevented the assassination had they furnished information concerning OSWALD to the Secret Service and the local police.

ADDENDUM

SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN

I called the Bureau and talked to Inspector ROBERT WICK. He stated he was well aware of the fact TURNER had written an article and was attempting to get it published. He didn't know whether it was going to be published or not. He thought probably instead of it actually being published in the Saga, that he might have just submitted the proposed article to The Dallas Morning News.

WICK stated that of course TURNER was well known to the Bureau as he is suing the Department, the Director, Civil Service Commission, etc. in an attempt to get back as an Agent, and he has previously with one JACK LEVINE, submitted various articles and this is just a rehash of what has been

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told. Inspector WICK also stated he had received a call from The New York Times representative here in Dallas concerning whether OSWALD had been employed by the FBI, and he had unequivocally told him that OSWALD had never been employed by the FBI and that I was authorized in connection with any such inquiries to make that flat statement. He suggested, however, there would be no need to contact AINSWORTH as they were handling this matter in Washington.

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Mr. HUGH AINSWORTH telephonically advised that he has allegedly an advance copy of the Saga Magazine, wherein one WILLIAM W. TURNER alleges that he was an Agent of the FBI for about 10½ years. Apparently this has been sent out with the idea that the local newspaper here will highlight his allegations, in addition to having the article printed in Saga.

I told Mr. AINSWORTH that I thought that some individual by that name had been an Agent, but that he had gotten into considerable difficulty and had either resigned or been dismissed, and that he had fought the matter through Civil Service and was now suing the FBI and the Department in an attempt to get reinstated. I advised him this was in strictest confidence. He stated he would like to know whether this type of information could be verified and that he would call me back in a short period of time.

I talked to Inspector ROBERT WICK. He stated that I could tell Mr. AINSWORTH confidentially and not to be quoted as far as anything from the FBI, that TURNER did work for the FBI for approximately ten years and that about one year ago, he was dismissed with prejudice for violation of rules. He subsequently took this matter up with the Civil Service Commission and that the Civil Service Commission had a hearing where both the FBI and TURNER were present, and the Civil Service Commission upheld the dismissal with prejudice. He has filed a suit in Washington in the Appeals Court there. WICK stated that if the paper wanted to verify the thing and they have a representative in Washington, they could go to the Civil Service Commission with his name, and he felt that the matter could be verified as this hearing was a matter of public record. He stressed that he didn't want AINSWORTH to be quoting us, but that if he wanted to verify it, he could do so in that manner.

At 4:30 PM HUGH AINSWORTH called and he was advised per instructions of Inspector WICK. He stated he would have his Washington representative check with Civil Service Commission.

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At 6:30 PM on 1/23/64 Assistant Director DeLoach called me and reiterated instructions that I could tell AINSWORTH that TURNER had been dismissed with prejudice and that the records with Civil Service Commission would reflect this. I again advised AINSWORTH on 1/24/64.