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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach DATE: 4-9-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "DID PRESS PRESSURE KILL OSWALD"
ARTICLE BY LARRY GROVE

BACKGROUND:

In my memorandum to you dated 3-30-64, I pointed out that the above-captioned article by Larry Grove, who was described as an award-winning reporter with the "Dallas Morning News, was accepted for publication in the "Quill," the official publication of Sigma Delta Chi. In explaining some of the facts surrounding the killing of President Kennedy, Mr. Grove made erroneous statements regarding the FBI's responsibilities and duties. Since we knew nothing about Grove, it was recommended and approved that SAC, Dallas, contact [redacted] of the "Dallas Morning News." Since [redacted] is an SAC Contact of the Dallas Office and has been very friendly and cooperative with them, SAC Shanklin, by airtel dated 3-30-64, was instructed to contact [redacted] get a discreet line on Grove, and through [redacted] endeavor to set Grove straight.

By airtel dated 4-6-64, SAC, Dallas, advised that he had contacted [redacted] and furnished him the correct information concerning the erroneous statements made by Larry Grove. [redacted] stated he was a great admirer of the Director and the Bureau and was appreciative of the information furnished to him. Although he understood our position, he felt that the President's Commission, by not making public its findings, was putting the Bureau in a somewhat bad position. He noted that the longer it took the Commission to make its report public, the more speculation there was among the general public regarding any possible connection between Oswald and Ruby.

[redacted] advised that he considers Larry Grove a loyal American citizen and a fairly good reporter who had come to the "Dallas Morning News" from radio and television station WBAP. Grove has a column in the "Dallas Morning News" known as "Poor Larry's Almanac," dealing with current human interest items of the day. In the presence of the SAC, [redacted] explained the FBI's position to Larry Grove who stated that he certainly did not want to be critical of the Bureau. Grove fully appreciated our position but noted that he felt the public should have some report as to our position. It was pointed out to him that the full facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy and the killing of Oswald have been given to the President's Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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