UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. Mohr

DATE March 6, 1964

FROM C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT THOMAS GETTINGS BUCHANAN, JR.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated 3-4-64 in captioned matter pointing out Buchanan had written in the Paris newspaper, L'Express, to the effect Lee Harvey Oswald was an informant of the FBI. Jerry O'Leary of the "Star" had stated Buchanan formerly worked for the "Star" and is now in Paris. The Director stated, "O.K. Also give to O'Leary the release re Oswald and Ruby not being in FBI." While, of course, we will follow meticulously the Director's instructions, it is believed the Director may desire that we give the same release to United Press International and Associated Press representatives here in Washington. In this way, we would achieve a greater dissemination of the release and thus set to rest throughout the Nation the rumor Oswald and Ruby were connected with the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Director permit us to simultaneously give the same release to United Press International, Associated Press and O'Leary of the "Star."

1 - Mr. Tolson
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover today issued a public denial that Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and Jack L. Ruby, accused murderer of Oswald, ever served as confidential informants of the FBI.

Mr. Hoover said, "To set the record straight and to refute the misinformation which has been maliciously circulated, I want to state unequivocally that Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack L. Ruby were never FBI informants; that they were never employed by this Bureau in any capacity; nor did they ever render any services for--or receive any sums of money from--the FBI."