

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS

FROM : SUPVR. JOSEPH J. LOEFFLER

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Aka.  
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DL 100-10461  
BU 105-82555

DATE: 10/8/64

HAROLD P. LEINBAUGH, Crime Records Division, SOG, telephonically advised at approximately 9:30 A.M., 10/8/64, that an article had appeared with "quite a bit of play" in the Washington papers under a UPI release, Dallas dateline 10/7/64. The article is quoted hereinafter:

"According to a news statement on 10/7/63, Chief of Police JESSE CURRY, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, has officially indicated in a letter to the WARREN COMMISSION that he was asked by the FBI on 11/22/63, to deny that the FBI had failed to warn other agencies about LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Chief CURRY allegedly claims that within a few minutes of his statement to the press in this connection, he was requested by the FBI to retract his statement that the FBI had failed in this regard.

The FBI did not ask Chief CURRY or anyone else to deny that it had information regarding OSWALD or OSWALD's presence in Dallas.

"The true facts of the matter are that on 11/23/63, Chief CURRY, upon appearing before television camera alleged. (1) The FBI customarily advises the Dallas Police whenever an individual of subversive background arrives in Dallas; (2) The FBI recently interviewed LEE HARVEY OSWALD; and (3) The FBI had OSWALD under surveillance in Dallas; however, did not notify the Dallas Police. Although there exists no responsibility to do so, the FBI has on past occasions furnished the Dallas Police information regarding individuals with subversive backgrounds. The remaining statements of Chief CURRY were absolutely false. The FBI had never interviewed LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas, Texas. The FBI did not have LEE HARVEY OSWALD under surveillance in Dallas, Texas.

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"As a result of Chief CURRY's erroneous statements, MR. GORDON SHANKLIN, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Office in Dallas, Texas, was instructed to contact the Chief and point out to him the absolute falsity of his statements.

"In reply, Chief CURRY told MR. SHANKLIN that he had been told by someone, whose identity he did not recall, of this information. Chief CURRY admitted that he did not know of his own knowledge that the FBI had either interviewed or had OSWALD under surveillance. He told MR. SHANKLIN he would be glad to get back on the air and correct his erroneous statements. A short time later Chief CURRY was quoted on television correcting his erroneous statements."

MR. LEINBAUGH requested that SAC SHANKLIN read this matter thoroughly for content, accuracy, et cetera. He stated that the SAC should then telephonically contact MR. LEINBAUGH with any comments, deletions, corrections, and/or criticisms, that the SAC may have with respect to this news article.

ADDENDUM:

At 10:30 A.M., SAC SHANKLIN telephonically advised Mr. LEINBAUGH that Dallas records did not reflect any information indicating Chief CURRY had said we had OSWALD under surveillance in Dallas, nor was surveillance mentioned in the memo of SAC SHANKLIN of 11/28/63. It was also pointed out to Mr. LEINBAUGH that it was believed that Chief CURRY did go on television on the night of 11/22/63 inasmuch as the publicity relating to his appearance appeared in both the morning and afternoon newspapers of 11/23/64 concerning his statements with respect to the FBI allegedly knowing about OSWALD and his alleged retraction thereafter.

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