UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: March 4, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: THOMAS GETTINGS BUCHANAN, JR.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

At 2:30 p.m., 3-3-64, Jerry O'Leary of the Washington Evening Star, who is very friendly, telephoned and talked to Wick. He said that one of the top officials of The Evening Star is in Paris and reported to officials in Washington that above-captioned is writing scurrilous stories about Lee Harvey Oswald in a Paris newspaper, L' Express. The articles primarily deal with the claim by Buchanan that Oswald was an informant of the FBI.

O'Leary said it is the belief of officials of the Star that this Buchanan is the same man who was fired by the Star in 1948 when he admitted he was a member of the Communist Party in Baltimore. O'Leary asked if he could be confidentially told whether this was the same man so that the Star official in Paris could be so informed.

ACTION TAKEN:

After checking, and reviewing files 100-354344 (which is an investigative file on the subject), it was determined that we are fully aware of subject's presence in Paris where he has resided since October, 1961, and has been employed in the electronics field for Le Materiel Telephonique. He also has written a couple of books and CIA advised that subject describes himself as "a famous American communist journalist." FBI Agents have interviewed subject on several occasions between 1952 and 1957. He has told us he resigned from CP membership prior to August, 1956, because of loss of interest. He has publicly admitted in 1948, after he was fired from the Star in Washington, that he was a member of the CP.

O'Leary was told that the man in Paris currently writing articles about Oswald is the same individual who was fired by the Star in March, 1948.

The above is for record purposes.

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

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