

Dear Jim,

3/17/79

If you've wondered why the FBI refused to perform the tests urged by the AEC or why the FBI has not come up with any real reports on the scientific testing we've been suing for Little Rock has confirmed by earlier answer.

FBI sent a teletype on 12/12/63 that told the field offices not to investigate the crime but to continue to investigate reports about the elected lone assassin.

The crime was solved "conclusively," the SAC, Little Rock told his SAs.

Only the directive not to investigate the crime is new to me. And it is about as explicit as I'd ever expect anyone in the FBI to put on paper: "investigation... restricted to him..." and any connection but not with the shooting. They might give it another interpretation for public consumption but in context I don't, not when it begins by saying ~~the~~ Oswald has been conclusively established as assassin.

Even then no instructions to go out and dig. Only to check information.

With the Ruby part, however, there is itemized a list of questions to be investigated.

This is Little Rock 105-406-39.

On March 11, 1964 the same SAC told his agents what is important when they investigate a Presidential assassination, as FBI has communicated it: spelling. (What I've seen is better than mine, I'm sure Lil would agree.)

FBIHQ's awareness that this was an historical case is stated in the first graf quoted from FBIHQ: "...creating a historical record..."

So I wonder why the AG had to make this finding more than a decade later, only to not have the FBI treat the case and processing under it as historical?

If you read this stuff carefully it is virtually self-caracature: you don't investigate the crime but you do put the best spellers and those with best command of sentence structure to writing the reports.

It also appears that the norm is fuzzy carbons, illegible mimeographing and as I've heard often enough, missing pages.

Did they catch Dillinger or did he catch them?

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL AGENTS (105-406)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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JACK L. RUDY, aka;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka -
VICTIM
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ReButel 12/12/63.

The following teletype was received from the Bureau:

Following is to clarify reporting procedures.

OSWALD conclusively established as assassin of President KENNEDY. Investigation continuing to develop complete data regarding him, his activities and determine if assassination was inspired or directed by any other person or group and determine if such persons or groups assisted him any way. Investigation must be expedited. Communications in his case should, therefore, be restricted to information pertaining to him and to allegations that a person or group had a specific connection with him in the assassination. Results of investigation should be submitted by teletype summary under IS - R caption, followed by reports. No airtels, letterhead memoranda or letters should be submitted.

The Civil Rights aspects of this matter concern following questions and should be reported under Civil Rights caption.

1. Was there any connection between OSWALD and RUBY?
2. Why did RUBY kill OSWALD?

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3. Did RUBY conspire with any person?
4. Did any police officer willfully permit OSWALD to be killed?
5. How did RUBY gain entrance to the basement of the police building November 24, 1963?
6. What were RUBY's movements November 22 to November 24, 1963?

All necessary investigation must be handled expeditiously. Numerous complaints are being received alleging that some person or group other than OSWALD (and not connected with OSWALD) planned or executed the assassination. These matters should be reported under the caption ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. Unless urgency dictates otherwise, submit by airtel accompanied by letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Threats against President JOHNSON or other public figures should be handled in accordance with existing instructions and not under the above captions.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: March 11, 1964

FROM : SAC ROY K. MOORE

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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The Bureau by Airtel dated 3/10/64 instructed that the following be brought to the immediate attention of all personnel who are concerned:

"It is necessary at this time with this communication to call to the attention of all offices the need for meticulous reporting in this investigation. You should know that reports and letterhead memoranda submitted by the offices covering investigation in their respective jurisdictions are furnished to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. This Commission is engaged in the task of creating a historical record and, consequently, could be most critical of loose investigation and loose reporting. Our investigative efforts are judged by our reports. Therefore, each SAC should insure that due care and consideration are given to this matter.

"Bureau recognizes that some SAs excel over others in reporting results of investigations. In this instance, we want to insure that we utilize our best investigators and our best report writers. This will include careful proofreading before submission of a report or letterhead memorandum. Bureau is dealing with this case as a "Special" and we do not want to lose valuable time by having to return reports and letterhead memoranda because of incorrect spelling, sentence structure and other obvious inadequacies. At the same time, you should insure in this investigation and others being disseminated to the Commission that we do not have fuzzy carbon copies, illegible mimeographs, missing pages, etc."

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1: Each Clerical Employee
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