

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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- 1 - Mr. J. P. Mohr
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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: June 21, 1967

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

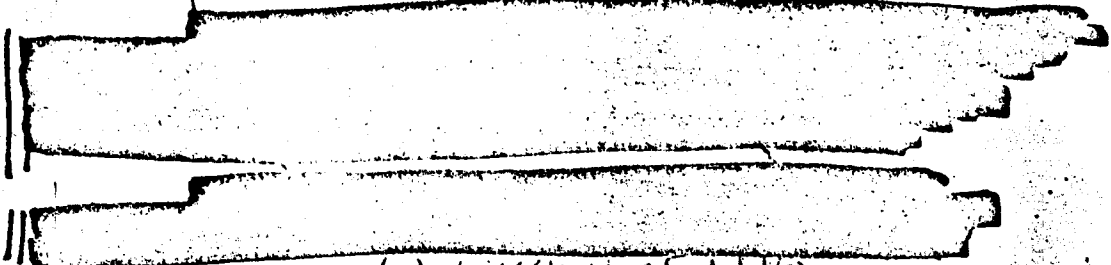
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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

Memorandum D. J. Brennan, Jr., to W. C. Sullivan dated 6/16/67 reported that the Department of the Army made available to the Bureau documents pertaining to James C. Garrison which disclosed Garrison received a medical discharge from the Army. It was noted this may account for Garrison's irrational behavior during recent months.

In reviewing the Department of the Army's "Statement of Personal History" regarding Garrison dated 5/1/56, it was noted that James C. Garrison listed his father as Earling R. Garrison, born approximately 1900, Dennison, Iowa, present address, "unknown." We further noted in reviewing James C. Garrison's FBI personnel file that in an application for Bureau employment dated 6/3/50, Garrison listed his father as Earling R. Garrison and indicated his father was deceased.

Since Garrison indicated in 1950 to the FBI that his father was deceased but in 1956 informed the Department of the Army that his father's address was unknown, a check was made of Bureau indices, including a check of the records of the Identification Division, to determine if there might be some significant reason why Garrison would list his father as deceased when applying for FBI employment 6/3/50.



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ADDENDUM OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Above information indicates that in "Statement of Personal History" of 5-1-56 Garrison listed his father as Earling R. Garrison, present address unknown, while indicating on his application for Bureau employment that his father was deceased. The information he submitted to the Army is consistent with information he furnished the Bureau after entering on duty. Specifically, in connection with physical examination he had at Bethesda Naval Hospital 4-20-51 under the heading of "Family History" he noted "Mother living and well; do not know if father still living." It thus appears that Garrison possibly was led to believe at one time that his father was deceased and later learned possibly through his mother that it was not an established fact.

In any event, on his application for employment he did not list any information, such as arrests, which would have been derogatory toward his real father and review of the investigative reports revealed that no inquiry was conducted regarding his father. He is not mentioned in any of the reports; there is no record of any credit or criminal checks being made; and no one was interviewed to substantiate claim that father was dead. Inquiry did reveal that his mother remarried about five years previous to our investigation indicating that if in fact his father was dead he must have died prior to 1945 or 1946. As a matter of fact, if the above Identification Division record pertains to Garrison's father it is noted that his last arrest occurred in 1941, a period in excess of nine years prior to the time Garrison entered on duty with the Bureau. Detailed inquiry was, of course, made regarding Garrison's stepfather because of the association between the two. In connection with applicant investigation of Garrison, the name of his allegedly deceased father was checked through Bureau indices with negative results. Identification Division records were not checked in the absence of any information warranting such action.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Submitted for information.

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