

SAC, Dallas

8-25-76

Director, FBI

**SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING  
CONTEMPLATED RETIREMENT;  
ANTICIPATED LECTURE PLANS REGARDING  
PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION**

Reurlet dated 6-14-76, with enclosure, wherein you requested Bureau advice concerning any legal restrictions which might be applicable to SA Gemberling's plans, upon retirement, to lecture for a fee to civic and college groups on President Kennedy's assassination, more particularly, his intent to draw upon his FBI experiences and declared desire to utilize certain Bureau records to implement his presentations.

Your attention is invited to the Manual of Rules and Regulations, Part II, Section 8, which sets forth the provisions of Departmental Order 3464. This order provides, in part, that FBI files and information are confidential in nature and, except upon specific authorization of the Attorney General, no former employee of the Department of Justice shall furnish to any person outside the Department of Justice any information obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation; further, that the contents of official files, documents, records, and reports shall be disclosed only in the performance of official duties. It should also be noted that Special Agents sign an agreement (FD-291) in consideration of their continued employment, to maintain such information in confidence both during their employment and afterward.

Naturally, to the extent that FBI documents have become public documents, due to publication in the Warren Commission Report, release pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, or their

*LECTURE PLANS  
OF  
SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING*

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-Anticipated Lecture Plans Regarding  
-President Kennedy's Assassination

availability to researchers at the National Archives, there is no inhibition posed by the above-mentioned restrictions. It will be incumbent upon SA Gemberling to verify the public nature of all documents he uses, including those which he states he believes are in the National Archives.

Aside from the above considerations, there do not appear to be any legal restrictions applicable to SA Gemberling's plans.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING  
CONTEMPLATED RETIREMENT  
ANTICIPATED PLANS TO LECTURE  
THEREAFTER REGARDING PRESIDENT  
KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

Re Dallas letter to Bureau dated 6/14/76 captioned as above outlining the plans of SA GEMBERLING to lecture on the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY after his retirement on 12/31/76, and Bulet to Dallas dated 6/25/76, outlining the legal restrictions applicable to such plans.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of the brochure to be sent to many colleges throughout the country and a copy of the form letter to be utilized for the transmittal of such brochure.

The Bureau is being furnished a copy of this brochure and cover letter for its information. It is suggested the Bureau may desire to alert all offices to the contemplated plans of SA GEMBERLING. It is anticipated such offices may receive inquiries concerning SA GEMBERLING and his lecture presentations.

SA GEMBERLING plans to point out in each of his lectures that his appearance and comments are made as a retired Special Agent of the FBI, who is now able to express himself publicly; that his remarks are not endorsed by the FBI; and that

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~~SA R. P. Gemberling~~

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and endorsement by the FBI has been sought. He has specifically indicated to me that he neither expects nor wants the FBI's endorsement, although it is his sincere intention to portray the FBI as an organization of men and women dedicated to fidelity, bravery and integrity who are not perfect, but are constantly striving for perfection. He has assured me his comments will be completely pro-FBI.