

Memorandum

TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: October 2, 1975

FROM : H. N. BASSETT *HN*

SUBJECT: J. GORDON SHANKLIN
FORMER SAC, DALLAS

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On 10/2/75 I received a phone call from Mr. Shanklin advising that he had just been contacted telephonically by an individual who identified himself as Robert Fink. Fink stated that he is employed by the House Committee on Government Information and Individual Rights chaired by Congressman Jack Brooks of Texas. According to Shanklin, Fink indicated that he wanted to talk to him informally and planned on arriving in Dallas this coming weekend. The purpose of Mr. Shanklin's call was to seek advice as to whether he should comply with this request.

I checked with the Office of Legal Counsel and Mr. Herington advised that it would be proper to inform Mr. Shanklin that he had not been released from his secrecy agreement and to so advise Fink of this fact. Mr. Herington also noted that he knows that Fink is an employee of Bella Abzug's Subcommittee. This information was relayed to Mr. Shanklin who advised that he would so inform Fink since while he probably will have to testify before some committee he would prefer to do so once official hearings have actually commenced. He indicated that he would inform Fink that in view of not having been released from his secrecy agreement he did not want to talk to him.

As an aside, Mr. Shanklin also mentioned that, apparently within the past week, he had been contacted by an individual advising of his intent to produce a motion picture on Lee Harvey Oswald and asked Mr. Shanklin if he would serve as an attorney as well as a technical advisor for the corporation which planned on making this production. According to Mr. Shanklin he turned the offer down. Mr. Shanklin was asked if he was in a position of identifying the individual who made this offer and he indicated that he was not. He stated that it was a corporation that was involved and the individual who contacted him has been involved in television programs in the Dallas area but that this individual requested that Shanklin not divulge his identity unless he, Shanklin, was agreeable to serving as the corporation attorney and technical advisor for this film.

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