

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 18, 1964

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "REDBOOK" MAGAZINE  
STORY ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
JULY, 1964

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Reference is made to your memorandum of 6-16-64 to Mr. Mohr concerning contact by Jack Vandenberg, UPI representative covering the Justice Department, regarding alleged statement in July, 1964, issue of "Redbook" to the effect that the FBI offered the Oswald family protection 3 weeks prior to the assassination. The Director noted "If such statement appears it should be emphatically denied assuming as I do it is untrue."

We have obtained a copy of captioned magazine which contains, beginning on page 53, a lengthy article entitled "Prelude to Tragedy: The woman who sheltered Lee Oswald's family tells her story." This is an interview of Ruth Paine by Jessamyn West, both of whom are Quakers. The only reference to the FBI noted in the article appears on page 88. This states that on 11-1-63 an FBI Agent came to Ruth Paine's house to encourage, in Mrs. Paine's opinion, Marina Oswald's confidence. Mrs. Paine then is quoted as saying "... He told her she could appeal to them for help if she received blackmail threats from Russia. I learned later that the FBI routinely offers protection of this sort to emigres from Iron Curtain countries about a year after they have come to America. My respect for the FBI, which was already great, went up after that visit. We discussed the difficulty in a free society of politely watching people with queer, possibly dangerous ideas. Unlike a congressional committee, the FBI never makes their suspicions of an individual public until they have evidence that will stand up in court...."

Mrs. Paine further stated that she gave the Agent Oswald's "working address" but did not have his home address. She said she did not furnish Oswald's telephone number, taking for granted that the FBI would know where Oswald was staying. She said she later gave Oswald the FBI Agent's name and phone number and Oswald told her he had tried to contact the Agent although she learned after the assassination from the FBI that he had lied about this.

Enclosure *sent 6-19-64*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Belmont - Enclosure
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach (continued)  
Re: "REDBOOK" MAGAZINE

Special Agent Robert E. Lenihan of the Domestic Intelligence Division to whom the Oswald investigation is assigned, has advised that this claim has never come up before and that the only person who can emphatically deny the claim that protection was offered to Marina Oswald is Special Agent James P. Hosty, Jr. of the Dallas Office to whom the case was assigned and who conducted the interview with Mrs. Paine on 11-1-63.

Mrs. Paine, of course, is wrong in stating that the FBI routinely offers protection to emigres from Iron Curtain countries about a year after they have come to America. Agents interviewing such individuals naturally would request them to contact us should the Soviets endeavor to pressure them, but we do not offer them protection.

RECOMMENDATION:

Since the statement that an FBI Agent offered Marina Oswald protection has been made and unquestionably will cause additional inquiries in this regard, it is felt we should have SA Hosty's answer to this claim on record; therefore, it is recommended the enclosed teletype asking for immediate reply be sent to Dallas.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DALLAS JP

• LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA IS - R - CUBA.

RE "REDBOOK" MAGAZINE, STORY ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD, JULY ONE,  
NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR.

REBUTEL TO DALLAS, JUNE NINETEEN INSTANT.

TESTIMONY OF SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., BEFORE PRESIDENT'S  
COMMISSION ON MAY FIVE LAST REFLECTS THAT SA HOSTY TESTIFIED  
THAT IT IS THE PRACTICE OF THE FBI TO INTERVIEW IMMIGRANTS FROM  
BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN ON A SELECTIVE BASIS AND SHE (MARINA  
OSWALD) WAS SO SELECTED TO BE ONE OF THE PERSONS INTERVIEWED.

SA HOSTY FURTHER TESTIFIED THAT HE INSTRUCTED MRS. RUTH PAINE  
ON NOVEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, TO ADVISE MARINA OSWALD  
IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE THAT "I WAS NOT THERE FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF HARMING HER OR HARASSING HER AND THAT IT WASN'T THE JOB OF  
THE FBI TO HARM PEOPLE. IT WAS OUR JOB TO PROTECT PEOPLE."

IT APPEARS TO SA HOSTY THAT EITHER MRS. PAINE OR THE  
WRITER OF CAPTIONED ARTICLE EMBELLISHED ON THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

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Attached teletype relates to article currently appearing in "Redbook" magazine based on an interview of Mrs. Ruth Paine. The reference to the Bureau and of SA Hosty's contact of Mrs. Paine is not critical and as a matter of fact is complimentary. SA Hosty's testimony is a matter of record with the Commission and it is believed not necessary to call this to the attention of the Commission again.

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*WOC. had I certainly don't agree the view that reference to SA Hosty's contact with Paine is complimentary. X*

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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NOTE: See M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo dated 6-18-64 captioned  
" 'Redbook' Magazine, Story on Lee Harvey Oswald, July, 1964. "

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Jack Vandenberg, UPI representative who covers the Justice Department, advised Leinbaugh in my office this afternoon that he had just been advised that the June 18th issue of "Redbook" magazine is carrying a story on Oswald. According to Vandenberg this story makes the claim that Oswald and his family were offered "protection" by the FBI three weeks prior to the assassination. Vandenberg said that apparently the alleged FBI contact was made to assure Mrs. Oswald that the Government would protect her from any pressure Soviet attaches in this country might bring to bear on her, however, he said he was not quite certain on this point.

Vandenberg wanted to know if the FBI might have anything to say in this regard and he was told, of course, that we had not seen the article and such query was premature. Vandenberg agreed to this and said that he would get in touch after the "Redbook" article appeared.

No comment will be made.

For information.

*No comment*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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ENCLOSURE

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●Tragedy:  
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●who sheltered  
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●her story

●Advice to a  
●young man that  
●will infuriate  
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●talks with a  
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