UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-10-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY -RUSSIA -CUBA

-- Attached is a brief proposed statement in the Director's name refuting the false allegation that Lee Harvey Oswald was a confidential informant of the FBI. This statement also shows that Oswald was not employed by the FBI at any time in any capacity and that he never rendered any services for, or received any payments from, the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached statement has been prepared for possible use in the event the Director finds it necessary to issue a public statement setting the record straight concerning mis-information about Oswald circulated by persons outside the Bureau.

Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Belmont - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
1 - J. R. Malley - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Callahan - Enclosure
1 - Miss Gandy - Enclosure
1 - Miss Holmes - Enclosure

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover today issued a public denial that Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, ever served as a confidential informant of the FBI.

Mr. Hoover said, "To set the record straight and to refute the misinformation which has been circulated by others, I want to state unequivocally that Lee Harvey Oswald was never an FBI informant; that he was never employed by this Bureau in any capacity; nor did he ever render any services for--or receive any sums of money from--the FBI."

According to Mr. Hoover, the FBI maintains exacting records of all current and former employees, as well as records reflecting the identities of all confidential informants, including the dates and amounts of payments to them.

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