UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: November 22, 1966

FROM: A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963 DALLAS, TEXAS

PURPOSE:

To advise an article appears in the Washington Post, 11/21/66, "'Life' Urges Review of JFK Death." The article quotes John Connally of Texas, as saying one bullet caused the President's first wound and that an entirely separate shot struck him. This is merely a restatement of his testimony before The President's Commission on 4/21/64.

BACKGROUND:

An article date lined New York, November 20, appeared in the Washington Post November 21, 1966, captioned, "'Life' Urges Review of JFK Death."

This article alleges that a new investigating body should be set up, perhaps at the initiative of Congress, contending there is reasonable doubt Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

Governor John Connally of Texas, was quoted by Life Magazine, "They talk about the one bullet or two bullet theory but as far as I am concerned there is no theory. There is my absolute knowledge...that one bullet caused the President's first wound and that an entirely separate shot struck me. It is a certainty, I will never change my mind."

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The Commission in its report established three shots were fired; one of which wounded the President and Governor Connally, one missed and one was responsible for striking the President in the head.

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Governor Connally testified before The President's Commission on 4/21/64, which is revealed in Volume IV of the "Hearings Before The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy" beginning on page 129. On page 141, when the Governor was theorizing who Oswald's target was, he stated

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"The man fired three shots, and he hit each of the three times he fired." The Governor continued, "As a result of the first shot, the President slumped and changed his position in the back seat just enough to expose my back." Governor Connally's statement regarding the President being wounded by one shot and that an entirely separate shot struck him is merely a restatement of his theory to which he testified before the President's Commission.

In the President's Commission's report on page 117, the Commission concluded, one bullet probably caused all the wounds suffered by President Kennedy and Governor Connally. Since the preponderance of the evidence indicated that three shots were fired, the Commission concluded that one shot probably missed the Presidential limousine and its occupants.

The "Life" article has been reviewed and while there are a number of references to the FBI, none are of a derogatory nature. The article points out that in a three-part report published by the FBI in 1963, (our 12/9/63 report sent to the Commission) the FBI "subscribed" to the theory that separate bullets struck the President and Connally. Initially it was believed possible that of the three shots fired, two hit the President and the third Governor Connally. Since, however, the sequence of shots fired was not known, our 12/9/63, report stated "Two bullets struck President Kennedy and one wounded Governor Connally."

ACTION:

This is submitted for information.

We don't agree with the Commission as it says one shot missed entirely & we contend all 3 shots hit.