UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. BASSETT HNB

DATE: 9/15/75

FROM : J. A. CONLEY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT John F. Kennedy
(RE OSWALD VISIT TO DALLAS OFFICE
NOVEMBER, 1963)

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On late Friday afternoon, 9/12/75, you telephonically contacted former Assistant to the Director William C. Sullivan at his New Hampshire home to make an appointment for his interview concerning the above-captioned matter as referred to in Time Magazine article in the 9/15/75 issue. At the time of this conversation Sullivan indicated he was having house visitors on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (9/15, 16, 17/75) but would attempt to work out a time arrangement for his interview. Sullivan was advised that he would be contacted by Inspector E. N. Best on 9/15/75.

At 9:30 AM, 9/15/75, Mr. Sullivan called collect from New Hampshire asking to speak with you and in your absence he informed me that his schedule is most tight, pointing out he had overseas house guests today, Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday had to enter the hospital at Hanover, New Hampshire, for at least one or two days. He continued that next Monday, 9/22/75, his attorney from Washington was coming to see him in New Hampshire on the Black Panther case, which he explained as being the Hampton shooting in Chicago, and on the following day he has to furnish a deposition to attorneys concerning this case. Accordingly, Sullivan pointed out that he thought it would be preferable if we would write out our questions and send them to him by registered mail, whereupon he would immediately respond and return the answers to the Bureau. A second alternative he offered was if the subject matter is real urgent, that we teletype the questions to the Boston Office and in turn that office could deliver the questions to him at his residence. He would complete the answers, give them back to the delivering Agent and they could be returned by teletype from Boston to the Bureau.

I informed Sullivan that this did not appear to be a satisfactory solution as far as the Bureau is concerned and it would be more appropriate for us to have an oral interview with him just as soon as we could and, accordingly, he then stated that if Inspector Best could be at his home at 9:30 AM Tuesday morning, 9/16/75, he would arrange to be interviewed. He asked how long I thought the interview would take and I told him my guess would be about one hour. I informed Sullivan that Inspector Best and SAC Richard F. Bates of the Boston Office would be at his residence at 9:30 AM as scheduled and he would not hear further from Inspector Best or me unless there was some change necessitated by developments wherein we could not keep this appointment.

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Sullivan furnished the following directions to his residence, and that is to proceed out of Boston to Franconia, New Hampshire, and on entering Franconia take a left on Route 117 over the bridge, proceed three miles up the mountain to Sunset Road. He stated that on the corner of 117 and Sunset Road, is a very large white house called "The Homestead," and that at this point turn left on Sunset and proceed about 1/4 of a mile to his residence, which is a large red-colored frame house on the left-hand side. He advised that his name is on the mailbox.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None . . . . for information.