

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates

DATE: February 3, 1972

FROM : R. J. Gallagher

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Bates  
1 - Mr. Gallagher  
1 - Mr. Hanlon  
1 - Mr. Felt

SUBJECT: GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
① - Mr. E. S. Miller

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Ponder \_\_\_\_\_  
Bates \_\_\_\_\_  
Waikart \_\_\_\_\_  
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"The Evening Star (Washington), 2/2/72, and "The Washington Post Times Herald", 2/3/72 (articles attached), report that Garrett Brock Trapnell, presently charged with air piracy and undergoing psychiatric evaluation for his involvement in the 1/29/72 Trans World Airlines, Inc., hijacking, was previously interviewed by our Agents and reported plot to kidnap and kill the then Attorney General, Robert F. Kennedy. The newspapers state he told us 3 Cuban refugees were planning to do this and go on to say he was interviewed again 11/23/63, the day after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated at which time he substituted the name "Oswaldo" for one of the conspirators. "The Evening Star" article states Trapnell later denied his story. Newspapers state their source is National Archives documents.

Bureau files disclose that Trapnell was interviewed by an Agent of our Baltimore Office on 8/19/63 at the Kent County Jail, Chestertown, Maryland, where he was awaiting trial for issuance of fraudulent checks. Trapnell stated that while in Miami, Florida, in May or June, 1963, he met 3 individuals, allegedly Cuban, who planned to kidnap and kill the then Attorney General, Robert F. Kennedy. We conducted extensive investigation which indicated Trapnell's information had no basis of fact. Trapnell was again interviewed by our Baltimore Office at the Clifton T. Perkins State Mental Hospital, Jessups, Maryland, 11/23/63, the day after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and he stated that he had seen a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald and recognized him as one of the 3 individuals mentioned above. He said at that time Oswald was using the name "Oswaldo." He was again interviewed 2/4/64 at the State Hospital and advised that he had fabricated the entire matter in order to confuse and complicate the facts surrounding the local criminal charges lodged against him at Chestertown. The Department and Secret Service were kept advised of all developments.

ACTION: For information.

Enclosure  
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