

# LBJ Felt Plot, CIA Tie—Aide

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Lyndon Johnson told an aide in 1967 he felt the CIA was somehow connected in a plot to assassinate his predecessor, John F. Kennedy.

The comment was made "in an off moment" to Marvin Watson, who relayed it to FBI official Cartha D. DeLoach. DeLoach recorded it in a memo contained in the 40,001 pages of Kennedy assassination files released last week by the FBI.

Watson said Johnson told him "that he was now convinced there was a plot in connection with the assassination. Watson stated the president felt that CIA had had something to do with this plot."

Watson asked for any pertinent material the FBI had on CIA involvement.

DeLoach said in the memo that he "reminded Watson that the director (the late J. Edgar Hoover) had sent over to the White House all the information in our possession in connection with CIA's attempts to use former agent Robert Maheu and his private detective outfit in contacts with Sam Giancana and other hoodlums, relative to fostering a plot to assassinate Castro

"I told (Watson) we had no further information in this regard."

Elsewhere in the files is a 1964 letter from Hoover to publisher William Randolph Hearst saying "in my own mind I am convinced (Lee Harvey) Oswald assassinated the president."

The FBI files record that the bureau conducted some 25,000 interviews in its investigation, many of them trying to trace evidence of any plot.

One involved Frank Sturgis, later convicted as a Watergate burglar, who said shortly after Kennedy's assassination Nov. 22, 1963, that Oswald had been in telephone contact with Cuban intelligence a year earlier. Sturgis said Oswald was active in pro-Castro activities in Miami during the same period.



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MFA

Dear Harold,

I hope your health is progressing well. I couldn't recall if Jim had said he sent you a copy of Allen v. CIA, so I have included one to make sure. (since you told me by phone 12/2 that you had it I have substituted JD report.)

Thanks for the cite on the DeLoach memo. Actually the document you cited is a DeLoach memo on Jack Anderson and the Garrison investigation. Definitely interesting, but not what we talked about. I think the memo we discussed is reflected in the en-

Re: phone call of 12/2  
sorry about that. Will read  
the memo more closely when Bureau sends it.

Closed N.O. Picayune article which I pulled out of my files. Correct me if I'm wrong. Sometime I would like to come out and look at all of the context documents, but for now would you check again for the DeLoach memo if you get a chance?

I went down to the FBI reading room to check on the item in your FBI Mexico file (a worksheet) which noted that FBI serial 105-82555-578 ~~was~~ consisted of tape recordings which were referred to the CIA. On checking the serial itself I found that these were tape recordings of the interrogation of Ugarte ("D"). I've ordered the relevant documents (but not the tapes). Do you think the tapes are potentially interesting?

I've located 4 fully withheld CD's in the 100,000 pages (with the help of the Bureau) Nothing particularly interesting, however.

Any response from the FBI on your  
\*request for FBI-HSCA documents? I'm  
interesting in joining your FBI request  
(if that's possible) and make a joint  
one to the CIA. The Archives is about  
to make available to me some 2,000  
pages related to GSA and the HSCA.  
My request for HSCA material from the  
"Executive Office of the President" has  
been referred to the National Security  
Council.

Hope your Thanksgiving was a happy  
one and I hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,  
Mark

\* P.S. - Talked to Jim today. Said your FBI/HSCA request  
involved 800,000 documents. Could we join in a  
more limited one, e.g. "all the correspondence  
between you and <sup>(FBI)</sup> HSCA"?