

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

FROM : SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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DATE: 12/13/66

On 12/13/66, HUGH AINSWORTH, Newspaper Reporter, Dallas Morning News, who was very active during the period of the investigation of the assassination and the RUBY case, came to the Dallas Office and advised as follows:

AINS WORTH has been retained by Life magazine to give local assistance in connection with Life's attempt to develop additional facts shedding light on the assassination and particularly whether more than one person was involved in the assassination, and whether OSWALD and RUBY were acquainted. In this connection, Life proposes within the next two or three days to bring one JOE R. HUMMEL, identified as a [REDACTED] by AINSWORTH, to Dallas [REDACTED]. HUMMEL has reportedly previously lived in Dallas and has been used in an undercover capacity by the Dallas PD, possibly Homicide Bureau. AINSWORTH furnished for reproduction (three copies made and attached) a memorandum dated 11/30/66, to "Billings for Kern, New York" from "Fincher SanF". BILLINGS and KERN are Life magazine representatives in New York, FINCHER a representative in San Francisco. The memorandum of ten pages deals with information reportedly furnished by HUMMEL, presumably to FINCHER, concerning his meeting OSWALD first in New Orleans, later in Dallas, his meeting with RUBY and alleged homosexual connections between OSWALD and RUBY.

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Mr. AINSWORTH stated he felt inclined to advise this office of Life Magazine's intention. He said he does not personally believe there is anything to the allegations of homosexuality or in fact to allegations of various authors who would raise the question of more than one assassin, and the Oswald-Ruby association.

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b7c In the above connection, AINSWORTH mentioned that he has come into information that FRANK O'CONNOR, former New York District Attorney and Democratic candidate for Governor, came upon information a few years ago which identified [REDACTED] as an active homosexual participant. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was a former [REDACTED] but did not seek a second term after his homosexual connections were discovered and the Democratic organization had prevailed on him not to run for re-election. b7d

AINSWORTH also mentioned the allegations reportedly made by some persons that they saw smoke at the time of the shots fired by OSWALD, coming from a point near the railroad embankment.

AINSWORTH mentioned that GEORGE A. DAVIS, a Union Terminal employee, who according to AINSWORTH, has not been interviewed, has reportedly said that the smoke in question came from the motorcycle of Officer HARKNESS.

JOSEPH ROLAND HUMMEL is indexed to the following:
In 100-10461, serial 625, page, 469, 470; serial 3200, 180, 181.

Mr. AINSWORTH requested his identity as the source of the memo not be disclosed outside the Bureau.