

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-10461)

DATE: 6/29/64

FROM : ASAC KYLE G. CLARK

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS-R-CUBA

Section Chief WILLIAM A. BRANIGAN, Seat of Government, telephonically contacted ASAC CLARK, 6/28/64, with reference to the newspaper articles in "The Dallas Morning News" by Reporter AYNESWORTH. It was desired to know how the information concerning OSWALD's diary and other items had been released to the newspaper. Mr. BRANIGAN stated that this information should be determined discreetly without outside inquiry. In addition, Mr. BRANIGAN desired to know if there were any Commission members presently in Dallas. He was advised that, to the knowledge of the Dallas Office, LEON HUBERT was the only individual from the Commission presently in Dallas.

After review of Dallas files, Mr. BRANIGAN was advised that photo copies of items 1 through 455 had been furnished to the Dallas Police Department (Assistant Chief CHARLES BATCHELOR) on 12/31/63. These items were furnished to the Bureau by inventory dated 11/27/63.

In addition, Mr. BRANIGAN was advised that the inventory number for the diary which had been published was unknown; however, *#116* the items published in the June 28th issue of "The Dallas Morning News" were as follows:

- 1.) The letter from CP, USA, to OSWALD was Item No. 406.
- 2.) The Undesirable Discharge for OSWALD was Item No. 425.
- 3.) The vaccination record was Item No. 444.

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All of these items were obtained from the 1026 North Beckley address by the Dallas Police Department, while the diary was obtained from the PAINE residence.

During telephonic contact with Mr. BRANIGAN, he was advised that Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER had visited the Dallas Office, on 6/4/64, and made the request that he be furnished photo copies of all property obtained by the Dallas Police Department and turned over to the FBI. He stated that these photos were desired by District Attorney WADE, who was to testify before the President's Commission. It was stated at that time that WADE was already in the east to testify before the Commission. Copies of the photos were not furnished to Mr. ALEXANDER, as he was referred to the Dallas Police Department, who had a complete set.

In addition, Mr. BRANIGAN was advised that initial check of the Dallas files fails to indicate any record of dissemination of these photos to Secret Service in Dallas.

All of the above information was telephonically furnished to SAC SHANKLIN in Washington, D. C., on the same date.

Mr. SHANKLIN stated that, from his memory, it had been agreed that copies of all photos would be furnished to Agent in Charge SORRELLS, of the Secret Service, Dallas, and that had been done as, at a later date, Mr. SORRELLS had informed SAC SHANKLIN that all photos furnished by the FBI in Dallas had been forwarded to their headquarters in Washington, D. C. Mr. SHANKLIN requested that we make additional check of our files to determine how many copies of the photos were furnished to the Dallas Office by the Bureau and make an accounting for same.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-10461)

FROM : SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS-R-CUBA

DATE: 6/29/64

At 10:45 AM, 6/29/64, Captain FRITZ, Dallas PD, telephonically advised MARINA OSWALD's attorney had been in touch with him, had advised of having called the Commission relative to the material published in Dallas News over the weekend, and that the Commission had inferred or said the lead could have been only from Dallas PD.

FRITZ said he has information that someone from another agency was in the FBI Office a week or so ago seeking photographs of the OSWALD material and desired to know whether such was the case; if so, who, and if the material was furnished to the unnamed person.

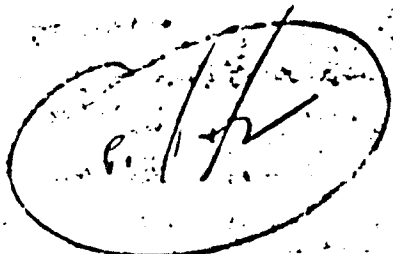
FRITZ was advised this matter would be referred to personnel more familiar with the matter, and it was promptly brought to ASAC CLARK's and Supervisor GEMBERLING's attention.

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### Addendum:

At 10:55 AM, 6/29/64, ASAC KYLE G. CLARK telephonically contacted Supervisor JOHN STOKES, at the Bureau, concerning the above-mentioned call from Captain FRITZ. STOKES advised that, in the event he did not advise to the contrary by 11:20 AM, it would be satisfactory for the Dallas Office to advise Captain FRITZ that on 6/4/64, WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER, Asst. District Attorney, Dallas County, Texas, had made inquiry of the Dallas

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Office seeking a set of photographs of the items obtained by the Dallas PD and subsequently turned over to the FBI. On this occasion, SAC SHANKLIN advised Mr. ALEXANDER that the Dallas PD had been furnished a set of these photographs and he might desire to make inquiry there in connection with his desire to obtain a copy of same.

At 11:33 AM, 6/29/64, Captain WILL FRITZ, of the Dallas PD, was telephonically advised by SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING of the visit by Mr. ALEXANDER and of his referral to the Dallas PD. Captain FRITZ was further advised that this office did not know if Mr. ALEXANDER had made contact with the Dallas PD thereafter, at which time Captain FRITZ stated that Mr. ALEXANDER had made contact but that no set of such photographs was furnished to him.

Captain FRITZ stated that, inasmuch as the Dallas PD did not make same available to anyone, it was obvious that such photographs could have been made available by several other sources and then specifically inquired, "Did your office give them to anyone?"

Captain FRITZ was advised that under no circumstances had this office furnished a set of photographs to Mr. ALEXANDER or anyone else not authorized to receive same.

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TO : SAC (100-10461)

DATE: 6/30/64

FROM : ASAC KYLE G. CLARK

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS-R-CUBA

Telephonic inquiry was made of Section Chief BRANIGAN and Inspector STERLING B. DONAHOE concerning newspaper articles in "The Dallas Morning News" to the effect that the President's Commission, namely, J. LEE RANKIN, had requested the FBI to make inquiry as to how the Morning News came into possession of OSWALD's diary and other items published in the Saturday and Sunday editions.

Mr. DONAHOE advised that the Commission had been contacted concerning this request and, to date, no instructions had been received. He stated confidentially that it was recommended to the Commission that they call JACK KRUEGER and the publisher of "The Dallas Morning News" before the Commission, rather than the FBI, making inquiry.

Any inquiry from the press should be answered, "No comment," and the fact that "we are conducting no inquiry at this time."

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

DATE: 6/30/64

FROM : KYLE G. CLARK, ASAC *KAC*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
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[redacted] who is employed with [redacted] appeared working on the [redacted] in this office, today. He prefaced the interview by stating that his visit had absolutely no connection with his employment with the [redacted] and that he desired that the info he furnished be kept strictly confidential. *b7d*

[redacted] advised that HUGH G. AINSWORTH, author of the recent releases concerning OSWALD, his diary, etc., in the Dallas Morning News, had previously [redacted] *b7d*  
[redacted] He said that AINSWORTH is a ladies' man and it was common talk at [redacted] that AINSWORTH has been sleeping with MARINA OSWALD and it is his belief that he obtained a copy of OSWALD'S diary from MARINA at no cost.

[redacted] has said he had no personal knowledge of this other than he had heard that AINSWORTH stated he had an affair with MARINA during the time he interviewed her approximately two months ago. [redacted] was questioned in detail concerning any personal knowledge of AINSWORTH'S association with MARINA and he stated he had none. *b7d*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

DATE: 7/1/64

FROM : KYLE G. CLARK, ASAC

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
11/22/63  
Dallas, Texas

LEAK OF INFORMATION AS CARRIED IN  
THE "DALLAS MORNING NEWS", 6/27-28/64

At approximately 2:30 PM, this date, Inspector JAMES R. MALLEY telephonically advised a letter had been received by the Director from the Commission, dated 6/30/64. Attached was the following resolution:

"It was moved by Congressman FORD and seconded by Senator RUSSELL; resolved, that the Commission ask the Federal Bureau of Investigation to immediately make a thorough investigation of the publication of the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary by the "Dallas Morning News" and that it ascertain both the means used and the circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the diary and its subsequent application, and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation also be asked to make a like investigation of any similar publication that may occur in the immediate future. Motion was carried unanimously."

Also, the following was included:

"Will you kindly keep us advised of the developments in this matter?"

Mr. MALLEY advised the info obtained can be reported in a dissemination memo or report form in above caption.

The Director has instructed that this investigation should receive expeditious handling.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-10461)

DATE: 7/1/64

FROM : SA ROBERT M. BARRETT

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS-R-CUBA

At 4:50 PM, this date, I received an anonymous telephone call in which the caller furnished the following:

Caller stated that if the FBI was seeking information about the diary they should check on "SNOOKY DAVIS. Caller stated he had definite information that DAVIS, who is employed as an investigator for the Dallas DA's Office and who is a close associate of Assistant DA BILL ALEXANDER, was the one who originally picked up the diary and thereafter reproduced six copies of same. One of these copies was given to Newsweek Magazine and another was given to CARL FREUND, a reporter for "The Dallas Morning News." Caller stated that \$15,000 exchanged hands. Caller then stated that ALEXANDER still has the remaining four copies.

Caller stated that Assistant DA JIM BOWIE was present during the meeting in the County Jail between JACK RUBY and Chief Justice EARL WARREN. After the meeting, BOWIE submitted a report to DA HENRY WADE. Caller stated ALEXANDER got hold of a copy of this report and furnished it to a reporter on "The Dallas Morning News."

Caller at this point refused to furnish his identity or the source of his information, other than to describe it as highly reliable and then hung up.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-10461)

FROM : SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS-R-CUBA

DATE: 7/2/64

LEAK OF INFORMATION AS CARRIED  
IN "THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS"  
JUNE 27 & 28, 1964

By telephone call 7/1/64, the Bureau instructed that a full investigation should be conducted concerning the obtaining and publication of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's diary by "The Dallas Morning News," as well as other documents published or the subsequent publication of any documents.

Specifically, the President's Commission made the following resolution on which the Bureau investigation is based:

"It was moved by Congressman FORD and seconded by Senator RUSSELL; resolved, that the Commission ask the Federal Bureau of Investigation to immediately make a thorough investigation of the publication of the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary by 'The Dallas Morning News' and that it ascertain both the means used and the circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the diary and its subsequent application, and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation also be asked to make a like investigation of any similar publication that may occur in the immediate future. Motion was carried unanimously."

All persons interviewed in connection with this investigation should be advised that such investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the President's Commission.

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The publication of the documents seriously questions the integrity of all agencies and persons who have had access to the documents. Therefore, each person interviewed should be questioned specifically concerning the following, as well as other pertinent questions considered necessary:

1. Does the interviewee have any information indicating that a representative of the FBI was responsible for the leak?
2. Does the interviewee have any information indicating that any member of the President's Commission was responsible for such leak?
3. Does the interviewee have any information that any member of the U. S. Secret Service was responsible for the leak?
4. Does the interviewee have any information that any member of the Dallas Police Department was responsible for the leak?
5. Does the interviewee have any information that any member of the Dallas District Attorney's Office was responsible for the leak?
6. Does the interviewee have any information indicating any other person was responsible for the leak?

Airtels have been submitted to the Bureau daily since the publication of the diary and the information in such airtels contains the basis for many leads. In some instances, the source of information has furnished information only with the understanding his identity would be protected and, therefore, leads based on such information must be conducted with extreme care. Any Agent

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conducting an interview in connection with this matter should be thoroughly familiar with all the newspaper articles relating to it, a copy of each of which is available for review in SA GEMBERLING's office, as well as the various airtels relating to this matter.

At this time, the publication of the following described documents is involved in this investigation:

FBI Inventory Item No. 116, the diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD;

FBI Inventory Item No. 406, a letter from the Communist Party, USA, signed ARNOLD JOHNSON, dated 7/31/63, addressed to L. H. OSWALD, P. O. Box 30061, New Orleans, Louisiana;

FBI Inventory Item No. 425, Undesirable Discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps, dated 9/13/60, for LEE HARVEY OSWALD;

FBI Inventory Item No. 444, World Health Organization, International Certificate of Vaccination, for LEE OSWALD, date stamped 6/8/63, and bearing signature of Doctor A. J. HIDEEL.

All four of the above-described documents were obtained in a search by the Dallas Police Department at 1026 North Beckley Street, Dallas, Texas, on 11/22 - 23/63, with the exception of Item No. 116 (the diary), which was obtained in a search on the same dates by the Dallas Police Department at the residence of Mrs. RUTH PAINE, 2515 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas.

A review is presently being conducted to determine the specific dates on which the actual documents or photographs of same were made available to various agencies.

The following is an outline of the individuals to be interviewed with a short resume' of specific matters to be covered with each. Other individuals of necessity will have to be interviewed as the investigation progresses. The results of interviews with each individual are to be immediately dictated on FD-302's, as a separate report in connection with instant phase has to be submitted:

1. E. M. "TED" DEALEY, Publisher, "The Dallas Morning News" -- Will ascertain if he will divulge the source of the information published and obtain specific answers from him with respect to the specific questions listed above.
2. JACK B. KREUGER, Editor, "The Dallas Morning News" -- Same as #1 above.
3. HUGH AYNESWORTH, Reporter, "The Dallas Morning News," who wrote the articles in question. Will ascertain from him his source of the documents and detailed circumstances of same, as well as the general questions listed above. Will explore his relationship with other reporters, as well as his relationship with Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER. Certain information available concerning background of AYNESWORTH should be kept in mind, but care must be taken not to divulge any source who has requested his name be kept confidential.

Determine from AYNESWORTH the identity of any other reporters that might be involved, keeping in mind that LARRY GROVE, a reporter for "The Dallas Morning News," is a close associate of AYNESWORTH and reportedly, on 6/17/64, told a CBS crew about OSWALD's diary and indicated he could obtain same if such crew was interested, but that it would have to be back at its place within a day or so. The source of this information must remain confidential and no specific

reference can be made to this offer.

4. LARRY GROVE, Reporter, "The Dallas Morning News" -- Interview with him should be conducted with extreme care, using an approach that he is known to be a close associate of AYNESWORTH, and inquire generally of him as to whether he knows anything about instant matter.
5. CARL FREUND, Reporter, "The Dallas Morning News" -- He has written several articles relating to the assassination and an anonymous source has advised that "SNOOKY" DAVIS, an investigator in the Dallas District Attorney's Office and a close associate of Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER, was the individual who originally picked up the diary and reproduced six copies of it, one copy of which was given to CARL FREUND. This anonymous caller indicated that \$15,000 changed hands and that Assistant District Attorney ALEXANDER had the remaining four copies. (See teletype to Bureau, 7/1/64)
6. FORREST V. SORRELS, U. S. Secret Service, Dallas -- Obtain all information he has concerning the publication of instant matter, covering the general questions outlined above and obtain as much information as possible concerning the dates U. S. Secret Service received documents or photographs of the documents and their subsequent handling of same. Any other employees of U. S. Secret Service deemed necessary should be interviewed.

7. Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas Police Department;  
Captain WILL FRITZ, Assistant Chief of Police;  
CHARLES BATCHELOR, Assistant Chief of Police.

Interviews with Dallas Police Department personnel, as well as any others deemed pertinent, should be conducted concerning the general questions listed above and for specifics as to the dates they received documents or copies of same, from whom, and the subsequent handling of such documents or photographs and the dissemination of same. In each instance, they should be questioned as to any receipts received for any dissemination made by them.

8. District Attorney HENRY WADE;  
Assistant District Attorney A. D. "JIM" BOWIE;  
Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER;  
"SNOOKY" DAVIS, Investigator for District Attorney's Office.

The general questions above should be covered with each of these individuals and each specifically interrogated as to when, what and from whom they obtained any documents, and the complete details in connection therewith. The possibility that "SNOOKY" DAVIS should be interviewed first should be considered. It should be borne in mind that, at the time of the publication of the diary, Mr. WADE was on vacation, and that immediately upon Mr. WADE's return publicity has indicated that Mr. ALEXANDER is on vacation. The newspaper articles have reflected that Mr. WADE did have the diary and that the Recordak Company in Dallas made copies of certain documents for the District Attorney's Office.