

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 11/23/63

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

*Lee Oswald*

- Tolson
- DeLoach
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- Felt
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

At 11:07 p.m., 11/22/63, Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky, the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, telephonically furnished the identity of certain defectors during the Korean War. Mr. Yarmolinsky said he had an idea that possibly the following individuals, who had a similar background to Lee Harvey Oswald, might have been in Dallas on November 22, 1963, and might possibly be involved in the assassination of the President. He furnished the names of Libero Picciardelli, Robert E. Webster, and Nicholas Petrulli as the Korean War defectors he had in mind.

Mr. Yarmolinsky was thanked for bringing this matter to our attention, and was advised the matter would receive appropriate attention.

*We are checking further on this.*

Bureau files contain no information concerning Libero Picciardelli, however, both Webster and Petrulli are the subjects of Bureau cases. Neither were defectors in the Korean War, but both were defectors to Russia in 1959.

Webster was born on 10/23/28, Tiffin, Ohio, and served as an enlisted man in the U. S. Navy from 8/5/47 to 5/17/50, and received an honorable discharge. In October, 1959, Webster, while employed by the Rand Development Corporation at the U. S. Exhibition in Moscow, renounced his American Citizenship. He returned to the U. S. on 5/20/62. Subsequent to his return, he was interviewed by Bureau Agents, by the Secret Service and appeared before the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act. At the time of his return, he was residing at 311 East Beaver Street, Zelienople, Pennsylvania, with his parents. The latest information available in Bureau files showed an employment in May, 1963, with the Wesco Manufacturing Company, 2000 Main Street, Wellsville, Ohio, and a residence in the In-City Motel, Main Street, Wellsville, Ohio.

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

RJG:cb  
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*memo prepared to Sullivan  
11/25/63  
O.N.B. [initials]*

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Memorandum Rosen to Belmont  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

According to Bureau files, Petrulli renounced his U. S. Citizenship while in Moscow as a tourist on 9/3/59. He returned to the U. S. on 9/22/59. At this time he was residing with his brother, Dominick Petrulli, 354 N. Central Avenue, Valley Stream, Long Island. Bureau files reveal that Petrulli's ex-wife was living in Los Angeles. There was no information in Bureau files of either Webster or Petrulli indicating any connection with Oswald, although Oswald was in Russia at approximately the same time as Webster.

ACTION:

The Cleveland and New York Divisions have been instructed to discreetly ascertain the whereabouts of Webster and Petrulli on 11/22/63.

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Memo re: RICCIARDELLI  
11-24-63  
JPL:scf

also I can't understand  
this renouncing of  
citizenship by  
Petrulli in 9/3/59  
& his return  
to U.S. on 9/22/59.  
As it accepted  
practice by State  
Dept to allow  
individuals who  
have renounced  
their citizenship  
& returned to U.S.

*[Handwritten mark]*

JK

12/31/77

Dear Mark,

*Allen*

Because I do not know when you are returning to classes I'm sending this to your NO.O. address rather than to that of your parents.

What you sent, FBI 105-82555 unrecorded, is from the HQ Oswald file. It is valuable. I'll be sending it to Jim because I believe it is relevant in our transcripts case, the 1/21 transcript being on defectors. And withheld.

I don't believe that Kevin has sent me anything relevant to spectro. In the confusion here it is possible that he has and I've mislaid it but I do not recall it. Anything of that nature you have can be very helpful. Perhaps in our suit for the remission of fees, too.

ope you are having a good holiday - and that a good years lies ahead.

Best,