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LIE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

On 12-11-63 the Office of the Attorney General forwarded to the Bureau a memorandum to the Attorney General from Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Special Assistant to the President, which enclosed a 17-page typewritten document entitled "Seeds of Doubt: Some Questions About the President's Assassination," prepared by Jack Minnis, described as a "political scientist," and Staughton Lynd, described as a "historian."

A review of this paper disclosed that the authors have taken the newspaper versions of the assassination and have noted a number of contradictions as reported in the newspapers and, therefore, are asking a number of questions to which they say the American people have a right to know the answers. The questions include such things as: 1. How Oswald, from a position behind and slightly to the right of President Kennedy fired a shot which entered the President's neck below the Adam's Apple. 2. How Oswald fired three shots with a bolt-action rifle with such accuracy in such a short time at a moving target. 3. How the three shots could have produced "four bullets." 4. How Oswald did all the things he reportedly did between the assassination and his arrest. 5. How a few days before the assassination. 6. Did the FBI interview Oswald whether a picture of Ruby the night before he killed Oswald. 8. Did the FBI seize a movie film showing silhouettes of two men in the "sniper window."

The paper ends with the following: "It seems hardly too much to suggest that the Dallas Police and the FBI need to account for their own activities, during and after the assassination. Until such an accounting is made, no version of the tragedy produced by the police or the FBI can be accepted with confidence."

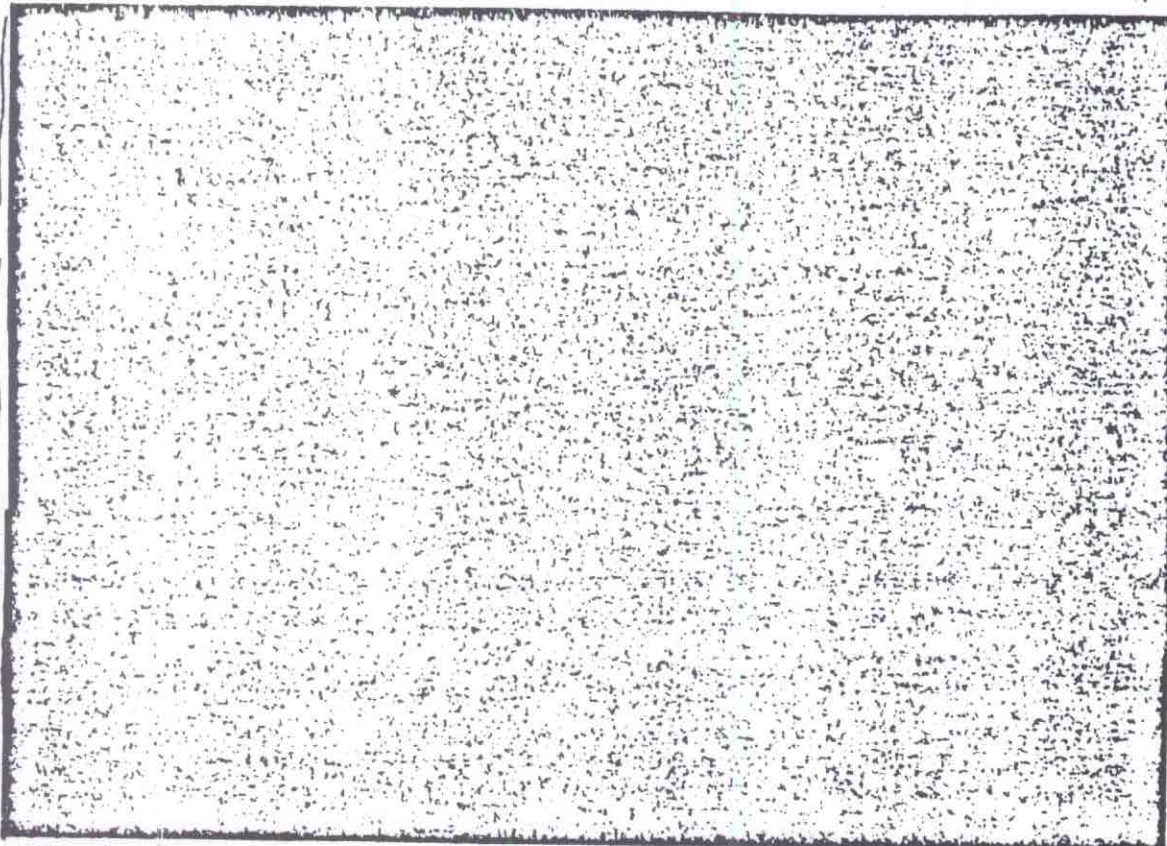
All of the questions referred to above have been raised in the press and have been based upon erroneous information or speculation.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. SULLIVAN  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD



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Attached for approval is a letter to the Attorney General summarizing information in our files re the authors of "Seeds of Doubt." The paper, Mr. Schlesinger's transmittal memorandum to the Attorney General and the memorandum transmitting these items to the Bureau are being returned.

1 - Mr. Belmont; 1 - Mr. Evans; 1 - Mr. Sullivan; 1 - Mr. Branigan;  
1 - Mr. Turner

The Attorney General

December 17, 1963

Director, FBI

RE HAVVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

On December 11, 1963, you forwarded to the Bureau a memorandum to you from Mr. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Special Assistant to the President, which transmitted to you a 12-page paper entitled "Seeds of Doubt: Some Questions About the President's Assassination." This paper was prepared by Jack Minnis described by Mr. Schlesinger as a political scientist and Staughton Lynd described as a historian. This paper raises a number of questions concerning the assassination and ends with a statement that the Dallas police and the FBI need to account for "their own activities" and until such an accounting is made no version of the tragedy produced by them "can be accepted with confidence."

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The Attorney General

The paper entitled "Seeds of Doubt: Some Questions About the President's Assassination," Mr. Schlesinger's transmittal memorandum and the memorandum transmitting these items to the Bureau are returned herewith. As you know, the results of our investigation of the captioned subject and the assassination have been furnished to the Commission named by the President to investigate this matter.

Enclosures (3)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WC 12-11-27*

DATE: 12/19/63

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DJB*

SUBJECT: WARREN COMMISSION

You may be interested in the following information furnished to Agent Papich on 12/19/63, by James Angleton; Angleton has been in contact with Allen Dulles:

- (1) Francis Adams, former New York City Police Commissioner, will serve as an Assistant to Mr. Rankin. Adams was selected by Rankin and Warren.
- (2) Another Assistant to Rankin will be Albert E. Jenner, Jr., a trial lawyer from Chicago, who is connected with the "Satterlee" law firm.
- (3) The Commission has been very much impressed with an article which appeared in the current issue of New Republic entitled "Seeds of Doubt." The article deals with the assassination of President Kennedy and has been tabled by the Commission for some future discussion. (see copy of 12/17/63 memo, attached)
- (4) Mrs. Julie Eide has been appointed to serve as a secretary to the Commission.
- (5) The following individuals will handle liaison for their respective agencies with the Commission:
  - Abram Chayes - State Department
  - Gerald A. Behn - Chief, White House Detail, Secret Service
  - Richard Helms - Deputy Director, CIA
  - Adam Yarmolinsky - Department of Defense *(DeLoach handling with Terlin...)*
  - Theodore Sorenson - White House

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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To: Mr. Brennan to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: WARREN COMMISSION

Richard  
Richard Katzenbach and Willens (phonetic) -  
Department of Justice

(C) Dulles has advised that he has expressed his objections to the assignment of "too many lawyers" on the staff under Rankin. He is of the opinion that a preponderance of lawyers will result in endless debate and a loss of much valuable time.

NOTICE:

For information. The Name Check Section is examining Bureau files for information concerning Adams, Jenner and Mrs. Eide.

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*I think D. S. Doan should brief Ford re the New Republic article & its author.*

*Gerald H. ...*

*Member of ...*