

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. WALSH

FROM : R. G. HUNSINGER *RGH*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

DATE: 1/5/76

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On 1/2/76, SA [redacted] of the Press Office of the New York Office telephonically advised me of the following:

Former SAC Joe Sullivan telephonically contacted the New York Office and advised of a conversation he had had with one Shelley Levine (both names phonetic) who described himself as a security officer for Waldbaum's, a grocery chain in the greater New York City area. Levine also described himself as a psychological stress evaluator. Psychological stress evaluation, commonly known as voice polygraph, is the process by which evaluators are supposed to be able to determine whether one is telling the truth by evaluating voice patterns.

Levine claimed to Sullivan that he had monitored a TV program by Dan Rather concerning the assassination of President Kennedy, among others. In applying the psychological stress evaluation process, he concluded that one Ruiz (phonetic)(identified as an FBI representative) was telling the truth 90% of the time and was lying 10% of the time in his comments on the Rather show with respect to the assassination. Levine did not comment as to which statements were truthful and which were false. Levine told Sullivan he was willing to talk to the FBI concerning his evaluation. The New York Office was inquiring as to whether the Bureau desired that someone talk to Levine.

I advised SA [redacted] that although I, of course, am not any kind of expert on psychological stress evaluation, I had not heard that it had been certified as an acceptable technique, that this inquiry would be referred to the Laboratory, Inspection and General Investigative Divisions, but that in absence of any further response by the Bureau New York could assume the Bureau saw no point in contacting Levine on this matter. Inspector Kelleher of the Laboratory Division confirmed that psychological stress evaluation has not been validated as an acceptable technique. Mr. Bassett advised the name Ruiz or anything close did not figure into the recent inquiry conducted by his division.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this be referred to the Inspection, Laboratory and General Investigative Divisions. No response to New York deemed necessary unless some follow-up is indicated.

- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
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