

Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-10461)

DATE: 10/9/64

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
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Assistant Director C. D. DeLOACH called on 10/8/64 and referred to a UPI article appearing in the Washington Post newspaper, which purported to quote allegedly a letter to EARL WARREN from Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY. The letter is quoted as follows:

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Letter to EARL WARREN from Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY:

"In a letter to me dated 5/21/64, Mr. J. Lee Rankin, general counsel of the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy, raised several points concerning Lt. Revill's report of November 22, 1963 on his conversation with FBI Agent James Mosty on that date. The first question posed by Rankin was why Revill's report was not made known to the Commission prior to my appearance before that group.

"When I received the report, I immediately realized the gravity and seriousness of the information it contained. On that date, before news men, I stated that I had received information that the FBI knew of OSWALD's presence in Dallas and that the Dallas Police Department had no information on OSWALD in its file. This statement was based on the report of Revill.

"Within a few minutes of my statement to the press, I received a telephone call from Mr. Gordon Shanklin, Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas FBI office in which Shanklin stated the Bureau was extremely desirous that I retract my statement to the press. I then appeared before the press again and retracted my statement to this extent. I stated that 'Of my own personal knowledge', I did not know that the FBI knew of OSWALD's presence in Dallas and that if they did, they were under no obligation to the Dallas Police Department to pass on the information.

"After the appointment of the Warren Commission, I was reasonably sure I would appear before that body, so I decided to present the report personally at the time of my appearance. I felt that the Commission probably would like for the statement to be notarized, so I had this done on April 7, 1964.

"Rankin's next question concerned the date that the report was placed in the Intelligence Unit's file. I instructed Revill to keep this report confidential. He said that after his copy was returned to him, he kept it locked in a desk drawer until after I returned from Washington where I delivered the report to the Commission. He then placed his report in the file.

"Rankin further asked if I knew of any additional information in the possession of the Dallas Police Department that had not been made available to the Commission. I knew of no such information."

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Mr. DeLOACH stated that this article was on page 3 of the Washington Post. He referred to a memorandum to the Director this morning calling his attention to the fact that on Nov. 23, DeLOACH had seen CURRY on TV and had called me and told me that Chief CURRY on TV had made statements to our interviewing OSWALD and surveilling OSWALD and had instructed me to get in touch with CURRY and straighten him out and to see that he went back on TV and corrected these erroneous statements. The statements were (1) that OSWALD had recently been interviewed in Dallas by the FBI and we had not notified the Dallas Police, and (2) that the FBI had OSWALD under surveillance and that the FBI customarily advises the Dallas PD whenever an individual of subversive background arrives in Dallas.

The Director approved SAC SHANKLIN contacting Chief CURRY to see if he is willing to personally talk to the press and straighten out this matter.

Mr. DeLOACH stated that he thought Chief CURRY should make a statement to the press that he has confused this matter; that at no time has the FBI asked him to cover up for us, and that the FBI has no intention of letting this matter stand for the record.