

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *W. A. B.*

DATE: July 14, 1965 ✓

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

FROM : A. Rosen *A. Rosen*

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
(Attention Mr. Lenihan)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Trimbach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE:

To advise that Leo Sauvage has prepared a 442 page book entitled, "L'Affaire Oswald" (The Oswald Affair). This book questions the sincerity of the Warren Commission in conducting an objective investigation into the assassination. It is written in French.

BACKGROUND:

Legat, Paris has furnished a new book, "The Oswald Affair," by Leo Sauvage, which is written in French. Also furnished was an article concerning this book which appeared in the "New York Times," International Edition, Paris, dated 6-23-65. The Times article quotes Sauvage as charging that the Warren Commission acted like a prosecutor rather than like an investigating body. The Times article states that throughout "L'Affaire Oswald" Sauvage expresses a conviction that Oswald was innocent and Sauvage advances an unsubstantiated hypothesis that the murders of President Kennedy and his suspected assassin may have been the result of two separate plots. Times goes on to state that the plot to kill the President, according to Sauvage's book was conceived by unspecified Southern racists and a trial of Oswald would have revealed his innocence. The Times article states that Sauvage presents no new evidence.

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Sauvage is reported to be a French correspondent for a Socialist newspaper and was the author of an article entitled, "The Oswald Affair," which appeared in the March, 1964, issue of "Commentary," a publication of the American Jewish Committee. The approximate ten page article in "Commentary" was analyzed in a previous memo (A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont, dated 4-27-64, captioned, "Lee Harvey Oswald, aka, Internal Security - Russian-Cuba," copy attached). The "Commentary" article states that as the Dallas authorities convicted Oswald by "press and television,"

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the FBI "forced" the hand of the Warren Commission by leaking the results of our investigation and thus assuring that the Commission would return a verdict of "guilty" for Oswald. The "Commentary" article is based on speculation, unfounded material and half truths.

It appears likely that the book by Sauvage is an expansion of the information contained in the "Commentary" article, (both the book and the article are by the same author and have the same title); therefore, there would appear to be no need to translate the book.

ACTION:

It is recommended that the attached 442 page book not be translated as there is no reason to believe it contains any new material.

Ryan *X* *V*
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