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JFK assassination records appear Harold Weisberg 11/1/79  
Arbitrary and capricious withholding  
Withholding FBI names  
Withholding what the FBI itself disclosed

A paragraph holding the names of two FBI agents is withheld from 62-109060-3076.

LEW's special assistant, Walter Jenkins, informed Arthur Belmont that a friend had been told by an FBI agent, of whom he had accurate details, that Oswald had been an FBI informant. This SA had been transferred to Dallas from New Orleans after getting in trouble over a woman in the French Quarter. Of these transfers, two were considered relevant. Although in the text their names are obliterated in the entire withheld paragraph, their names are disclosed in the filing of copies in the ir personnel files. One is Richard H. [redacted] and from what long has been in the public domain, the correct one is Will [redacted] Griffin. In fact, in the next Serial Jenkins is quoted as calling this an old rumor.

If that is withheld about Griffin had not been in the public domain, the FBI itself disclosed this in other records relating to its investigation of Jenkins' report.

Here the arbitrary and capricious and otherwise improper withholding of the text can, in the future, be harmful to Harrison if one finds this record and does not have all the other numbered ones. Moreover, as you know, because I provided you with a copy of his letter, Director Kelley stated that in historical cases FBI names should and would not be withheld. This was long before the JFK records were processed.

Interestingly enough all of the in the reports is accurate, according to the FBI. Only the statement that Oswald was an informant, it claims, is not accurate.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

MR. SULLIVAN

FROM :

MR. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT :

ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT  
*John F. Kennedy*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan

DATE: 5-4-64

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan

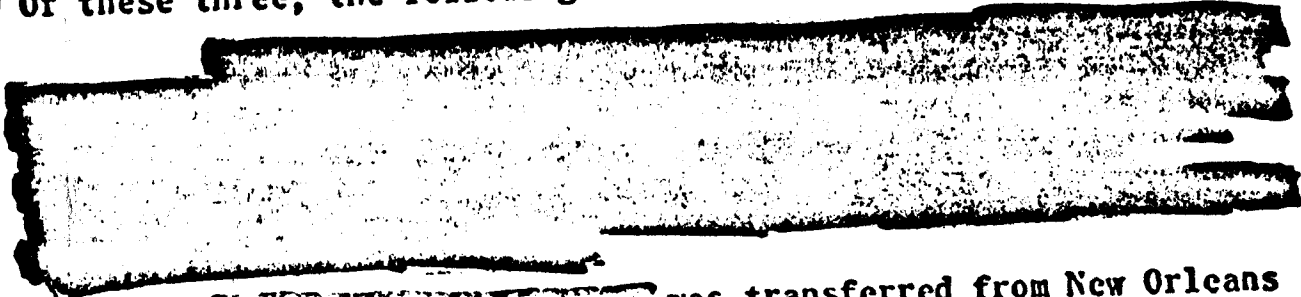
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Reference is made to the memorandum from Assistant Director DeLoach 4-30-64 which reported information that Walter Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President, had a friend who allegedly met one of our Special Agents. The Agent had formerly been assigned to the New Orleans Office. The Agent told Jenkins' friend that he had been transferred from New Orleans as a result of getting into difficulty with a woman in the French Quarter. The alleged Agent told Jenkins' friend that he assisted in the investigation of the Oswald case and that Oswald, prior to his murder, was definitely an FBI informant. The Agent stated that FBI files in Washington would prove this fact.

It was recommended and approved that we review personnel files to find out if any of the Agents who have been transferred there from New Orleans is a type of disciplinary problem as described above. If there is such an Agent, he should be interviewed re this matter.

A review of personnel files discloses there were 3 Special Agents transferred directly from New Orleans to Dallas. Of these three, the following two cases are noted:

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... was transferred from New Orleans to Springfield 5-20-56. This was later changed to Dallas, Texas. At the same time, ... was censured, placed on probation and suspended without pay for five days. This action followed misconduct on the part of the Agent while attending the 809 Club located in the New Orleans French Quarter. Allegations, which were not established conclusively, were made against him to the effect

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- 1 - Personnel File (SA Richard E. Harrison)
- 1 - Personnel File (SA Will Hayden Griffin)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SULLIVAN  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

that he remarked he would see Jean Rose, one of the dancers at the club, in jail and that he patted her on the derriere when she was dancing near his table.]

[It was concluded that [redacted] had used poor judgment in calling New Orleans detectives, in becoming involved in a discussion with police and management of the 809 Club and in making remarks which had been misconstrued as threats against the owner and a doorman at the club. It was also found that his personal conduct at the club was not in keeping with that required of a Special Agent and he was derelict in failing to report the matter to his SAC.]

**ACTION:**

It would appear that [redacted] meets the description of the Agent described by the friend of Mr. Walter Jenkins. Accordingly, in the absence of the SAC, Kyle Clark, ASAC, Dallas, was instructed to arrange for the immediate interview of [redacted] to determine if he made the statement that Oswald was definitely an FBI informant and he was instructed to obtain an appropriate statement from [redacted]. It was pointed out to ASAC Clark that he was not at liberty to disclose the name of Walter Jenkins but that the interview should cover any contacts [redacted] may have had with persons and conversations held with them which could be interpreted as indicated above.

Dallas was instructed to promptly advise of the results together with their recommendations.

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DATE: April 30, 1964

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

*John F.*

Walter Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President, told me on 4/29/64 that a friend of his had just returned from Dallas, Texas. In Dallas Jenkins' friend had allegedly met with one of our Special Agents. This Agent had formerly been assigned to the New Orleans Office. The Agent told Jenkins' friend that he had been transferred from New Orleans as a result of getting into difficulty with a woman in the French quarter.

The alleged Agent also reportedly told Jenkins' friend that he assisted in the investigation of the Oswald case and that Oswald, prior to his murder, was definitely an FBI informant. The "Agent" stated that FBI files in Washington would prove this fact.

I told Jenkins that while I doubted very seriously that any of our Agents had furnished this fact to his "friend," that at the same time we, of course, would make a check and find out if the description given this "Agent" fitted any of our people. I asked Jenkins if he would mind letting us interview his friend. He stated that the information had been furnished him in confidence and he preferred not to reveal the identity of this fellow. He stated he wanted to let us know, however, that he had made it very clear to his friend that this was an old rumor that had arisen time and again, and that the FBI had branded it as being completely false. Jenkins stated there was no question in his mind regarding the falsity of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

Despite the fact that this matter has been tied down as being false, it is considered desirable to review personnel files of Agents in Dallas to find out if any of the Agents have been transferred there from New Orleans for a type of disciplinary problem as described above. If there is such an Agent he should be interviewed regarding this matter. It is, therefore, suggested this memorandum be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division for appropriate action.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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- 1 - Mr. Jones

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