

# Memorandum

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TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: March 11 1964

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Letter from A. Frank Grimsley, Jr., Relating to  
the Assassination of President Kennedy.

The attached is forwarded for your information. A copy has been made available to Mr. Willens at the Special Commission.

Attachment

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March 9, 1964

Honorable Herbert J. Miller, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Criminal Division  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Re: Assassination of President  
John F. Kennedy

Dear Mr. Miller:

During the recent trial of James R. Hoffa at Chattanooga, Tennessee, I reported orally to Mr. Charlie Shaeffer information pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy. Due to the attendant circumstances at the trial, this matter might have slipped Mr. Shaeffer's mind. Therefore, I am reporting it to you as I reported it at that time.

During a trip to Louisiana, I received information from an informant to the effect that he had spoken to one Tom Callahan of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who stated that he had recently spoken to Jimmy McCurley, who allegedly was acquainted with Lee Oswald when the latter was in New Orleans. McCurley claimed to have met Oswald because both of them were fans of Connie Francis, singing star, and that Oswald was dating her in New Orleans. McCurley reportedly is president of the Baton Rouge Connie Francis Fan Club and is described as a fanatic on the subject of this recording artist.

McCurley denied having any association with Oswald and the "Fair Play for Cuba" committee.

This might possibly explain Oswald's receipt of money by wire from an unknown source prior to the assassination.

cc: Mr. Walter  
Sheridan

Mr. William  
G. Hundley

Sincerely yours,

A. FRANK GRIMSLEY, JR.

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From: Director, FBI (105-82535) - 2498

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Enclosed for each the New Orleans and Dallas Offices are a copy of a letter from the Department dated March 11, 1964, enclosing a letter the Department received from Mr. A. Frank Grimsley.

The New Orleans Office should institute immediate investigation in an attempt to identify Tom Callahan of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Jimmy McCurley of New Orleans, Louisiana. Thereafter, New Orleans should interview Tom Callahan to obtain all data in his possession in this matter and thereafter should interview Jimmy McCurley to ascertain full details of his alleged acquaintance with Lee Harvey Oswald.

In the event McCurley indicates that Lee Harvey Oswald was acquainted with Connie Francis, the singing star, and that Oswald was dating Connie Francis in New Orleans, the New Orleans Office should set out an appropriate lead to ascertain current whereabouts of Connie Francis in order that she can be interviewed in this matter.

Results of New Orleans investigation should be set out in a report suitable for dissemination to the President's Commission.

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NOTE: We received from Department a letter which was forwarded to the Department by A. Frank Grimsley, Jr. In his letter, Grimsley indicated he received information from an informant, who allegedly had spoken to one Tom Callahan of Baton Rouge, who allegedly had spoken to Jimmy McCurley, wherein latter indicated acquaintanceship with Lee Oswald in New Orleans. McCurley reportedly claimed to have

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Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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met Oswald because both were fans of the Connie Francis Fan Club and that Oswald had dated Connie Francis in New Orleans. In view of Commission's desire to completely run out all allegations, we are having New Orleans Office conduct appropriate investigation to resolve this particular matter.