

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 29, 1963

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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

The story by Leslie H. Whitten in the 11-27-63 issue of the "New York Journal American" is headlined "Report to LBJ Calls Oswald The Assassin." Mr. Hoover has stated, "I assume none of this is coming from FBI." The Director is correct. We have given Les Whitten no information whatsoever.

Mr. Whitten as well as literally hundreds of other reporters have, of course, called my office asking for information. We have treated Whitten the same as all the others and have answered "no comment" to him. Whitten did say, however, that he had "good sources," that he intended to "rewrite" much of the information that came from various news accounts emanating from Dallas, principally the interview with District Attorney Wade.

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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# Report to LBJ Calls Oswald The Assassin

By **LESLIE H. WHITTEN**

Hearst Headline Service Special to N. Y. Journal-American  
**WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.**—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover expects to have his report of the slaying of President Kennedy by Lee Harvey Oswald in President Johnson's hands by Friday at the latest.

The report, it was learned, will cite evidence—some of it unrevealed so far—establishing "beyond reasonable doubt" that Oswald, 24, was the killer of President Kennedy.

### 50 IN DALLAS

Mr. Hoover, who put more than 50 men on the Dallas aspects of the case and scores more in his 55 field offices, will also make these two major points. It was ~~learned~~

• There is no evidence thus far to indicate Oswald was ordered to murder President Kennedy by any groups—Communist, Trotskyite or other subversives.

• But a raft of Communist literature, letters and other documents, plus Oswald's background and interviews with his acquaintances establish he was philosophically attuned to the violent aspects of the Communist movement. The report will indicate that, if only indirectly, the discipline of Marxism played a part in his murderous action.

Mr. Hoover will also advise the new President, unless a startling new development arises before Friday, that Jack Leon Ruby, who shot Oswald to death, was not part of any plot "to seal Oswald's lips."

Such reports, said one Justice Dept. official, are "muzzled."

### EUROPE REPORTS

The reports have sprung up mainly in some sections of continental Europe where a long tradition of government deception of the people, particularly under dictatorships, gives grounds for popular suspicion.

"There is no evidence of any kind of plot, or conspiracy in this thing," said a Federal official close to the Oswald probe. Even after President Johnson acts the report and releases it, however, the investigation will continue. Dallas police have turned over all their evidence to the FBI.

On Capitol Hill, Senate minority leader Everett Dirksen (D-Ill.) opposed a "multiplicity of investigations," but said a single all-embracing Senate probe should "start at once."

Evidence developed by the FBI and Texas authorities so far includes:

• Discovery that the 6.5 mm.

Italian rifle found near the window from which the fatal shots were believed fired was bought by Oswald using an alias. FBI handwriting experts clinched the identification.

• Palm prints of Oswald, on paper believed used to wrap the rifle when it was brought to the window, on a box nearby, and on the metal underside of the rifle itself.

• A photograph showing Oswald displaying a rifle similar to the one found, complete with four-power scope.

• FBI ballistic tests showing the rifle killed the President.

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