

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 10/1/75

FROM : J. B. ADAMS *JBA*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD MATTER

A. J. ...

By memorandum dated 9/17/75 from Legal Counsel to me, it was pointed out that the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary was desirous of having hearings concerning our inquiries into Oswald's visit to the Dallas Office, his leaving a note, and the subsequent destruction of the note. After clearing with the Department, it was approved that I meet with Chairmen Edwards and Rodino of the Subcommittee to orally brief them on the matter to see if that would suffice in lieu of hearings at this time, in view of the fact that the matter is under consideration by the Department as to possible criminal activity.

I met with Messrs. Rodino and Edwards last evening and briefed them in detail concerning the allegation and the results of our inquiries to date, and advised them that the results of our inquiries to date are in the process of being transmitted to the Department and it would appear desirable to have any question of criminal liability, including the presenting of the matter to a grand jury, resolved prior to the initiation of any Congressional hearings on this subject. Chairman Rodino indicated that he felt that any further extensive delay in having some form of public statement on the matter would be damaging to the Bureau because it would possibly give rise to false impressions that there was a coverup taking place. Accordingly, he asked that in transmitting the report to the Department we express his request that the matter be promptly resolved in order to avoid any confrontation over this matter between the Committee and the Department.

We have now received a request from Congresswoman Bella Abzug stating her committee has oversight in this area and desiring testimony from Mr. Kelley and others regarding our inquiries into this matter as well as testimony on the subject of destruction of J. Edgar Hoover's confidential files. Mr. Mintz has this on a "See Me" from the Director and I have advised him of the results of my briefing of Chairmen Rodino and Edwards in order that both matters could be considered at the same time. In any event, it would be necessary to secure Department clearance prior to agreeing to any such testimony in view of the fact that the matter is under consideration by the Department.

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During the briefing last evening, a question was also raised concerning the William S. Walter matter, and I briefed them in detail concerning the facts of that matter. They had apparently been asked to consider hearings on those allegations yet have not indicated what course they intend to pursue. I also discussed the relationship of Ruby with the Bureau wherein he was contacted as a potential criminal informant but never furnished any information of value and, therefore, was never actually an informant of the Bureau, which satisfied their inquiries in that regard. We also discussed the involvement of Ruby in union activities in Chicago and his being involved with two individuals, one of whom killed the other in a dispute. This, likewise, was not new information, both matters having been considered by the Warren Commission.

ACTION:

Information only.

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