

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-10461)

DATE: 2/8/64

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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REQUESTED INTERVIEW OF LONNIE HUDKINS,
REPORTER, HOUSTON POST

At 7:30 PM, 2/7/64, SAC ROBERT RIGHTMYER, Houston, advised that he had been instructed late in the afternoon by Mr. WILLIAM BRANNIGAN of the Bureau to locate and interview LONNIE HUDKINS, specific instructions being made to pin him down as to reported statements or information by HUDKINS to the effect that OSWALD had been paid \$200.00 per month from about September, 1962 as an informant for the FBI and he had symbol number 179. The Bureau wants him pinned down, have him put up, or shut up. They desire to get a signed statement if he is willing to give same.

RIGHTMYER stated that he had checked and found that HUDKINS had supposedly left Houston late in the afternoon or early evening, presumably driving to Dallas, Texas. He said supposedly HUDKINS had a home in Dallas and was listed in the telephone book and could be reached there.

A check of the telephone directory reflects ALONZO H. HUDKINS, III, address 117 Tuscany Way, telephone DA 7-2600. Telephone calls were made to this number up until approximately 11:00 PM and no answer was received.

At approximately 9:00 PM, I talked to Section Chief WILLIAM BRANNIGAN and he stated that the Commission was interested in what HUDKINS had to say; that apparently it was reported that he had alleged that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been an informant of the FBI since September, 1962 and that he was being paid \$200.00 per month under symbol number 179. They wanted him very thoroughly interviewed, with particular reference to this statement. At the time of the interview, he should also be questioned concerning his article appearing in the Houston Post on Jan. 1, 1964.

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Beginning at approximately 7:15 AM, 2/8/64, I called telephone number DA 7-2600 and received no answer. SA DRAIN and SA WOOD proceeded to the area and found that there was no one in the house and that there was a For Sale sign on the property. The neighbors advised that they had moved to Houston quite some time ago.

I called the real estate concern, who referred me to Mrs. BYRON, the wife of one of the partners in the real estate concern, telephone EV 8-1867. Mrs. BYRON advised me that when they did come from Houston up there, HUDKINS and his wife usually stayed, as far as she knew, at the house, since it had not been sold, but that she has heard nothing regarding their being here this weekend.

SAC RIGHTMYER was advised at approximately 7:30 AM, 2/8/64 that they had apparently not arrived here. He checked - again, and had Agents go out there, and neighbors in Houston said they definitely left last night and were apparently planning on going to Dallas.