

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. W. A. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
 - 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 - 1 - Mr. Rosen
- DATE: 5-21-65

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan

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The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend interview with Mr. Penn Jones, Jr., editor of the "Midlothian Mirror," a weekly newspaper published in Midlothian, Texas, a community located approximately 24 miles from Dallas, Texas.

Mr. John Russell Freeman, owner and editor of the "Farmer and Miner," a weekly newspaper in Frederick, Colorado, informed Denver Office on 5-17-65 that Penn Jones, Jr., has been conducting thorough investigation of the assassination and has a theory that Oswald was paid large sum of money to assassinate President Kennedy by two brothers from Texas who are very high up in the Government of the U.S. Jones informed Freeman that one of these brothers has been closely associated with President Johnson for several years and is at present a "right-hand man" of President Johnson's in the White House. Jones told Freeman the other brother is a disreputable drunk who holds a high position in the Post Office Department.

According to Freeman, Jones informed him that he (Jones) has discussed this matter with Theodore Sorenson, formerly of President Kennedy's White House staff, and has also discussed it with former Attorney General Robert Kennedy and Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach. Jones told Freeman that Mr. Katzenbach informed him that this was just a theory and facts were needed to support it.

This is the first information Bureau has received concerning this allegation. Neither Jones nor Freeman volunteered this information to the FBI or to the President's Commission during the investigation of the assassination. The Department has furnished considerable information to the Bureau that was volunteered to it concerning Oswald and the assassination. However, we have received nothing from the Department concerning this allegation and it appears quite probable Jones has never passed this information to the Department as alleged by Freeman.

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Because of the seriousness of the allegation involved,
desirable we contact Mr. Jones and get any information he possesses
first hand.

A check of Bureau files disclosed we conducted investi-
gation of Penn Jones in 1953, based upon an allegation that a
representative of the Communist Party from New York City had been
in contact with Jones during the Summer of 1945. Our inquiries
disclosed this allegation had no basis in fact. Our files also
disclose that on 4-30-62 an unknown individual threw an incendiary
device into the offices of Jones' newspaper, the "Midlothian Mirror."
No arrests were made at that time, although it was suspected that
a member of an anticommunist group may have been behind this act.

ACTION:

Attached is an airtel to the Dallas Office instructing
immediate interview of Jones in this matter.

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FOR INFO BUREAU, JOHN RUSSELL FREEMAN, FREDERICK, COLORADO., PERSONALLY CONTACTED DENVER OFFICE TODAY TO ADVISE THAT PENN JONES, JR. HAD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM TODAY AND STATED HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY DALLAS FBI AGENTS TODAY. FREEMAN STATED JONES WAS VERY ANGRY WITH HIM FOR FURNISHING INFORMATION TO THE FBI AND INDICATED HE DID NOT DIVULGE THE NAMES OF THE TWO HIGH GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS AND APPARENTLY DENIED MUCH OF THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY FREEMAN. FREEMAN STATED FURTHER THAT JONES INFORMED HIM THAT DALLAS AGENTS HANDED HIM A THREE PAGE SINGLE SPACED FBI REPORT CONTAINING FREEMAN-S COMMENTS.

FREEMAN ADDED THAT HE MAY AT SOME TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE FURNISH THE IDENTITIES OF THE TWO HIGH GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO THE FBI.

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TO DIRECTOR 105-82,555

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RE DENVER TEL. TO BUREAU AND DALLAS, MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

PENN JONES, JR., MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS, INTERVIEWED BY DALLAS AGENTS MAY TWENTYEIGHT. DENIED MENTIONING ANY THEORY TO FREEMAN THAT LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID TO OSWALD BY ANYONE.

ALSO DENIED NAMING TWO BROTHERS FROM TEXAS WHO PAID MONEY TO OSWALD. STATES FREEMAN'S STORY FABRICATION.

INTERVIEWING AGENTS DEFINITELY DID NOT PERMIT JONES TO READ ANY DOCUMENT. AGENTS DID DISCUSS INFO. IN DETAIL FURNISHED BY FREEMAN AND ATTRIBUTED TO JONES, AND OBTAINED JONES'S REPLY TO EACH STATEMENT.

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