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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109090)  
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (62-3588) (C)  
 RE THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
 ON THE ASSASSINATION OF  
 PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 6/1/65 captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka., IS - R - CUBA", enclosing an LHM concerning information furnished by PENN JONES, JR., on 5/28/66.

Enclosed are 10 copies of an LHM concerning PENN JONES, JR., Editor "Midlothian Mirror", Midlothian, Texas, who appeared on KRLD Radio program in Dallas, Texas, called "Comment" on 8/4/66.

For the information of the Bureau, referenced airtel pointed out that PENN JONES, JR., was the subject of Dallas file 100-9057 (Bufile 100-395874). JONES apparently was the subject of ill-founded and malicious rumors accusing him of being a communist sympathizer. JONES was primarily involved as the victim in Dallas file 157-187 entitled "UNSUB; Incendiary Device Thrown Into 'Midlothian Mirror', Midlothian, Texas, 4/20/62."

The information from JAMES HUGHES contained in the enclosed LHM was received by SA GERALD LEWIS GEARY. The review of the tapes of the program "Comment" was by SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING. The tapes were made available for review by EDDIE BARKER, News Director, KRLD Radio and TV, Dallas, Texas. It appears obvious that PENN JONES, JR., was grasping an opportunity to publicize the fact that Volume 1 of his book was now available for sale. Numerous persons who called him while on the program and asked questions were given the answer "I don't know."

The above is furnished the Bureau for its information and no investigation, or other inquiry, is being made by this office, UACB.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dallas, Texas  
August 9, 1966

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ON THE ASSASSINATION OF  
PRESIDENT KENNEDY

On August 4, 1966, Penn Jones, Jr., Editor "Midlothian Mirror", Midlothian, Texas, appeared on KRLD Radio, Dallas, Texas, on the program called "Comment" at which time he discussed Volume 1 of his book "Forgive My Grief", which he called "a critical review of the Warren Commission on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy."

On August 5, 1966, Mr. James Hughes, Westchester House, 554 South Summit, Apartment 325, Fort Worth, Texas, telephone EDison 2-4275, who identified himself as an author and former newspaper writer, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that he had heard the program "Comment" on KRLD Radio, Dallas, Texas, on August 4, 1966. He stated that during this program certain comments were made by the guest speaker (Penn Jones, Jr.) and by an individual who had talked by telephone to the guest speaker during the program, which were slanderous to President Johnson and to a specific Special Agent of the FBI, and the Department of Justice.

Hughes refused to mention any names of individuals involved but stated he thought the FBI would be interested in the comments made on this program.

On August 8, 1966, the tapes of the program "Comment" on KRLD Radio, Dallas, Texas, of August 4, 1966, were reviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI.

Penn Jones, Jr., identified himself as editor of the "Midlothian Mirror", Midlothian, Texas, and was interviewed by commentators Jim Underwood and Wes Wise of KRLD Radio. Jones indicated he had completed Volume 1 of his book "Forgive My Grief", and that he was contemplating writing additional volumes. During this program, listeners were permitted to telephonically contact KRLD Radio to ask questions of Mr. Jones. During the program, a caller, unidentified, mentioned Special Agent James P. Hosty of the FBI and discussed the controversial remarks

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Re: The President's Commission  
on the Assassination of  
President Kennedy

attributed to Special Agent Hosty and Lieutenant Jack Revill of the Dallas Police Department.

Another caller questioned Jones as to whether he had checked into the allegation that the now President Lyndon B. Johnson had in his pocket, immediately after the assassination, the oath of office which he made available to U. S. District Court Judge Sarah Hughes for purposes of her swearing him in as President. Jones commented that he would endeavor to look into this particular point during his future endeavors with respect to additional volumes which he planned to write.

Jones mentioned that there were several other books which had been written concerning the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and specifically mentioned the book "Unanswered Questions" by Sylvan Fox, and the book "Whitewash" by Harold Weisberg. He spoke most favorably of the book "Whitewash". He stated that a book by Mark Lane had been written and was soon to be released.

Penn Jones also mentioned that a Sylvia Marr has compiled an index on the testimony and exhibits contained in the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy Report and Hearings before that commission which index has been printed by the Scarecrow Press of New York City, and remarked that this is an excellent index for reference purposes.

At the completion of the program, Mr. Jones was requested to again appear on this program in the event he ascertained information which he felt was of importance concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
MISCELLANEOUS -  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: August 17, 1966

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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PURPOSE:

To advise Penn Jones, Jr., editor, "Midlothian Mirror," Midlothian, Texas, appeared on KRLD Radio, Dallas, 8/4/66. He discussed his book, "Forgive My Grief," which was termed a critical review of the Warren Commission. Comments made by Jones were considered slanderous to the President. Attached letterhead memorandum is being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service and the Department. No further action required.

BACKGROUND:

Jones is the editor of the, "Midlothian Mirror," a weekly newspaper published in Midlothian, Texas, a community located approximately 24 miles from Dallas, Texas.

On 8/4/66, Jones appeared on Dallas Radio Station KRLD on the program entitled, "Comment," and discussed Volume I of his book, "Forgive My Grief," which was termed a critical review of the Warren Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy. A complaint was received at our Dallas Office from a listener of this program who considered remarks made by Jones as slanderous towards the President and to a Special Agent of the FBI.

The tapes of this program were obtained. Jones said he had completed Volume I of his book and was contemplating writing additional volumes. During the program, listeners were permitted to telephonically contact the radio station and ask questions of Jones. A caller questioned Jones as to whether he had checked the allegation that President Johnson had in his pocket, immediately after the assassination, the oath of office which the President made available to U.S. District Court Judge Sarah Hughes for the purpose of her swearing him in as the President. Jones commented he would look into this particular point during his future endeavors with respect to additional volumes he planned to write. Another unidentified caller discussed controversial remarks which were attributed to

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

SA James P. Hosty and Lieutenant Jack Revill of the Dallas Police Department. It concerns the alleged comment made by SA Hosty that Oswald was, "capable of committing this assassination." This was unequivocally denied by SA Hosty by affidavit and in his testimony before the President's Commission. This information appears on page 441 of the Warren Commission Report and is a matter of public record.

PENN JONES, JR.:

Our files show an investigation was conducted of Jones in 1953 based on an allegation that a representative of the Communist Party from New York City had contacted Jones during the Summer of 1945. Our inquiries determined the allegation had no basis in fact. Our files revealed on 4/30/62 an unknown individual threw an incendiary device into the offices of Jones' newspaper, however, no arrest was made although it was suspected a member of an anticommunist group may have been behind this act.

During May, 1965, Mr. John Russell Freeman, owner and editor of the, "Farmer and Miner," a weekly newspaper in Frederick, Colorado, alleged Jones had been conducting an investigation of the assassination. He had a theory Lee Harvey Oswald was paid a large sum of money by two brothers from Texas closely associated with President Johnson to assassinate President Kennedy. Freeman alleged Jones had discussed this matter with Theodore Sorenson, former Attorney General Robert Kennedy and Attorney General Katzenbach.

On May 28, 1965, Jones was thoroughly interviewed and denied he ever had such a theory and did not discuss any theory regarding the assassination with the previously-mentioned Government officials. He did visit Washington, D. C., in the Spring of 1964 and met Mr. Sorenson, Mr. Robert Kennedy and Mr. Katzenbach and had them autograph books, and at that time expressed his sorrow for the assassination. This information was disseminated to U. S. Secret Service and the Department.

Since it appears that Jones' appearance on radio station KRLD was for the purpose of publicizing his book, no further action is required.

ACTION:

The attached letterhead memorandum concerning comments made by Jones is being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service and the Department.

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