

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

18 JAN 1977

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTENTION : Intelligence Division
FROM : Robert W. Gambino
Director of Security
SUBJECT : Colby/Luce Telephone Conversations
Regarding Kennedy Assassination Information

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1. Attached herewith [redacted] two telephone conversations between former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William E. Colby and Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce and one [redacted] conversation between Mr. Colby and Mr. Justin McCarthy. These conversations took place in October 1975. The [redacted] information concerning the activities of Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. According to Mrs. Luce, the source of this information is a former Cuban refugee who was the captain of a boat engaged in anti-Castro activities. Mrs. Luce was concerned with the fact that even though her informant had told her that the information had been passed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), no mention of it appears in the Warren Commission Report.

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2. Also attached are a blind memorandum [redacted] and a news article dated 16 November 1975 which reflects that some of this information was brought to the attention of Senator Richard Schweiker while he was chairman of a Senate subcommittee investigating the Warren Commission Report.

3. This material is being passed for your information and any investigation you deem appropriate.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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DATE 1-26-88
Per CIA letter 9/23/88

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 2/1/77

FROM : J. S. Peelman

- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Peelman
- 1 - Mr. Giaquinto

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

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PURPOSE: To advise that the information set forth in the attached Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) letter to the Director dated 1/18/77, regarding Claire Booth Luce and the "Citizens For a Free Cuba Committee" had been investigated, reported and provided to the Warren Commission. Additionally, the matter regarding Claire Booth Luce, Et Al, had been the subject of a Senstudy request dated 4/30/76. All materials relative to the request were provided by a letter to the Attorney General dated 5/13/76, (copy attached).

RECOMMENDATION: In view of the above, it is recommended that no further action need be taken regarding the information provided by the CIA.

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DATE 1/26/89 BY SP6 [redacted]

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Per CIA letter 9/23/81

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DETAILS: The CIA by a letter to the Director dated 1/18/77, [redacted] two telephone conversations between former CIA Director William E. Colby and Mrs. Claire Booth Luce, and [redacted] a conversation between Colby and a Mr. Justin McCarthy an Anti-Castro Cuban. The conversations took place in October, 1975, and concern the activities of Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The CIA noted in their letter that [redacted] passed for our information and any investigation deemed appropriate.

Enclosures - *detached*

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While the information concerning Claire Booth Luce's allegation has previously been furnished the Rockefeller Commission and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (Church Committee), the information as furnished by CIA is more detailed and it would appear we should furnish the attached CIA information to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the successor to the Church Committee. Since this information will be placed in the file relating to our investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the House Select Committee on Assassinations will have access to it and, therefore, it is not necessary to furnish same to that Committee.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
Re: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

It is noted that the attached CIA material makes reference to the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald, while in New Orleans, made contact with both Anti-Castro Cubans and pro-Castro Cubans. Additional CIA material makes reference to Oswald's travels to Mexico City prior to the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

This information was fully investigated by our New Orleans and Dallas Divisions as well as the Legat, Mexico City and our reports were furnished to the Warren Commission. Subsequent to several interviews in 1963 by our New Orleans Office, Carlos Bringuier, a leader of the Cuban Student Directorate, an Anti-Castro group, appeared before the Warren Commission. He provided information relative to his group's contact with Lee Harvey Oswald during the summer of 1963. He advised that his group had compiled information about Oswald including transcripts of conversations with Oswald. These transcripts as well as other material was turned over to the U. S. Secret Service by Bringuier's group the day after the assassination. He also provided the Warren Commission with information regarding Cuban Agents and terrorist training camps which operated in the New Orleans area at the time.

On 4/30/76, the U. S. Senate Select Committee to study Government operations with respect to Intelligence activities requested all material relative to Claire Booth Luce and the "Citizens For a Free Cuba Committee."

The request was researched and subsequently transmitted to the Senate Select Committee by a letter to the Attorney General dated 5/13/76.

A review of appropriate FBI reports (Bufile 105-82555 Serials 454 and 455), as well as a review of Bringuier's testimony before the Warren Commission indicates that all the information provided by the CIA had been fully investigated, reported and subsequently made available to the Warren Commission.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 2/10/77

FROM : J. S. Peelman

- 1 - Mr. Held
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Peelman
- 1 - Mr. Lawn
- 1 - Mr. Mintz

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
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11/22/63
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PURPOSE: To furnish the recommendations of the General Investigative Division (GID) relative to the request of Legal Counsel Division that the Senate Select Committee On Intelligence be furnished with recently received information which relates to a Senstudy Request previously acknowledged in May, 1976. The recent information was received from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and contained allegations of Clare Booth Luce, all of which was previously investigated with the results furnished to the Warren Commission, the Rockefeller Commission, and to the Senate Select Committee On Intelligence Activities, the predecessor of the Church Select Committee On Intelligence.

SYNOPSIS: In January, 1977, CIA provided 1975 telephone conversations between former CIA Director Colby and Mrs. Luce and Mr. McCarthy, which detailed Luce's allegations pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald and the "Citizens For A Free Cuba Committee" and their relationship with the assassination of John F. Kennedy. File reviews conducted based upon the receipt of this CIA information reveal that all the allegations were investigated and reports furnished to the Warren Commission, Rockefeller Committee, and to the Church Committee in 1976 based upon a Senstudy Request. Memorandum setting forth results of file reviews was prepared by GID (attached) with addendum added by Legal Counsel Division which recommends that the information recently received be furnished to the Senate Select Committee On Intelligence, the successor to the Church Committee. GID does not concur.

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Peelman to Mr. Gallagher Memorandum
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

RECOMMENDATION OF GID: That no action be taken to furnish to the Senate Select Committee On Intelligence the additional information received, which information had been previously investigated and disseminated.

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DETAILS: As set out in Peelman to Mr. Gallagher memorandum dated 2/1/77, captioned as above (attached with enclosures), CIA furnished [redacted] three telephone conversations which contained information relating to Lee Harvey Oswald, the "Citizens For A Free Cuba Committee" and their relation to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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Addendum to this attached memorandum prepared by the Legal Counsel Division, dated 2/8/77, recommended that this recently received information be disseminated to the Senate Select Committee On Intelligence, the successor to the Senate Select Committee On Intelligence Activities (Church Committee).

The GID does not concur with the recommendation of Legal Counsel Division for the following reasons:
(1) While the information recently received from CIA details the allegations of Luce, these allegations all have been investigated and disseminated previously; (2) The information recently received from the CIA constitutes Third Agency material which was referred to the FBI ". . . for your information and any investigation you deem appropriate" but not for releasing; (3) This bureau has responded to approximately 250 Senstudy Requests and should not establish a precedent of updating previously acknowledged requests on receipt by the FBI of information subsequent to granting access or delivery based upon a given committee request.

GID believes no additional dissemination is necessary pertaining to this material.

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[REDACTED], Legislative Counsel for the CIA, advised SA Paul V. Daly, Office of Congressional Affairs, Legal Counsel Division, on 2/16/77, that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has been furnished a copy of the attached material. In view of this, it is not necessary to take further action concerning this matter.

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