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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-31-64

FROM : M. A. Jones ✓

SUBJECT: WILLIAM MANCHESTER
AUTHOR OF BOOK REGARDING
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

BACKGROUND:

Your memorandum to Mr. Mohr, 3-30-64, noted Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy had invited captioned individual to do a book concerning the six days surrounding the assassination which would be published in 1968. Ed Guthman of the Department told you that Manchester and Mrs. Kennedy were anxious that the Director meet Manchester and briefly tell him of the information the Director received from Dallas concerning the fact that the President had been shot and about the Director's immediate notification of the Attorney General. Guthman said that no questions would be asked concerning the FBI investigation of the assassination.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA RE/ MANCHESTER: - Summary

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According to the publication, "Contemporary Authors," Manchester was born on 4-1-22 in Attleboro, Massachusetts. He was married in 1948 and, as of 1962, had two children. He received an A.B. degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1946 and an A.M. degree from the University of Missouri in 1947. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945 and attained the rank of sergeant. From 1945 to 1946, he was a reporter for "The Daily Oklahoman"; from 1947 to 1954, a reporter and foreign correspondent for "The Baltimore Sun"; and since 1955, he has been Managing Editor of the Wesleyan University Press, Middletown, Connecticut. Since 1951, he has had several books published, both fiction and nonfiction, including "Portrait of a President," the well-known, best-selling profile of President Kennedy. He has also been a contributor to numerous national magazines including, "Harper's," "The Reporter," "Saturday Review," "Holiday," "The Nation," "Esquire" and "The Saturday Evening Post."

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach
RE: WILLIAM MANCHESTER

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles reflect that we have had considerable cordial correspondence with Manchester since 1955. On 7-27-55, Manchester wrote a letter to the Director which began, "Since last we met in Maryland I have left the staff of the Baltimore Sun and joined American Education Publications, publishers of weekly newspapers for high school students." Manchester requested that the Director prepare an article on youthful criminality. Our files contained ^{no} references to Manchester's alleged meeting with the Director, nor did we have any information identifiable with him. Consequently, a field check was requested which reflected that Manchester was a writer of excellent reputation who was employed as Assistant Managing Editor of American Education Publications, a subsidiary of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. He was subsequently furnished the requested article which was published in three of his nationally distributed high school papers. (94-48768)

Pursuant to the request of Manchester, in 1958 the Director furnished written answers to a list of questions submitted by the members of the staffs of Manchester's school papers. These questions concerned youthful criminality, communism and other phases of the Bureau's work. The material was to be published in three school papers distributed by Manchester's organization. Later in that same year, the Director's biography was included in a book of biographies prepared for classroom use by Manchester's firm and Manchester sent a copy of it to the Director. (94-1-17192)

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Director's information. ✓

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