

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC DALLAS (89-43)

DATE: 6/29/64

FROM : ASAC KYLE G. CLARK

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Assistant Chief CHARLES BATCHELOR, Dallas Police Department, telephonically advised this date that one of his Lieutenants was in receipt of a letter from one WILLIAM MANCHESTER, Suite B11, National Archives, Washington, D. C. BATCHELOR read the letter and in substance MANCHESTER was requesting a telephone number from the Lieutenant so that he could get in telephonic contact with the Lieutenant and make arrangements for an August meeting. MANCHESTER related that he had been commissioned by Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY to make a detailed study and write a book concerning the assassination and all facets surrounding it. Enclosed was a notice written on Department of Justice letterhead stating that MANCHESTER had been commissioned to write such a book.

Assistant Chief BATCHELOR requested information concerning MANCHESTER and if he has been commissioned by the KENNEDYS. BATCHELOR stated a copy of this correspondence would be made available.

During telephonic contact with the Seat of Government, Supervisor GEORGE SCATTERDAY advised that from his recollection such an arrangement had been made.

Supervisor SCATTERDAY was advised that a copy of the correspondence would be obtained and furnished to the Bureau requesting background information and authenticity of MANCHESTER.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 3-28-67

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT"
BY WILLIAM MANCHESTER

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By memorandum dated March 24, 1967; the captioned book was reviewed in which it was pointed out that, among other things, Manchester had charged that immediately after President Kennedy's assassination the FBI had assigned fifty agents to a crash investigation, wrote a "skimpy report," and then "leaked the report to a news magazine." Relative to the "leak," Mr. Tolson has asked, "What about this?"

A review of our files reflects that the Bureau's first report was completed on December 9, 1963. Through Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach, copies were sent to members of the Warren Commission, the Department of Justice and the Secret Service. In a memorandum from Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Mohr on that date it was pointed out that the Bureau told Mr. Katzenbach that it was "charging him with the safety and handling of these reports inasmuch as we have discharged our duties, other than the continuing investigation."

Manchester, in making his leak charge, is manufacturing a falsehood. This is consistent with the other snide and inaccurate remarks in his book about the FBI. The FBI did not leak the results of its investigation and did everything it could to maintain the security of its reports. Of course, the press was full of all kinds of speculation as to what the FBI was or was not finding in its investigation. Manchester offers no proof of his allegation which is just a wild statement on his part.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick

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