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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38103

March 12, 1976

Mr. William R. Morris  
W. R. Morris Enterprises  
Post Office Box 81  
Loretto, Tennessee 38469

Dear Mr. Morris:

In reply to your letter of March 8, 1976, which I received yesterday:

If you now have, or in the future come into possession of, evidence indicating a violation of the federal criminal law in the Western District of Tennessee, it is, and would be your duty to promptly make that evidence available to this office and to the agency responsible for investigating the particular violation of law which that evidence indicates was violated and I assure you that we would welcome receipt of such evidence and that it will be promptly evaluated, correlated with any other evidence we have, or can get, on the subject, and the indictments justified by all the available evidence will be sought. (If the time were ever to come when I could not give such assurances, the Western District of Tennessee will have someone else as its United States Attorney.)

The offenses suggested in your letter, as you doubtless know, fall under the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and it has an office in the Federal Buildings at Jackson and Memphis.

Let me have the particulars of the evidence referred to in your letter.

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Sincerely,

*Thomas F. Turley, Jr.*  
Thomas F. Turley, Jr.  
United States Attorney

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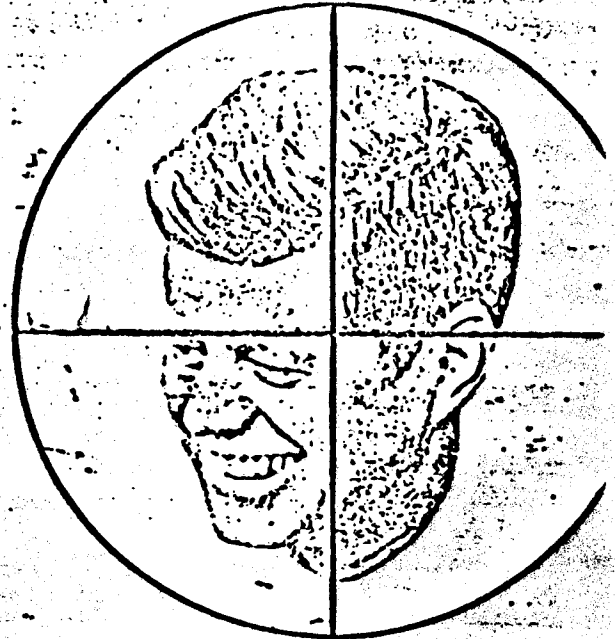
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Executive Office For United States Attorneys

Section 186

# The MEN BEHIND THE GUNS

By W. R. Morris

**U.S. Congressman  
And Former  
Army General Ramrodded  
John Kennedy Murder!**



**"In The Southwest Part Of The United States,  
Was A Federal Spy, Oswald By Name, Doing  
The Same Job As L"**  
**Harry Dean, Former FBI-CIA Agent**

*See Rosen memo to DeLoach 11/29/66  
"allegation that James Earl Ray  
places index on base of Lee Harvey Oswald"  
Subject: James Earl Ray FBI # 456789  
62-109068*

**Real JFK Killers  
Named For First Time!**

**The Interview That  
Was Too Explosive  
For Tom Snyder Of The  
NBC "Tomorrow"  
Show To Air!**

**Former Undercover Agent Reveals All The Facts  
About The Kennedy Assassination!**



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## About the Author—W. R. Morris



W. R. Morris

W. R. Morris has been investigating the John F. Kennedy murder for a decade. He has interviewed more than 1,000 persons in connection with Kennedy's death probe.

Morris has a contract with Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, Lee Harvey Oswald's mother, to write a book. He is presently working on a full length book regarding Oswald's role in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Morris is the author of "THE TWELFTH OF AUGUST", a biography of Buford Pusser, the real-life "WALKING TALL" movie hero.

He has been in contact for a long time with two former agents of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. One of the ex-agents, Harry Dean of California, has agreed to permit Morris to use his name. Both agents provided Morris with first-hand information about the plot to kill Kennedy.

Morris has traveled all over the United States gathering facts about the John Kennedy murder. He spent several weeks in New Orleans with former District Attorney Jim Garrison. It was Garrison who first announced that he had evidence which pointed to a conspiracy in the killing of Kennedy.

Morris has had his life threatened various times. He has received several telephone calls advising him to stop "meddling" in the Kennedy case.

Only recently, a stranger walked into Morris' office near Loretto, Tennessee, and asked the secretary if the author was in. When the secretary said he was out of town, the man handed her a copy of a national publication which had a photograph of Morris in it, then walked out of the office. In black ink, a cross-hair of a rifle scope had been drawn across Morris' picture.

Later, Morris was threatened by Eugene Hale Brading, a man he has named publicly as being involved in the Kennedy assassination.

Morris and former agent Dean were flown to New York and interviewed by Tom Snyder of NBC's "Tomorrow" Show. However, the program was so explosive that NBC officials were afraid to air it.

W. R. Morris was born in Reagan, Tennessee, a small community in Henderson County. He spent most of his adult years as a newspaper reporter.

He is an outdoors man, and when he is not writing, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

Morris now makes his home in Loretto, Tenn.

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- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
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- 1 - Mr. Nettles
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5/10/76

To: SACs, Memphis (Enclosures - 2)  
 Dallas (Enclosures - 2) (For information)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

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

Enclosed for Memphis is a Xerox copy of the book "The Men Behind the Guns" and a letter from United States Attorney Thomas F. Turley, Jr. One copy of each communication also enclosed for information of Dallas.

The enclosed book was furnished to FBIHQ by Mr. James Robinson, General Crimes-Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, who received it from Mr. William P. Tyson, Jr., Executive Office for United States Attorneys. Robinson also furnished the copy of the letter from United States Attorney Turley, Western District of Tennessee, to Mr. William R. Morris, Post Office Box 81, Loretto, Tennessee, dated 3/12/76. FBIHQ is not aware of the contents of Mr. Morris' letter of 3/8/76 to which Mr. Turley directs his reply.

The book "The Men Behind the Guns" has been reviewed at FBIHQ. It is a magazine-like publication available for \$2 from W. R. Morris Enterprises, Post Office Box 81, Loretto, Tennessee 38469. It contains some 14 short articles and several pages of previously published photographs. Morris attributes such of his information to "two former agents of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. One of the

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Airtel to SACs, Memphis  
Dallas

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Ex-agent, Harry Dean of California, has agreed to permit Morris to use his name." Both Agents allegedly provided Morris with firsthand information about the plot to kill President Kennedy. Morris alleges that former Congressman John Rousselot of California and former Army General Edwin A. Walker of Dallas organized the assassination and convinced members of the John Birch Society to help finance the plot. Morris further alleges that evidence has been found which substantiates the fact that there were at least four assassins and possibly more. He names Loran Eugene Hall and Eladio del Valle as members of the sniper team who killed the President. According to Morris, Oswald was an Agent for the CIA and FBI and was framed in the assassination by Rousselot, Walker and the other conspirators.

Bureau files reflect a great deal of correspondence with Harry J. Dean who in the early 1960s furnished information to the Chicago Office concerning the FARA Play for Cuba Committee. He was never an informant and was never encouraged in his activities. After he gratuitously furnished information, a background check was made at which time it was determined he was a former mental patient with a criminal record. He was told in 1961 his assistance was not desired. The Los Angeles Office, since November, 1963, has periodically found it necessary to contact Dean and request that he desist from making claims concerning past relationships with the Bureau.

Memphis should contact United States Attorney Thomas P. Turley, Jr., and determine the content of Morris' original letter to him and the nature of the evidence alleged to be in the possession of Morris. Advise FBIHQ and Dallas of results.

Airtel to SACs, Memphis  
Dallas

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

NOTE: Mr. James Robinson, General Crimes Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, referred a copy of a book "The Men Behind the Guns" to FBIHQ for information and appropriate action. Also enclosed was a letter from United States Attorney Thomas F. Turley, Jr., Western District of Tennessee, to Mr. William R. Morris of Loretto, Tennessee, author of the enclosed book. Indices show no references identifiable with Morris. Harry Dean is well known as set out in this communication. He was also previously identified as the person who had flowers placed on Oswald's grave on 11/24/66. This communication instructs Memphis to contact United States Attorney Turley to determine the nature of any evidence Morris alleges to be in his possession pertinent to this case.