

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 9-22-64

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

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Declassify on: OADR
Per State letter 2-21-84 FBI

Warren Commission

5-18-64

This discusses Commission request on 9-22-64 that we declassify a "Secret" 181-page summary memorandum dated 5-18-64 prepared in this case by our Legal Attache, Mexico City, and proposes because of possible international repercussions that we take this matter up with the Department of State.

At 1:05 p.m., 9-22-64, Mr. Malley received request from the office of W. David Slawson, staff member of the President's Commission, that we declassify our 181-page summary memorandum prepared in this case 5-18-64 by our Legal Attache, Mexico City. This memorandum which contains an elaborate Table of Contents and Index summarizes all of our investigation in Mexico through early May, 1964. In preparing the summary, Legal Attache classified it "Secret" in order to protect

and, in addition, to protect highly sensitive security informants who provided some of the data in the document. Some of these informants are [redacted] All of the sources who provided information as set forth in the summary are protected therein by 31 informant symbols.

Much of the investigation reported in the summary was conducted by [redacted]

Due to the importance of this investigation [redacted]

Legal Attache has advised us, however, that the Mexicans are insistent that [redacted]

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connection, when Mr. Slawson of the Commission staff and two other staff members were in Mexico in April they

[REDACTED]

Accordingly, the Commission members did not take depositions in Mexico. (S)

OBSERVATIONS:

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STATE

The action of the Commission at this time in requesting the Bureau to declassify its summary of investigation in Mexico may

(S) [REDACTED]

could result in serious diplomatic repercussions between this country and Mexico.

RECOMMENDATION:

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In view of the possible consequences, it is recommended that the matter of the declassification [REDACTED] be taken up with the Department of State. Attached for approval is a letter to State enclosing a copy of the summary in question.

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This is the reason we should consult State Dept & the decision is up to State. Suggest Supervisor Bartlett deliver to State & get an immediate answer.

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answer

OK ✓

Letter with encl. delivered to State 9/24/64. H3/Kills, State orally answers 9/26/64 Confirmed in writing 9/30/64

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
WASHINGTON

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DECLASSIFIED BY 9803 [redacted]

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September 29, 1964

ON 4-29-92
FOR STATE LETTER dtd 2-21-84

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable.
John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice.

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no liaison
CJH

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SUBJECT : LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

I refer to your memorandum on the above subject dated September 23 and bearing the file number (S) 105-82555. The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy asked that you declassify a memorandum of May 18, 1964, prepared by your Legal Attache in Mexico City on the Oswald case, to enable its inclusion in that portion of the Commission's report which will be released to the public. The Department's position on the desirability of your acceding to this request was telephoned on September 26 by H. Bartlett Wells of INR/DDC to Mr. John F. Wacks, who was then acting as duty officer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This memorandum will serve to confirm that conversation.

Mr. Wells said that the State Department considered that declassification of the May 18 report, in the manner and for the purposes described, would not be likely to cause subsequent harmful repercussions between the Governments of the United States and Mexico.

Thus if the Federal Bureau of Investigation sees fit to accede to the Commission's request of September 22, 1964, the Department of State will have no objection.

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