

To Guin Shea from Harold Weisberg, JFK assassination records appeals, RA 6/22/79  
appeal; Privacy claims vs public personality, etc.; FBI incon-  
sistencies and arbitrariness and capriciousness.

The matter described in 62-# 109060-5113 has been public for more than a decade,  
including the withheld name of James Phelan.

Phelan was much more of a public personality in the subject matter of this and  
other attached records<sup>than I.</sup> He wound up acting as a Shaw investigator and as an anti-  
Garrison publicist. His single Saturday Evening Post article reached more readers than  
all my books combined over all the years since the first appeared. The Saturday Evening  
Post got him more TV attention than I received from all my books on TV. Yet the FBI  
asserts a privacy or only source (which would have been false) claim for him and at the  
same time denies me my rights under RA and makes all kinds of false and defamatory  
records of its own fabrication available about me.

It does not carry consistency to a vice. It is arbitrary and capricious, misusing  
the Act for its wrongful political purposes.

The need to protect Phelan as a source was for a matter of days only, until his  
article appeared. From then on it was impossible.

(While it is inaxterior I happen to have agreed with him about Bunker, as my relevant  
book makes clear. Or the other way around, he agreed with me.)

Please note the selective basis on which the FBI informed the AG (Supervisor  
"enihan's marginal note.) The FBI controlled what the AG would know and limited it to  
one side. This is carried farther in Serial 5092, with other high Department officials  
favored with one-sided information only. And with the name again withheld from the  
records provided.

NEE In informing the Dallas and New Orleans field offices (5060) PHINQ did not dis-  
close that Phelan had gone to the propaganda arm of the FBI. The unnamed Bureau official  
was De Loach's supervisor H.F. Leinbough. In this proceeding Phelan's name is not withheld  
and the fact of publication of the information on 4/24/67 is made clear. Those reading  
this record in the FOIA Unit knew this. (But it all depends on whether one writes what  
the FBI likes or dislikes.)

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 18, 1967

FROM : R. E. Wick

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
B. DeLoach  
R. E. Wick  
Perry Russo

Reference is made to my memorandum of April 3, 1967 which pointed out that [redacted] writer, had been in touch with Garrison and received background material from him. At that time, [redacted] furnished Leinbaugh in my office a copy of a 6 1/2-page statement which Garrison's investigators had received from Perry Russo. [redacted] has now forwarded Leinbaugh a transcript of an interview with Perry Russo which took place at Mercy Hospital in New Orleans on February 27, 1967.

Dr. Nicholas Chetta of the New Orleans Parish Coroner's Office administered sodium pentothal to Russo. This document consists of a 3-page cover memorandum prepared by Andrew J. Sciambra and a 13-pages of questions and answers.

In the cover memorandum, reference is made to "Leon" and to "Oswald." Russo claims to have seen Leon in Ferrie's apartment cleaning a rifle with a telescopic site. Russo also said Leon had been Ferrie's roommate and said Leon had a bushy beard and that he was extremely dirty. Russo also said that after a beard had been added to a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald that this individual was very similar to Ferrie's roommate in appearance.

With reference to Ferrie, Russo allegedly said that in September and October, 1963, Ferrie "became obsessed with the idea that he could pull off a perfect assassination."

It is interesting to note that throughout the question and answer sessions the bulk of the questions directed at Russo were leading in nature and obviously the interrogator was trying to plant suggestions with Russo. Several questions were directed to Russo regarding one Brett Wall and on page 10 Russo is asked if he knew whether Leon Oswald was married. Russo said that Oswald was married and his wife's name was Margaret.

- Enclosure
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| 1 - Mr. DeLoach  | 1 - Mr. Rosen   |
| 1 - Mr. Sullivan | 1 - Mr. Jones   |
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copy sent with memo 4/21/67 REL: [redacted]

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Wick to DeLoach Memo  
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY...

In connection with this material which he obtained from Garrison, [redacted] again pointed out that his identity as the source of this material should be fully protected; however, he had no objections to having this data furnished to the Attorney General or the President on a confidential basis.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum and attachment be furnished to the Domestic Intelligence Division for evaluation and necessary dissemination.

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