

# Memorandum

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TO : Cartha D. DeLoach  
 Assistant to the Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Cliff Sessions  
 Director of Public Information

DATE: April 11 1967

SUBJECT:

Could you send me, within a day or two, a draft of a reply to the enclosed letter or a memorandum suggesting material for the reply?

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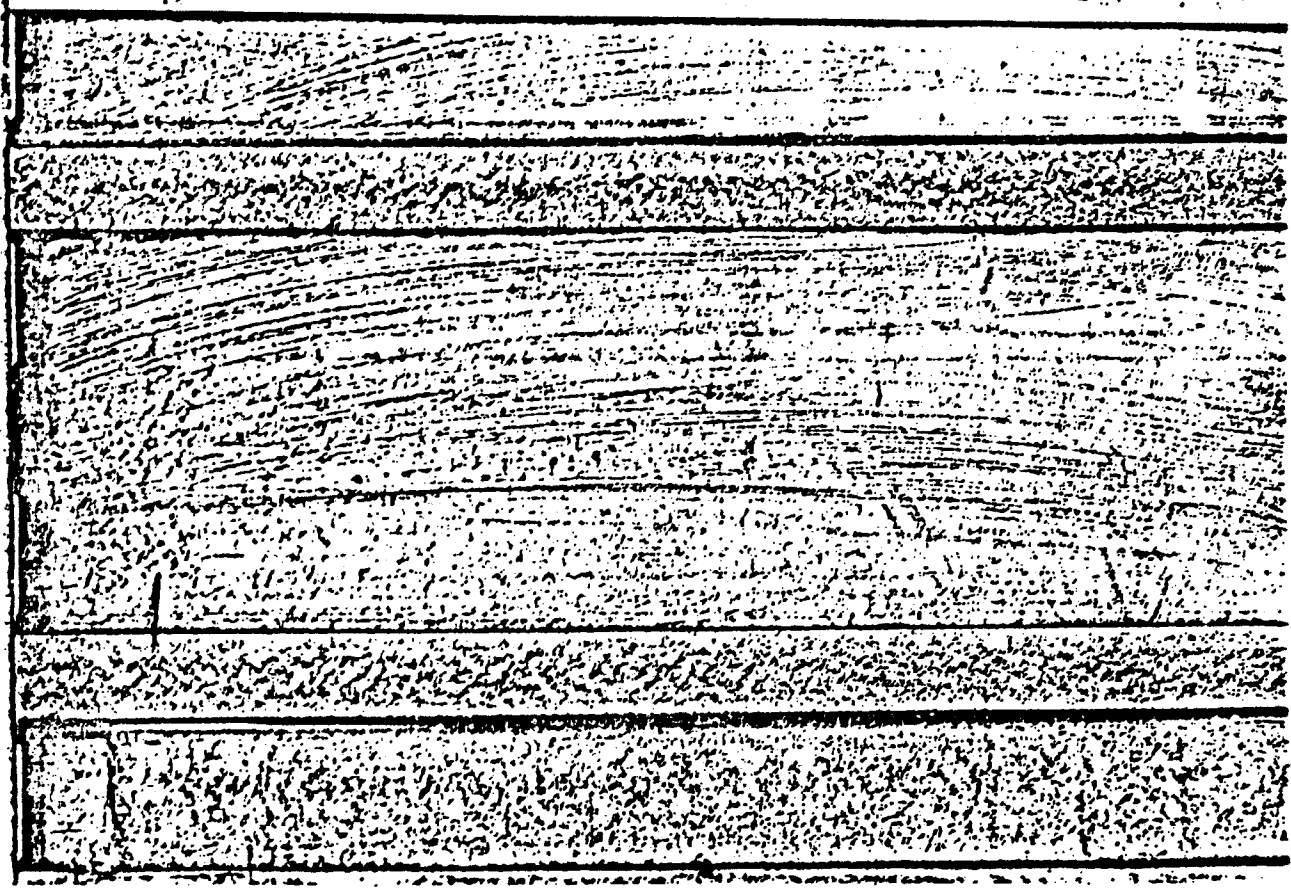
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The Honorable Ramsey Clark  
The Attorney General of the  
United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

It was a great pleasure to have met  
you Monday evening and I enjoyed your speech very  
much.

Now I am writing about a matter  
which concerns the recent developments in New  
Orleans relating to an alleged conspiracy in the  
assassination of President Kennedy. We have, as  
have numerous other journalistic publications,  
followed those developments with great curiosity.  
In the course of our studying the situation in  
New Orleans and in collecting on-the-record material  
already in the National Archives, our reporters  
have learned that certain reports and documents  
have been classified and withdrawn by the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation. It occurred to me that  
in view of what has happened in New Orleans, you  
might be willing to declassify these reports and  
documents, specifically those which pertain to the  
alleged conspiracy.

I hasten to add that I realize this  
would be an important decision and I make the  
request so that the information already available  
can be rounded out in terms of its value, both  
historically and journalistically.

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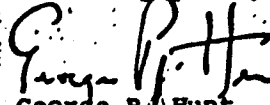
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The Honorable Ramsey Clark

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My thanks and appreciation in advance  
for your consideration of this matter and I hope  
to be hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,



George P. Hunt  
Managing Editor

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Reference is made to your letter of April 6, 1967, to Assistant to the Director Cartha D. DeLoach of this Bureau which enclosed a copy of a letter to the Attorney General from Mr. George P. Hunt, Managing Editor of "Life" magazine.

In his letter to the Attorney General, Mr. Hunt wrote: "It occurred to me that in view of what has happened in New Orleans, you might be willing to declassify these reports and documents, specifically those which pertain to the alleged conspiracy."

This Bureau knows of no conspiracy in the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Furthermore, New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison has made no information available to this Bureau concerning any alleged conspiracy nor, to our knowledge, has he furnished any information in this regard to any Federal agency.

As to the question of declassifying certain Federal Bureau of Investigation reports and documents which were furnished to the Warren Commission by this Bureau and which are now being maintained in the National Archives, please be advised that such data was excluded from public disclosure under the guidelines approved by Mr. McGeorge Bundy, who at that time was Special Assistant to the President. The guidelines approved by Mr. Bundy were furnished to this Bureau as an enclosure to Mr. Nicholas deB. Katzenbach's letter to me dated July 8, 1965, entitled "Public disclosure of Warren Commission records." Mr. Katzenbach was Attorney General at that time.

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Mr. Cliff Sessions  
Director of Public Information

Our basic position concerning the public disclosure of material emanating from this Bureau in connection with our investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy is expressed in my letter of February 15, 1965, to the Attorney General entitled "Public Disclosure of Warren Commission Reports and Working Papers." I informed the Attorney General that it was my view that the final decision as to public disclosure of the material in question rests with the Department of Justice.

In connection with your request to be furnished material for your use in answering Mr. Hunt's letter, I would like to point out that this Bureau has received information from several sources that "Life" magazine has been financing some of Garrison's investigation. You may desire to consider the foregoing facts in preparing a reply.