

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. Kenneth Hauptach

FROM : Edwin L. Weisl, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

DATE: 3/27/68

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SUBJECT: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Forwarded herewith is a letter dated February 14, 1968, addressed to Joseph F. Dolan, which relates to the assassination of the late President. This office has had no previous contact with Mr. Sprague, nor are we in a position to evaluate the proposals contained in his letter. It is requested that you take whatever action is deemed appropriate.

Attachment

cc: Mr. Joseph F. Dolan
Administrative Assistant
Office of Senator Robert F. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

6 - ENCLOSURE

EX-110
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*memo from 2/22 doc
3/26/68
to AGG via mail
3/27/68
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Assistant Attorney General

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- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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

Reference is made to your letter of March 18, 1968, "ELW:CE:amc," 129-11, with enclosures, relating to Richard E. Sprague and the list of photographers and photographs he has compiled. This same information was previously furnished to this Bureau by Miss Polly Busselle, Office of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

For your information, this list was reviewed and analyzed by our Dallas Office. It was determined that the majority of still photographs and movie sequences listed by Sprague were previously reviewed, and the results of the reviews were incorporated into reports and furnished to the President's Commission for its consideration. Our Dallas Office also determined that in connection with photographs and movie sequences which were not identified, Sprague gives a very nebulous description and in some instances does not even identify the photographer.

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Files of this Bureau contain no previous reference to Richard E. Sprague. However, due to the fact Sprague is a proponent of the theory that more than one person was firing shots when President Kennedy was assassinated, which is the same theory being pursued by critics of the President's Commission, a review of books published by these critics was conducted to determine whether Richard E. Sprague may have collaborated with them.

In Josiah Thompson's book, "Six Seconds in Dallas," he acknowledges a number of people who assisted him. Among those named was one "Richard Sprague," not further identified. In Sylvia Meagher's book, "Accessories After the Fact," which is a severe critique of the Warren Commission, Federal investigative agencies, and the Dallas Police Department, Sylvia Meagher said, "I am grateful to Richard E. Sprague

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach Memo dated 3/26/68, captioned "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS, KMR:dcs."

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for making available a list compiled by him of photographs and films which seem to have been overlooked entirely by the Warren Commission and its investigative agencies." In addition, Miss Meagher refers to Mark Lane in many instances and also acknowledges the "invaluable help, support, and friendship" she received from Harold Weisberg, Vincent J. Scalandria, Leo Sauvage, Penn Jones, Jr., who have been critical of the President's Commission and its findings.

Since the majority of photographs and movie sequences referred to by Sprague have been reviewed, he is not being contacted by this Bureau and no further action is being taken. The enclosures furnished with your letter of March 18, 1968, are enclosed herewith.

Enclosures (9)

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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