

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 3-27-64

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

On 3-23-64, Mr. Roy S. Truly, superintendent of the Texas School Book Depository, called me at my home at 8:30 p.m. stating he was released by the President's Commission at 6:30 p.m. where he was answering questions put to him by the Commission staff for over three and one-half hours. Mr. Truly is a very important material witness to the assassination and the whereabouts of Lee Harvey Oswald immediately after the shots were fired. He mentioned that many visual aids were available to him and to each member of the Commission during his testimony and how much these exhibits assisted him in relating pertinent facts surrounding the happenings inside and outside of the Depository Building. He stated that each member of the Commission thanked him for assisting them, but no one on the staff mentioned whether he could return to Dallas. He decided to stay over a day longer at his own expense and in so doing wanted to know if I could arrange a tour of the FBI for him and Mr. Robert Reid, husband of Mrs. Reid, employee of the Texas School Book Depository who was appearing before the Commission on 3-24-64 to testify concerning the fact she saw Oswald leaving the lunchroom immediately after the shots were fired.

A special tour was arranged for them at which time Mr. Truly received a target for his grandchildren. He mentioned that he was within arm's reach of the President's car and said hello to him moments before the first shot was fired and that he would be most appreciative if he could pay his respects at the President's grave site in Arlington Cemetery. This request was made possible, after which both gentlemen were taken to lunch.

Mr. Truly is indeed a great admirer of the Director and the FBI. He spoke very well of the Agents of our Dallas Office who had to rely on Mr. Truly for considerable help in running out investigative leads. He has been a great help to me while I was in Dallas gathering technical data relating to the assassination site. On several occasions, he remained at his office many hours after the regular working day and on several occasions made himself available over the weekend to assist Bureau Agents. He stated

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (Mr. Stapleton) (Sent Direct)
 - 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley) (Sent Direct)
 - 1 - Mr. Belmont (Sent Direct)

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that he was continually called upon to assist other Government investigative agencies and that he especially enjoyed working with FBI Agents because they seemed to know what they are doing and are polite in obtaining information.

It may be appropriate to consider getting a thank you letter off to Mr. Truly after the Commission has completed its work on the assassination.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Dallas Office keep Mr. Truly in mind and at the appropriate time recommend that he receive a personal letter from the Director thanking him for assisting the FBI in carrying out its responsibilities concerning the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

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