

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : W. C. Sullivan *Wey*

FROM : W. A. Branigan *Wey*

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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DATE: 11-27-63

- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - Conrad
- 1 - Rosen
- 1 - Sullivan
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- 1 - Turner

At 6:32 p.m. on November 27, 1963, SAC Johnson of Chicago called and talked to Supervisor E.T. Turner in my absence and advised that a former criminal informant, Robert F. Festenstein, who has had a recent history of financial difficulties and possible instability, reported to the Chicago Agents who formerly handled him the following information:

He is acquainted with a prostitute of Spanish extraction who is associated on a daily basis with John Rossin, Chairman of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) in Chicago. Rossin, who is a sex degenerate, has in the past expressed hatred for the Kennedy family, including President Kennedy, and admiration for Castro. Rossin recently, subsequent to the assassination, was interviewed on television and denied knowing Oswald. However, according to the prostitute (Carmen Oshenkowski), Rossin told her that he does know Oswald and has periodically furnished him money over the past five months.

*UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU

SAC Johnson advised that Chicago has Agents on the streets looking for Oshenkowski and when she is found she will be interviewed concerning this matter. He requested authority on a UACB basis to interview her with the use of a polygraph if regular interview did not resolve the matter. He also requested permission on a UACB basis to interview and polygraph Rossin if the interview with Oshenkowski does not resolve the matter. He advised a written waiver consent would be obtained before the use of a polygraph, and Rossin would not be interviewed late at night.

In describing Rossin, Johnson said that he had formerly been a Communist Party (CP) organizer in St. Louis; left the CP in the middle-1950's after the Hungarian uprising; and had been Chairman of the FPCC in Chicago since its inception about 1959. He runs theaters, catering to Latin-American pictures, is boastful and arrogant.

ACTION TAKEN:

Johnson was advised that unless he was instructed to the contrary by 9 p.m. Central Standard Time, he was authorized to take the action indicated above. You were then advised of Johnson's request and our instructions to him.

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