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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 11/30/63

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. D. E. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Turner

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

At 10:45 a.m. today, SA Jack Wood, New York Office, telephonically advised Supervisor E. B. Reddy that Guy Richards of the "New York Journal American" had just called regarding a headline story in today's issue of the "New York Post" regarding the psychiatric and truancy record of Lee Harvey Oswald maintained in the files of the Bronx, New York, Children's Court.

SA Wood made no comment to Richards. SA Wood then obtained a copy of the "New York Post" and determined that it did carry such a headline story. SA Wood said that from the following noted excerpts from the story it is apparent that Justice Florence M. Kelley of the Bronx County Family Court, who gave the Bureau the information in the strictest confidence, is actually the source of the story in the "New York Post."

"Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, has a psychiatric and truancy record in Bronx Children's Court, the 'New York Post' has learned exclusively.

"The FBI has been given the details, Florence M. Kelley, presiding justice of the Family Court, confirmed to the 'Post.'

"She confirmed the 'Post's' information that there was a psychiatric report on young Oswald but refused to discuss the nature of it.

"Our records are always confidential and we never reveal them to anyone, Justice Kelley said. I did give some of the information to the FBI as an exception and contrary to our regular rules for the simple reason that Oswald is dead and if this kind of report could cast light on what kind of person he was, that would be in the national interest.

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"I made the exception because I felt the report could throw some light on the man who had been accused of assassinating the President."

SA Wood said that New York is sending the Bureau copies of the "New York Post" story and that the New York Office will make no comment should other press inquiries be received.

ACTION:

For information. Supervisor Harold P. Leinbaugh in Mr. DeLoach's office was advised of the above at 11 a.m., 11/30/63.

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