



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

April 14, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated April 9, 1964, at Chicago, Illinois, captioned, "Eugene B. Dinkin," which is self explanatory.

Comment # 71

Based on information revealed in this memorandum, no further action is being initiated by this Bureau unless specifically requested by you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT: Allegations of Pfc. Eugene B. DINKIN,
U.S. Army, Relative to Assassination
Plot Against President Kennedy as Transmitted
to Warren Commission

1. Reference is made to paragraph 2 of your memorandum, dated February 12, 1964, requesting that the Commission be furnished copies of disseminations relative to the assassination of President Kennedy that were sent to the Secret Service.

2. Immediately after the assassination the CIA Station in Geneva, Switzerland, reported allegations concerning a plot to assassinate President Kennedy that were made by Pfc. Eugene B. DINKIN, U.S. Army, serial number RA-76710292, on 6 and 7 November 1963, in Geneva while absent without leave from his unit in Metz, France. Available details of this charge, together with information on its exploitation by Alex des Fontaines, a Time-Life stringer in Geneva, were disseminated as OUT Teletype message No. 85770, on 29 November 1963. This dissemination was sent to the White House, Department of State and Federal Bureau of Investigation, with a copy to the Secret Service.

3. Since the Geneva Station cooperated with the U.S. Military Attache in assembling information on this affair, and the Military Attache reported through his channels, the Commission may have already received information of Pfc. DINKIN's allegations.

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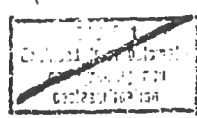
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OUT Teletype No. 85770, dated 29 November 1963, filed at 1556 hours to the White House, State Department and FBI, with copy to the Secret Service.

1. Your attention is called to the following series of incidents which have produced a report alleging there was advance information on the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

2. On 4 November 1963, a U. S. Army Pfc. Eugene B. DINKIN, Serial number RA-76710292, about 24 years old, went absent without leave from his unit, Headquarters Company, U. S. Army General Depot, Metz, France. He was scheduled for a psychiatric examination that same day. He apparently entered Switzerland using a false Army identification card with forged travel orders.

3. On 6 and 7 November 1963 he appeared in the press room of United Nations Office in Geneva and told reporters he was being persecuted. He also wished to alert the world to the U. S. Government "Propaganda Campaign". Army reports show that he voluntarily returned to his unit in Metz on or about 11 November 1963.

4. Around 26 November 1963, after President Kennedy had been assassinated, a Geneva journalist named Alex des Fontaines, stringer for Time-Life and correspondent for Radio Canada, was reported to be filing a story to the Paris office of Time-Life recounting Private DINKIN's visit to Geneva and quoting DINKIN as having said that "they" were plotting against President Kennedy and that "something" would happen in Texas. Des Fontaines had been prompted to do this by an unidentified female reporter who had recalled such statements by DINKIN; des Fontaines thought he recalled he had heard DINKIN say something like that also and although he did not really believe that DINKIN had grounds for his statements when he made them, he filed the story just to be sure.

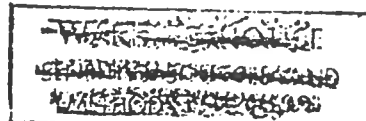
5. All aspects of this story were known, as reported above, by U. S. military authorities and have been reported by military attache cable through military channels.

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By C. I. A.

letter of Jan. 4, 1971

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AIR TEL

PRIORITY

TO: Director, FBI (105-82555) (~~62-109060~~)

FROM: Legat, Paris (105-1067) (P.)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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*Assassination of
President John F.
Kennedy
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Re Denver air tel to the Bureau 12-9-63 with enclosure.

On 2-26-64 JOHN BASS, 766th Intelligence Corps Detachment (AIC), orally furnished the following information in captioned matter:

BASS identified HOWARD COHEN mentioned in referenced LHM as HOWARD C. COWEN, U. S. Army Medical Corps, Metz, France. The unknown individual mentioned in referenced LHM as having decoded newspaper headlines to predict assassination of President KENNEDY is identified as Pfc. EUGENE B. DINKIN, RA 16710292, who was born 6-10-38 at Chicago, Illinois.

BASS stated further that following psychiatric examination at Metz in November, 1963, DINKIN was described as paranoid individual and his discharge from the Army was recommended due to inability to adjust to military life. DINKIN was ordered to Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C., in December, 1963, and was last known to be there as a patient.

BASS stated an official report from Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, at Orleans, is expected in about a week, and we will submit an LHM suitable for dissemination at that time. Request no dissemination of above information at present so as not to jeopardize existing confidential relationship with the AIC.

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Reference copy, JFK Collection: HSCA (RG 233)

August 10, 1977

Mr. Eugene B. Dinkin
4950 Louise Avenue, Apt. 203
Encino, California 91316

Dear Mr. Dinkin:

Thank you for your letter of March 10, 1977
to the Select Committee on Assassinations.

Your comments and suggestions and those of
the many other citizens who have taken the time
to write to this Committee are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB/PMO/dnj