

# MEMORANDUM

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To: Tim Wray

From: Dennis Quinn

Subject: 112th Military Intelligence Group Research Project Mission Statement

## **Mission Statement**

To identify and review all existing records relating to the 112th Military Intelligence Group, as well as those of affiliated Army Intelligence Units and agencies, in order to create a complete and accurate picture of its involvement in the events surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. If necessary, this will include interviewing key personnel assigned to the 112th during 1963. All assassination-related materials acquired during this project will be placed in the JFK Collection at NARA.

## **Background**

The 112th MIG was assigned to Fourth U.S. Army at Fort Sam Houston. The 112th was responsible for counter-intelligence actions including "the detection of treason, subversive activity, espionage and sabotage within or directed against the Fourth U.S. Army" throughout its jurisdiction, which included Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico.

The mission and personnel of the 112th have been linked, directly and indirectly, to certain events leading up to Kennedy's assassination. Allegations include:

- that the 112th kept an intelligence file on Lee Harvey Oswald based on his actions in New Orleans on behalf of Fair Play For Cuba;
- that Warrant Officer Edward Coyle of the 112th met with FBI Agent James Hosty in Dallas the day before and the morning of the assassination;
- that Specialist 5 James Powell of the 112th was in Dealy Plaza and took a photograph of the Texas School Book Depository seconds after the President was shot;
- and that LtCol Robert Jones, Operations Officer of the 112th, reviewed the Oswald/Hidell file within a few hours of Oswald's arrest and reported what he knew to the Dallas office of the

FBI.

Additional allegations include that the 112th should have supported the Secret Service in protecting the President, that the 112th was ordered to “stand down” on the day of the Presidential visit; and that personnel assigned to the 112th participated in an investigation of the assassination.