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The Washington Post
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Washington, DC 20071

Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Streitfeld,

That Larry Schiller and Norman Mailer "got to see KGB documents, which doesn't happen with run-of-the-mill folks" is true but far from all.

I have not seen that issue of At Random (and would appreciate a copy of the Mailer interview if you'd please be kind enough) but I am confident that Schiller's wife, who I've been told abandoned him in Washington, had nothing to do with KGB access. Mailer will not respond on it but I'm confident that Schiller, who has a long record of buying rights, paid. And they got creamed. I've read the pathetic Mailer's Tales and am writing a lengthy account of it for history's record.

Mailer gave another explanation on CNN, that Schiller convinced the KGB that Mailer is the American Tolstoy!

My source on his being a without a wife when they got to Washington is someone Schiller and Mailer both interviewed. Schiller then did not pretend to have rescued her. He was a bit put out as I was told. I got the impression, and it is no more than that, that she could not stand him any more or used him to get here.

If you have any information on the Mailer-Random House deal, ^{size}~~size~~ of the first print and sales to date I'll appreciate that.

It is a very bad book, despite the rave Finder gave it in Book World, and I'm certain it is bombing.

It is bad in way/most critical reviewers are not in a position to detect.

And it is truly despicable in its deliberately dishonest abuse of Marina Porter, Oswald's widow.

Maybe Random House may yet learn under Harold Evans what it knew before him that there is such a thing as peer reviews. It and its subsidiary Knopf have published three bad books on the assassination each of the years beginning with Posner's two years ago.

With Mark Riebling's Wedge of last year they even succeeded in being unfair to the FBI.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

Odd Couple

IN THE summer issue of *At Random*, a promotional magazine Random House does about its books and authors, there is an interview with Norman Mailer plugging *Oswald's Tale*, the volume he wrote with Larry Schiller about the life JFK's assassin led in the Soviet Union. The authors got to see KGB documents, which doesn't happen with run-of-the-mill folks.

In the interview, Mailer said that Schiller—best-known recently for writing O.J. Simpson's book—“knows a hundred different ways of obtaining access.” For one thing, he “had a translator with whom he was close, a formidable young lady named Ludmila Peresvetova, whom he later married. I think she helped him to convince the KGB establishment that they could do worse than open their files as a way of underlining that the old KGB was changing.”

This sounded intriguing enough for me to call Schiller and ask more about the mysterious Ludmila. He was somewhat reluctant, saying this was a private matter and he wished Mailer had never brought it up. But he said the translator was “someone I worked with since 1983, a well-connected person with *carte blanche* everywhere.” Her official job was chief of protocol for the Russian department of education.

The most intensive work on the book was done in the winter of '92-'93. The former Soviet Empire was still uneasily adjusting to its new existence, and Schiller felt, for reasons he won't go into, that Peresvetova was in danger.

“When people are thrown into situations, they have unique bonds. I was coming out of a marriage of 18 years, and someone else was in jeopardy. Without trying to pat myself on the back, I react in certain ways [when someone is in danger] . . . The marriage came out of a mutual understanding of many, many things.”

The couple came to the United States. Did they live happily ever after? Ah, no. “Subsequently I got divorced because the understanding didn't work out,” Schiller said. Mrs. Schiller, who is still in this country, is not on speaking terms with her now ex-husband.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

March 23, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22,
1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

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Mr. Lawrence Schiller, photographer-journalist, 3064 Elvill Drive, Los Angeles, California, advised on March 22, 1967, that he is an advocate of the Warren Commission and has objected to some of the "irresponsible journalist" who have been critical of the Commission on false or shallow grounds. Schiller recently has been interested in identifying and interviewing an alleged confidential informant of the writer Mark Lane, author of the book, "Rush to Judgment".

Mr. Schiller pointed out that Mark Lane testified before the Warren Commission that he had been advised by an informant, whose identity he refused to divulge to the Commission, that the informant was present in Jack Ruby's Carousel Club, Dallas, Texas, and had overheard an alleged meeting between Jack Ruby, Police Officer J. D. Tippitt, and Bernard Weisman on November 14, 1963. In Lane's book "Rush to Judgment", Lane is critical of the Warren Commission because the Commission did not obtain the identity of this informant and indicated that the Commission easily could have obtained the identity of this informant from Thayer Waldo, a Fort Worth, Texas, newspaperman associated with the "Sun-Telegram" newspaper.

Mr. Schiller said he recently interviewed Mr. Waldo and ascertained that Waldo is known by the name of Theodore Waldo. Schiller learned from Waldo that on December 7, 1963, Waldo was at the Dallas Press Club and met with a John Sutton and a Phil Burns. Sutton was employed in the radio business in Dallas and Burns was employed in the advertising business. Burns told Waldo and Sutton that he had been in the Carousel Club and had observed Ruby in conversation with a Dallas Police Officer by the name of Tippitt and a third man. Waldo did not recall that Burns used the first name of Tippitt and does not recall that Burns identified the third man as Bernard Weissman.

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Waldo said Sutton had explained to him after Burns had departed that Burns' true name was Paul Bridewell and that Burns was not using his true name because he was having some marital difficulties.

Schiller said he understood that Waldo subsequently introduced Bridewell to Mark Lane. Schiller did not ascertain when this was done; and, of course, is not aware of the exact information Bridewell furnished to Lane. Schiller is convinced, however, that Bridewell apparently was not aware that there were three police officers on the Dallas Police Department with similar names - J. D. Tippitt, Gale M. Tippitt and W. W. (Woody) Tippett - and that J. D. Tippitt was the only one who was not acquainted with Ruby. Schiller also is convinced Bridewell would have identified Bernard Weissman to Waldo and to Sutton if he knew the identity of Weissman.

Schiller said he subsequently determined that Bridewell had remained in Dallas until the middle of 1964 when Mark Lane testified before the Commission, and that Bridewell became alarmed about having his identity revealed and went to Portland, Oregon, or Ranier, Oregon.

Schiller subsequently traveled to Oregon in an attempt to locate Bridewell. He said he had a search made of the Drivers License Department with negative results; however, he had ascertained that the Oregon State Tax Records contained the name of Paul Bridewell as being an Oregon resident. He had been able to obtain no other identifying data concerning Bridewell.

Schiller said it was his understanding that John Sutton probably would know the exact location of Bridewell; however, his investigation had determined that Sutton had moved to Pennsylvania to a town phonetically identified to Schiller at Wilshire. Schiller said he had been unable to locate this town from available maps and postal guides.

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Schiller volunteered that he recently had been interviewing homosexual sources available to him, and in the course of these interviews three homosexual sources in New Orleans and two homosexual sources in San Francisco have indicated that Clay L. Shaw was known by other names including the name of Clay Bertrand. Schiller said these sources refused to give him statements concerning this information for fear of personal exposure and refused to be identified as sources of this information. Schiller said he was not at liberty to volunteer the identity of these homosexual sources at this time.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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DATE: 3-20-67

TO Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM Mr. W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan

SUBJECT ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

The purpose of this memorandum is to briefly summarize information furnished by Mr. Lawrence Schiller, a photographer-journalist who resides at Bel Air, California.

On 3-16-67 Mr. Schiller informed our Los Angeles Office that he had recently completed a study for "Life" magazine concerning homosexuality in the United States. Schiller added he recently was commissioned by "Life" magazine to conduct inquiries concerning the alleged homosexual nature of Clay L. Shaw, who was recently arrested in New Orleans on the basis of District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination.

Schiller claims to have determined that Shaw spent the night of 11-21/22-63 in company of [redacted] a San Francisco homosexual. Schiller, in contact with [redacted] was informed that Clay Shaw, when informed of the death of President Kennedy, accepted the information as fact and had made several telephone calls from his hotel room.

Schiller states that on 3-9-67 he spoke to New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison in Las Vegas and discussed with Garrison the assassination. Schiller stated that Garrison's theory of the assassination is on a "homophile" basis and believes Jack Ruby is part of the conspiracy. Garrison also believes the Winter Wonderland Ice Skating Rink in Houston, Texas, was used as a "message center" by the conspirators in the assassination.

Schiller said he had dictated the results of his contacts with Garrison and [redacted] on a tape recorder and had forwarded the tape to Mr. Richard Bailey, Editor, "Life" Magazine, New York City. Schiller indicated he believed Bailey would make a copy of the tape available upon request of appropriate authority.

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Memorandum Branigan to Sullivan
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
62-109060

OBSERVATIONS:

We have previously received information that "Life" magazine is financing some of Garrison's investigation. We also received information that "Life" magazine was considering coming out with an article attacking the conclusions of the Warren Commission Report.

Accordingly, it is not desirable that we contact "Life" magazine in this particular matter.

ACTION:

Attached is an airtel to the New York Office instructing that no contact be made with "Life" magazine for the purpose of obtaining copy of the tape which Mr. Schiller reportedly has furnished to "Life" magazine. Data furnished by Mr. Schiller set out herein has been disseminated to the Department and to Secret Service.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 24, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

By letter dated March 15, 1967, Lawrence Schiller of Capitol Records, Los Angeles, advised he had determined the identity of Mark Lane's confidential informant who was supposedly present and overheard an alleged meeting between Jack Ruby, Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippit, and Bernard Weissman on November 14, 1963. The Director indicated the identity of Lane's informant should be obtained from Schiller.

On 3/22/67, Los Angeles interviewed Schiller who said Mark Lane's informant is "Paul Bridewell, also known as Phil Burns." Schiller said Bridewell is residing somewhere in the State of Oregon, possibly Portland or Rainier, and his exact location is probably known to one "John Sutton" who formerly was in radio business in Dallas, and Sutton is reported to be residing in Pennsylvania.

Schiller remarked Mark Lane learned of Bridewell through Theodore Waldo who was formerly associated with the Fort Worth, Texas, Newspaper "Sun Telegraph." Schiller also said the identity of Bridewell was obtained by him from Waldo.

During Schiller's interview, he mentioned he is an advocate of the Warren Commission's viewpoint and is opposed to "irresponsible journalism" of writers such as Lane. He also commented favorably concerning the Bureau and the work of the Bureau.

Schiller mentioned he has knowledge of a writer who is preparing an article under contract for "New Yorker" magazine, and the article allegedly will refer to the comments made by the Attorney General recently that the FBI had made a complete investigation of Clay Shaw in New Orleans. It is

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Memorandum Rosen to DeLoach
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JFK

noted this writer reviewed material in the National Archives and failed to locate any reference to Shaw in our reports. Therefore, he will allegedly suggest we withheld information concerning Shaw from the Warren Commission, and his article will further suggest that if we withheld Shaw reports, perhaps additional information was withheld. Schiller indicated he would probably make the identity of this writer known at a future date.

We did not withhold any information developed during the assassination investigation from the Warren Commission. Further, we never investigated Shaw, in fact, never heard of him until his name appeared in connection with Garrison's current investigation. Efforts were made to identify Clay Bertrand without success, and District Attorney Garrison claims Bertrand and Shaw are one and the same. The Orleans Parish Grand Jury recently indicted Shaw for an alleged conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

Schiller volunteered additional information that three homosexual sources in New Orleans and two homosexual sources in San Francisco have indicated Clay Shaw was known by other names including the name of Clay Bertrand; however, Schiller said these sources would not give him statements concerning this information and refused to be identified as sources. Schiller mentioned he could not identify these homosexual sources to the FBI at this time.

In order to locate, identify, and interview Bridewell, Dallas will have to determine the present location of John Sutton and Theodore Waldo who are in possession of information concerning Bridewell and his location. Sutton and Waldo are known in Dallas and their exact location can be determined.

Based on information furnished, Paul Bridewell, also known as Phil Burns, was not identified in Bureau files.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a teletype to Dallas instructing them to determine John Sutton's and Theodore Waldo's present location so they can be interviewed concerning Bridewell. Thereafter, Dallas will set forth appropriate leads so that Bridewell can be identified and interviewed.

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Date: 3/23/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75)(RUC)
 SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963
 DALLAS, TEXAS
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Re Bureau teletype dated 3/20/67.

Enclosed for Bureau are five copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter dated as above. One copy each of the LHM is furnished Dallas and New Orleans for information.

Mr. LAWRENCE SCHILLER was interviewed by SA RICHARD M. WOOLF. Mr. SCHILLER said it would be helpful to him if the FBI furnished him the location of BRIDEWELL. He pointed out that publicity of the erroneous information being set forth by Mr. LANE might be beneficial. Mr. SCHILLER was advised of the Bureau's policy concerning unavailability of information in Bureau's files, etc.

No further contact with SCHILLER is contemplated.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75) (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: Dallas

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned subject matter dated as above. One copy is enclosed for San Francisco, Houston, Dallas, and New York for information.

Mr. LAWRENCE SCHILLER, 3064 Elvol Drive, Bel Air, California, who furnished the enclosed information, was interviewed by SA RICHARD M. WOOLF. Mr. SCHILLER initially was interviewed in another matter and volunteered the information contained in the LHM. He noted he had furnished additional information to the Bureau in the nature of correspondence with Bureau Headquarters and as of March 15, 1967, had furnished to the Bureau the identity of an informant used by author MARK LANE. Mr. SCHILLER said he had made the last tape recording of interview with JACK RUBY in Dallas, Texas, hospital and also had made a copy of that complete tape available to the Bureau.

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Mr. SCHILLER said he believed he has additional information concerning some homosexual aspects of the individuals involved or mentioned in the investigation of the KENNEDY assassination, but prior commitments on March 16, 1967, precluded him from discussing the matter further. He said he will furnish this information at a later date. He mentioned information concerning alleged lesbian relationship between MARINA OSWALD and RUTH PAYNE and alleged homosexual relation between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and RUTH PAYNE's husband. *Michael Ralph*

REQUEST OF BUREAU

Bureau is requested to consider whether SCHILLER's tape of his conversations with GARRISON and [redacted] mentioned in attached LHM are of value to current inquiry and consider requesting New York Office to contact Mr. RICHARD BAILEY, Editor, "Life" magazine, New York City, to have Mr. BAILEY make copy of tape available. Bureau will be furnished any additional information received.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
March 16, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

On March 16, 1967, Mr. Lawrence Schiller, Photographer-Journalist, 3064 Elvol Drive, Bel Air, California, advised as follows:

Schiller recently completed a study for "Life" magazine concerning homosexuality in the United States; and, in the course of this study, developed considerable knowledge of the homosexual problem and developed many valuable and confidential sources of information within various homosexual groups throughout the United States. On the basis of this knowledge and information, Schiller recently was commissioned by "Life" magazine to conduct inquiry concerning the alleged homosexual nature of Mr. Clay L. Shaw of New Orleans, Louisiana, who recently has received wide newspaper publicity in connection with the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy being conducted by District Attorney Jim Garrison, New Orleans.

Schiller decided that one important aspect of the investigation of Shaw probably would be to determine where Shaw was the moment Shaw learned of the assassination and to determine Shaw's reaction. Schiller sent out photographs of Shaw to various homosexual sources throughout the United States. He subsequently learned that Shaw had spent the night of November 21-22, 1963, in a San Francisco, California, hotel room in the company of [REDACTED] San Francisco. [REDACTED] is an admitted homosexual, according to Schiller. Schiller said the identity of the hotel could be obtained from [REDACTED] La.

During the past week, Schiller traveled to San Francisco and interviewed [REDACTED]. He learned [REDACTED] resides at the above address with an individual named [REDACTED] (phonetic).

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The apartment apparently is listed under [redacted] name. [redacted] is a steward in the Merchant Marine and has known Shaw since 1959. [redacted] visited in Shaw's home in New Orleans as recent as four weeks ago, is a close friend of Shaw's, and has received money from Shaw.

Schiller learned that [redacted] and Shaw were in the San Francisco hotel room the night of November 21 and the morning of November 22, 1963. Shaw received a telephone call at the hotel room on the morning of November 22, 1963, apparently from one Richard Randoff, 435 Frederick Street, San Francisco. In the call, Shaw was advised that President Kennedy had been shot. In [redacted] opinion, Shaw reacted as though it was an accepted fact that the President had been killed although the news media did not announce the death of the President until about one hour later. Shaw immediately made several telephone calls from the hotel room. [redacted] was not aware of the identity of the individuals called or the subject matter of the conversations.

Schiller said that on March 9, 1967, he was in Las Vegas, Nevada, with [redacted] running out additional investigation in this matter and learned that District Attorney Jim Garrison was in Las Vegas at the same time ostensibly on a vacation but in fact to interview a source. Schiller made an appointment and talked with Garrison in Garrison's hotel room at about 11:00 p.m. on March 9, 1967. [redacted] accompanied Schiller on this appointment. Garrison questioned [redacted] concerning his knowledge of Shaw, but [redacted] refused to discuss the matter with Garrison, according to Schiller.

Schiller said he learned from Garrison that Garrison's theory of the assassination is on a "homophile" basis, and Garrison is of the opinion that Jack Ruby is part of the conspiracy. Garrison did not mention names to Schiller but described three witnesses to Schiller that he apparently plans to present to the grand jury which witnesses have not been utilized to Schiller's knowledge as of March 16, 1967. Garrison also advised Schiller that in his opinion the Winter Wonderland Ice Skating Rink, Houston, Texas, was used as the

*alleged meeting center for those
involved in Kennedy 21 Nov. 1963*

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

"message center" by the conspirators in the assassination. Garrison mentioned the name of Larry Rost, an ice skating instructor at this rink, apparently as having some connection with the "message center."

Schiller said the results of his conversations with Garrison and [redacted] were dictated by him on a tape recorder and the tape has been forwarded to Mr. Richard Bailey, Editor, "Life" magazine, New York City. The tape consists of about forty-five minutes of dictation.

Schiller said that because he conducted his inquiry under contract with "Life" magazine that he did not feel at liberty to discuss all the details of his conversation with Garrison without some clearance from the magazine. He believed that Mr. Richard Bailey would make a copy of the tape available upon request from appropriate authority.

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED MARCH TWENTY LAST. LAWRENCE SCHILLER, THREE ZERO SIX FOUR ELVILL DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED ON MARCH TWENTY TWO INSTANT THAT MARK LANE'S CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT IS PAUL BRIDEWELL, AKA PHIL BURNS. BRIDEWELL CURRENTLY LOCATED SOMEWHERE IN STATE OF OREGON POSSIBLY PORTLAND OR RAINIER. EXACT LOCATION OF BRIDEWELL PROBABLY KNOWN TO ONE JOHN SUTTON WHO FORMERLY WAS IN RADIO BUSINESS IN DALLAS. SUTTON RESIDING IN PENNSYLVANIA IN LOCATION PHONETICALLY FURNISHED TO SCHILLER AS WILSHIRE. SCHILLER UNABLE TO LOCATE TOWN THIS NAME FROM MAPS OR POSTAL GUIDE.

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ACCORDING TO SCHILLER, MARK LANE LEARNED OF IDENTITY OF BRIDEWELL AND INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF BRIDEWELL FROM THEODORE (THAYER) WALDO FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

cc Schiller

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS, NEWSPAPER, SUN TELEGRAPH. INFORMATION CONCERNING IDENTITY OF BRIDEWELL OBTAINED BY SCHILLER FROM WALDO. SCHILLER HAS MADE SOME EFFORTS TO LOCATE BRIDEWELL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

SCHILLER HAS ADVISED THAT HE IS ADVOCATE OF VIEWPOINT OF WARREN COMMISSION AND IS OPPOSED TO "IRRESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM" OF WRITERS SUCH AS LANE. SCHILLER HAS MADE FAVORABLE COMMENTS CONCERNING BUREAU AND WORK OF BUREAU.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, SCHILLER ADVISED HE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF A WRITER WHO IS PREPARING ARTICLE UNDER CONTRACT WA "NEW YORKER" MAGAZINE. SCHILLER SAID HE PROBABLY COULD MAKE IDENTITY OF WRITER AVAILABLE AT FUTURE DATE. ARTICLE ALLEGEDLY WILL INCLUDE FOLLOWING TYPE OF INFORMATION: ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE U.S. RECENTLY COMMENTED FBI HAD MADE COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF CLAY SHAW AND IN EFFECT CLEARED SHAW. WRITER MADE SEARCH OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE IN NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND FAILED TO LOCATE REFERENCE IN ANY FBI MATERIAL TO SHAW. WRITER RECOGNIZES CLASSIFIED MATERIAL PROBABLY NOT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, WRITER INTERVIEWED FORMER STAFF MEMBER OF WARREN COMMISSION WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD ASSIGNMENT OF READING ALL FBI REPORTS. IDENTITY OF THIS

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PERSON NOT KNOWN TO SCHILLER. BECAUSE FBI DID NOT FURNISH INDEX OF NAMES IN REPORTS, STAFF MEMBER MADE INDEX FOR COMMISSION OR FOR PERSONAL REASONS OF ALL NAMES IN FBI REPORTS RECEIVED BY COMMISSION INCLUDING CLASSIFIED REPORTS. INTERVIEW OF STAFF MEMBER DETERMINED THAT NAME OF SHAW ALLEGEDLY NOT CONTAINED IN THIS INDICES. ARTICLE WILL ALLEGE ABSENCE OF INDEX REFERENCE POSSIBLY SUGGESTS FBI WITHHELD SHAW INFORMATION FROM WARREN COMMISSION. ARTICLE WILL SUGGEST THAT IF FBI WITHHELD SHAW REPORTS MAYBE ADDITIONAL, PERTINENT INFORMATION WITHHELD.

SCHILLER ADDITIONALLY VOLUNTEERED THAT THREE HOMOSEXUAL SOURCES IN NEW ORLEANS AND TWO HOMOSEXUAL SOURCES IN SAN FRANCISCO HAVE INDICATED THAT CLAY SHAW WAS KNOWN BY OTHER NAMES INCLUDING THE NAME OF CLAY BERTRAND. SCHILLER SAID THESE SOURCES WOULD NOT GIVE HIM STATEMENTS CONCERNING THIS INFORMATION AND REFUSED TO BE IDENTIFIED AS SOURCES OF THIS INFORMATION. SCHILLER SAID HE COULD NOT VOLUNTEER IDENTITY OF THESE HOMOSEXUAL SOURCES TO THE FBI AT THIS TIME.

SCHILLER FURTHER ADVISED THAT RUMOR IN LOS ANGELES ATTRIBUTED TO ED GUTHMAN, FORMER JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
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OFFICIAL, AND CURRENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH LOS ANGELES
TIMES, INDICATES FBI HAD IDENTIFIED CLAY SHAW AND CLAY
BERTRAND AS BEING SAME PERSON.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060)
FROM LOS ANGELES (89-75)

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO SIXTY-THREE, DALLAS, TEXAS, MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE DALLAS TEL MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN LAST.

LAWRENCE SCHILLER CURRENTLY IN TRAVEL STATUS. WILL
RETURN LOS ANGELES LATE MARCH TWENTY-NINE NEXT. HE WILL BE
RECONTACTED MARCH THIRTY NEXT PER INSTRUCTIONS REFERENCED TEL.
DALLAS ADVISED BY MAIL.

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MR. DELDACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

CC-MR. BURNETT MAR 31 1967

MARCH 20, 1961
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Mr. Lawrence Schiller, Capitol Records, Los Angeles, furnished the Bureau the identity of Mark Lane's confidential informant who allegedly overheard a meeting between Jack Ruby, Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippit, and Bernard Weissman, on 11/14/63. This man was identified as Paul Bridewell, also known as Phil Burns. Schiller obtained this information from "Thomas (Thayer) Waldo" and "John Sutton" who were reported to have information concerning Bridewell's present location.

Attached reveals efforts being made by Dallas to locate Waldo and Sutton so they may be interviewed for information concerning Bridewell and his present location. This matter is being closely followed and all leads are receiving expeditious attention.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
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To: SAC, New York
From: Director, FBI (62-109060) — 4846

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY -
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

ReLAirtel 3-16-67 reporting results of a contact with
Mr. Lawrence Schiller, 3064 Elvol Drive, Bel Air, California.

The Bureau does not desire the New York Office to contact
Mr. Richard Bailey, Editor, "Life" Magazine, New York City, to
obtain a copy of a tape made available to Bailey by Schiller.
Bureau has previously received information that "Life" magazine
is furnishing some of the funds used by Garrison in his investi-
gation and also that "Life" magazine is considering publication
of an article attacking the conclusions of the Warren Commission.

- 1 - Dallas
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NOTE:

See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan, captioned as above,
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MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

IN YOUR LETTER TO ME OF JANUARY 20, 1967, YOU STATED, "ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY DESIRE TO FURNISH THIS BUREAU CONCERNING MATTERS COMING WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION WILL BE ACTED UPON APPROPRIATELY."

ON TWO OCCASIONS, IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION, MR. MARK LANE REFUSED TO NAME HIS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT WHO SUPPOSEDLY WAS PRESENT AND OVERHEARD AN ALLEGED MEETING BETWEEN JACK RUBY, DALLAS POLICE OFFICER J.D. TIPPIT AND BERNARD WEISSMAN ON NOVEMBER 14, 1963. I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE BUREAU THAT I AM IN POSSESSION OF THE NAME AND THE WHEREABOUTS OF THIS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT WHOM MR. LANE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY. IF YOU FEEL THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING THE VALIDITY OF THE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONSPIRACY, I WILL BE MORE THAN GLAD TO FURNISH THE BUREAU WITH THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL UPON ME IF YOU FEEL THIS INFORMATION IS USEFUL.

SINCERELY YOURS

Lawrence Schiller
LAWRENCE SCHILLER

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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND LOS ANGELES (89-75)
FROM DALLAS (89-43) 2P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER
TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS. MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE BUREAU TEL TO LOS ANGELES MARCH TWENTY LAST, AND BUREAU TEL
TO DALLAS MARCH TWENTYFOUR LAST.

JACK BUTLER, EDITOR, FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER,
ADVISES THAT THEODORE (THAYER) WALDO LAST EMPLOYED BY THAT CONCERN
APPROXIMATELY DEC. NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. WAS EITHER FIRED OR ALLOWED
TO RESIGN DUE TO CONSTANT ALCHOLISM. BUTLER STATES THAT THROUGH HIS
SOURCES, HE HAS ONLY LEARNED THAT AFTER LEAVING FORT WORTH, WALDO
ALLEGEDLY WENT TO EITHER SOUTH AMERICA OR MEXICO AND HE WILL CONTINUE
EFFORTS THROUGH SOURCES TO DETERMINE EXACT LOCATION OF WALDO.

RE EFFORTS TO LOCATE JOHN SUTTON, ALLEGEDLY FORMERLY AT DALLAS
IN RADIO BUSINESS, CONTACT WITH ALL RADIO STATIONS, DALLAS, AS WELL
AS NUMEROUS OTHER SOURCES IN THIS INDUSTRY FAILS TO REFLECT ANY
RECORD OF JOHN SUTTON. EDDIE BARKER, NEWS DIRECTOR, KRDL RADIO AND
TV STATION, DALLAS, STATES MANY ANNOUNCERS IN RADIO FIELD ARE
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TRANSIENT AND CHANGE NAMES FREQUENTLY, HOWEVER, NAME JOHN SUTTON ENTIRELY UNKNOWN TO HIM. BARKER CONTINUING EFFORTS THROUGH HIS SOURCES TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE SUTTON.

IT IS NOTED IN REFERENCED BUREAU TEL TO DALLAS, NO WILSHIRE, PENNSYLVANIA, IS RECORDED IN POSTAL GUIDE, HOWEVER, THERE IS WILSHIRE, OHIO, VAN WERT COUNTY, LOCATED ON WESTERN EDGE OF OHIO. LEADS ARE NOT BEING SET OUT FOR CLEVELAND ^{DIVISION} DIV. AT THIS TIME SINCE Unless Advised to Contrary by Bureau THIS TOWN OF WILSHIRE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM PA., ~~WACB~~.

THESE LEADS RECEIVING CONTINUOUS EXPEDITE ATTENTION AND UPON RECEIPT OF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION INDICATED ABOVE, DALLAS WILL IMMEDIATELY SET OUT LEADS BY TELETYPE WITH APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND FOR AUXILIARY OFFICES.

LOS ANGELES, WILL RECONTACT LAWRENCE SCHILLER , THREE ZERO SIX FOUR ELVILL DRIVE, FOR ANY ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE DATA HE MAY HAVE RE JOHN SUTTON. ALSO WHETHER SUTTON WAS IN RADIO ANNOUNCING FIELD OR POSSIBLY IN SALES, AND ANY ASSOCIATES HE MAY HAVE HAD WHILE IN DALLAS.

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1210PM URGENT. 3-28-67 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND WFO

FROM DALLAS (89-43) 4 P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOV. TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS, MISC - INFO CONCERNING. REBUTEL TO DALLAS MARCH TWENTYFOUR LAST, AND DALLAS TEL TO BUREAU MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

AS BACKGROUND FOR WFO, BUREAU HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. LAWRENCE SCHILLER, ALSKOG, INC., LOS ANGELES, DATED MARCH FIFTEEN, LAST. SCHILLER ACKNOWLEDGED A BUREAU LETTER DATED JAN. TWENTY, LAST, IN ANSWER TO HIS LETTER OF JAN. SIXTEEN, LAST, TO BUREAU, ENCLOSING A TRANSCRIPT OF A TAPE RECORDING BETWEEN JACK RUBY AND HIS ATTORNEYS FIVE DAYS BEFORE RUBY'S DEATH. SCHILLER HAS ADVISED HE IS IN POSSESSION OF THE NAME AND LOCATION OF MARK LANE'S INFORMANT WHO ALLEGEDLY FURNISHED LANE INFORMATION HE WAS SUPPOSEDLY PRESENT AND OVERHEARD AN ALLEGED MEETING BETWEEN JACK RUBY, DALLAS POLICE OFFICER J.D. TIPPIT, AND BERNARD WEISSMAN, ON NOV. FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. SCHILLER IS WILLING TO FURNISH THIS INFO TO THE BUREAU. FOR FURTHER INFO, REFER TO THE COMMISSION'S REPORT PAGE TWO NINE SEVEN.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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SCHILLER INTERVIEWED BY LOS ANGELES, MARCH TWENTYTWO LAST, AND INDICATED THAT MARK LANE'S CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT IS PAUL BRIDEWELL, AKA PHIL BURNS, AND THAT BRIDEWELL CURRENTLY LOCATED SOMEWHERE IN OREGON, POSSIBLY PORTLAND OR RAINIER. EXACT LOCATION OF BRIDEWELL IS PROBABLY KNOWN TO ONE JOHN SUTTON, WHO FORMERLY WAS IN RADIO BUSINESS IN DALLAS. SUTTON ALLEGEDLY NOW RESIDING SOMEWHERE IN PENNSYLVANIA, IN LOCATION PHONETICALLY FURNISHED TO SCHILLER AS WILSHIRE, BUT SCHILLER UNABLE TO LOCATE THIS TOWN FROM MAPS OR POSTAL GUIDE.

ACCORDING TO SCHILLER, MARK LANE LEARNED OF IDENTITY OF BRIDEWELL AND INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF BRIDEWELL FROM THEODORE (THAYER) WALDO, FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH FORT WORTH, TEXAS NEWSPAPER, "SUN TELEGRAPH." EFFORTS TO LOCATE BRIDEWELL BY SCHILLER UNSUCCESSFUL.

INVESTIGATION FORT WORTH, TEXAS, WITH MR. JACK BUTLER, EDITOR, "FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM" NEWSPAPER REFLECTS THAT WALDO EITHER FIRED OR PERMITTED TO RESIGN ON ACCOUNT OF ALCOHOLISM APPROXIMATELY DEC. NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AND CURRENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, BUT POSSIBLY IN EITHER SOUTH AMERICA OR MEXICO. BUTLER CONTINUING EFFORTS TO DEFINITELY LOCATE WALDO THROUGH HIS SOURCES.

SCHILLER HAS ADVISED THAT HE IS AN ADVOCATE OF VIEWPOINT OF THE WARREN COMMISSION AND IS OPPOSED TO "IRRESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM" OF WRITERS SUCH AS LANE, AND HAS MADE FAVORABLE COMMENTS CONCERNING BUREAU AND WORK OF THE BUREAU.

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SCHILLER ALSO STATED HE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF A WRITER WHO IS PREPARING ARTICLE UNDER CONTRACT WITH "NEWYORKER" MAGAZINE, AND THAT HE PROBABLY COULD MAKE IDENTITY OF WRITER AVAILABLE AT FUTURE DATE. ARTICLE ALLEGEDLY WILL INCLUDE FOLLOWING TYPE OF INFO: ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE U.S. RECENTLY COMMENTED FBI AND MADE COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF CLAY SHAW AND IN EFFECT CLEARED SHAW. ALSO THAT WRITER MADE SEARCH OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE IN NATIONAL ARCHIVES, AND FAILED TO LOCATE REFERENCE IN ANY FBI MATERIAL TO SHAW, HOWEVER, WRITER RECOGNIZED CLASSIFIED MATERIAL PROBABLY NOT AVAILABLE. WRITER INTERVIEWED FORMER STAFF MEMBER OF WARREN COMMISSION WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD ASSIGNMENT OF READING ALL FBI REPORTS, BUT IDENTITY OF THIS PERSON NOT KNOWN TO SCHILLER. INTERVIEW OF THIS STAFF MEMBER DETERMINED THAT NAME OF SHAW ALLEGEDLY NOT CONTAINED IN INDICES PREPARED BY STAFF MEMBER FROM FBI REPORTS. ARTICLE WILL ALLEGE ABSENCE OF INDEX REFERENCE POSSIBLY SUGGESTS FBI WITHHELD SHAW INFO FROM WARREN COMMISSION, AND WILL SUGGEST THAT IF FBI WITHHELD SHAW REPORTS MAY BE ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFO WITHHELD.

REFERENCE BUTEL TO DALLAS INSTRUCTS THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WALDO THOROUGHLY, AND THROUGH SOURCES, IDENTIFY JOHN SUTTON AND DETERMINE HIS PRESENT LOCATION, THEREAFTER TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED THOROUGHLY FOR ALL INFO IN HIS POSSESSION AND THE CURRENT LOCATION OF BRIDEWELL SO THAT HE IN TURN MAY BE INTERVIEWED THIS MATTER.

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EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION DALLAS WITH RADIO AND TV STATIONS, LOGICAL SOURCES UNSUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING ANY RECORD OF JOHN SUTTON, PAUL BRIDEWELL, AKA PHIL BURNS. EDDIE BARKER, NEWS DIRECTOR, DALLAS RADIO AND TV STATION KRLD, STATES MOST RADIO ANNOUNCERS AND ENGINEERS SHOULD HAVE FCC RADIO AND TV LICENSE. DALLAS FCC RECORDS NEGATIVE RE JOHN SUTTON.

WFO, AT WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL AT FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, CHECK FOR RADIO AND TV LICENSE FOR JOHN SUTTON, NOTING HE ALLEGEDLY WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED IN RADIO BUSINESS AT DALLAS, AND POSSIBLY MOVED TO SOME LOCATION IN PENNSYLVANIA OR TOWN NAMED WILSHIRE. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO WILSHIRE, PA., THERE IS SUCH A TOWN IN OHIO, VAN WERT COUNTY. BUREAU INSTRUCTS THAT ALL APPROPRIATE LEADS BE SET FORTH BY TELETYPE AND COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFO BE FURNISHED ANY AUXILIARY OFFICES REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION. RESULTS OF INQUIRIES ARE TO BE SUMMARIZED AND SUTEL BUREAU, FOLLOWED BY LHM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION, WITH COPIES FOR DALLAS. ALL LEADS TO BE COVERED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

AIRMAIL COPIES FOR INFO TO LOS ANGELES AND NEW ORLEANS.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 4, 1937

ALLEGATIONS BY MARK LANE CONCERNING
MEETING OF JACK RUBY, BERNARD WEISSMAN
AND PATROLMAN J. D. TIPPIT

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

MARK LANE, in his book "Rush to Judgment" and in his testimony to the Warren Commission, referred to an alleged meeting of JACK RUBY, BERNARD WEISSMAN and Patrolman J. D. TIPPIT, November 14, 1933, at RUBY's Carousel Club in Dallas. He indicated in his book that this information is from an unidentified informant through "THAYER WALDO, a reputable journalist on the staff of the Fort Worth Star Telegram who was questioned by counsel in Dallas on June 27, 1934. WALDO, from whom I originally heard of the meeting, was well acquainted with the witness and was probably the first person to be told of the circumstances under which it occurred."

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ENCLOSURE

INTERVIEW OF THAYER WALDO

dressed in a dark suit, possibly with a dark figured tie. He had a ring like a class or fraternal ring on the third finger of his left hand over his wedding band. He was about 5' 3" tall and weighed about 145 pounds. He was well spoken, like a man with a college education; no particular regional accent noted. He had noticeably well-tended nails, obviously professionally manicured. He had a wrist watch. He drank a rum collins. He was in his middle to late thirties. He had quite deep lines on the sides of his mouth. He was quite tense and uneasy.

SUTTON is a white male, now about 37 years of age as he was 28 in El Paso. He is about 5' 8 1/2" tall, somewhat stocky build, probably 130 pounds, round face, glasses (believes full shell rims), dark brown hair, brown eyes, very genial with a good sense of humor. He said that his Army career interrupted college. He was a Second Lieutenant and had been at Ft. Bliss less than two years when WALDO got there. He came frequently to the El Paso Herald Post and they were at a number of parties together in El Paso. He was then going with an El Paso girl whom he later married. He said he was born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

In Dallas he was living in a fairly new development of small but nice single homes, where he was buying.

WALDO was with LANE a total of three occasions--the original interview and post-interview half hour and another time soon after that when he rode around with him in a rental car with LANE driving, not more than a week or ten days after the first meeting but after he had called LANE to tell him what SUTTON had reported as to BRIDGEMAN's reaction, at which time he went over with LANE again as to exactly what SUTTON had said (LANE said that was enough of a lead for him and he would follow it up with SUTTON). On the third occasion LANE came to the Star Telegram to ask him about a story in the Star Telegram as to the source of a story he had written about a possible Negro witness to the assassination.

About the first of February, two months or less ago, WALDO received a long distance telephone call at the University of the Americas from a man who said he was speaking from Los Angeles, and who identified himself as "LARRY SCHILLER - I'm

INTERVIEW OF THAYER WALDO

a journalist". He said he had read an article in "Playboy" magazine quoting an interview with MARK LANE in which LANE referred to WALDO as his original source of information on the supposed meeting between RUBY, TIPPIT and WEISSMAN.

SCHILLER asked if WALDO's informant had subsequently been named to anyone and WALDO replied that to his knowledge he had not. SCHILLER then explained that he was conducting an investigation into certain phases of the events of November, 1963 and inquired if it would now be possible to have the name or names of the original informants. WALDO said he saw no reason to maintain secrecy further if the information could be of service in clarifying any aspects of the case. However, he requested SCHILLER to call him again the next day after he had had a chance to review his notes. SCHILLER did so and WALDO gave him the names of BRIDEWELL and SUTTON, with a full narration of the circumstances by which he had obtained this information. Several days later SCHILLER called again and said he had checked out BRIDEWELL with the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of Oregon and asked BRIDEWELL's approximate age. When told that it would now probably be about 40, SCHILLER said that was much younger than either of the PAUL BRIDEWELLS which the vehicle department reported on record.

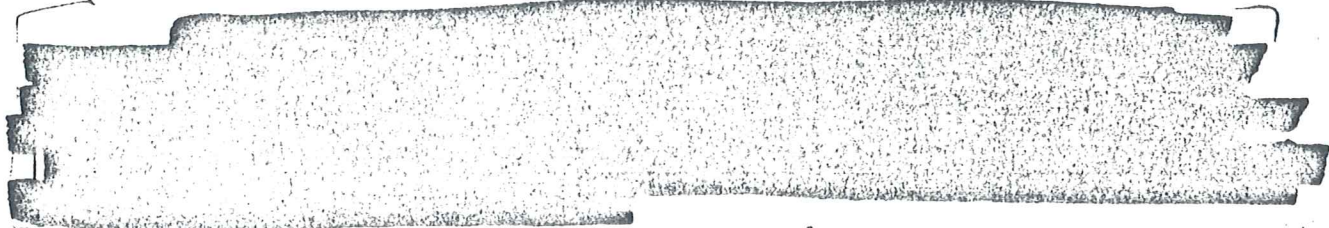
He then asked if the exact city or town were known to WALDO, and WALDO replied in the negative. SCHILLER said he would continue his investigation and asked permission to contact WALDO at a later date, which was given. On March 29, 1967, as WALDO was about to leave on a trip to Monterrey, Mexico, he received a call from SCHILLER at home. SCHILLER said he was in Dallas and asked which radio station JOHN SUTTON had worked for. WALDO replied that to the best of his recollection it was the Dallas News station, WFAA, adding that if this was incorrect the people there could undoubtedly give him the right information, since SUTTON had been well known in Dallas radio circles.

In correspondence with another independent investigator WALDO has been informed that SCHILLER's apparent purpose is to discredit all independent investigators. This informant says that she had contact with SCHILLER and another man presented to her as SCHILLER's partner, who were taping statements to be put together in a Capitol record. She described the record as "awful".

INTERVIEW OF THELMA WALDO

The information concerning the meeting at the Carousel Club was furnished only to WALDO's editors, LANE and SCHILLER, and SCHILLER is the only one who was furnished with the details of the two names given for the informant.

WALDO gave a deposition to the Warren Commission attorney, LEON HUBERT, and did not make reference to any of these events because he was enjoined before beginning his formal declaration to "please confine yourself exclusively to the events of November 24, 1963".



WALDO specifically denied the statements in LANE's book "Rush to Judgment" that he was well acquainted with the witness and was probably the first person to be told of the circumstances under which it occurred.

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Date: 6/19/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75)(RUC)
 RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
 ASSAULTING OR KILLING A
 FEDERAL OFFICER

Re Los Angeles airtel dated 3/30/67 reporting
 interview of Mr. LAWRENCE SCHILLER, Photographer-Journalist,
 3064 Elvill Drive, Bel Air, California.

On 6/15/67, Mr. SCHILLER volunteered the following
 information to SA RICHARD M. WOOLF:

Homosexuals in each major city in the United
 States have a code name which is used to signify that they
 or a fellow homosexual is in serious trouble and that
 assistance is required. In New Orleans that code name is
 CLAY BERTRAND.

According to SCHILLER, this code name is closely
 held within the homosexual community and is used only in the
 event of extreme emergency. SCHILLER said he verified the
 use of this name through 15 or 20 independent and unrelated
 homosexual sources in New Orleans.

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SCHILLER added that he had obtained this information following the submission of his investigation of CLAY L. SHAW to "Life" magazine and had not furnished the information to "Life" or to any other source. He said he wanted to furnish the information to the FBI in the event this information had not been independently developed in the course of our investigation.

SCHILLER added that homosexual sources in New Orleans indicate that CLAY L. SHAW's best legal defense to GARRISON's charges will be to admit that he is a homosexual and divulge that the code name CLAY BERTRAND is well known in homosexual circles in New Orleans and is not his alias.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau and interested offices. LA

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/20/67

On March 16, 1967, Lawrence Schiller, photographer-journalist in California, informed our Los Angeles Office he had recently completed a study for "Life" magazine concerning homosexuality in the United States. Schiller added he recently was commissioned by "Life" magazine to conduct inquiries concerning the alleged nature of Clay L. Shaw who has been charged by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison as being involved in the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

In the attachment, Schiller reports on 6/15/67 that homosexuals in each major city in the United States have a code name to signify they or fellow homosexuals are in serious trouble. Schiller states the code in this connection in New Orleans is "Clay Bertrand."

We are aware that homosexuals do use extensive codes in meetings with other homosexuals. However, we have developed no information to date that "Clay Bertrand" is a code name used in New Orleans by homosexuals to indicate serious trouble.

ACTION:

For information. *DEPT 60.07 advised.*

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FBI

Date: 1/15/68

- Mr. Tolson
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75)(RUC)

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: Dallas

On 1/12/68, Mr. LAWRENCE SCHILLER, Photographer - Journalist, -3064 Elvill Drive, Los Angeles, California, telephonically advised SA RICHARD M. WOOLF that he currently is working on an assignment for the "Los Angeles Times" newspaper to develop information as to motives and credibility of New Orleans District Attorney JIM GARRISON and GARRISON's investigation of the assassination. This investigation primarily is intended to discredit GARRISON.

SCHILLER previously has furnished information to the Los Angeles Division pertaining to captioned matter reflected in Los Angeles airtels dated 3/23/67, 3/30/67 and 6/19/67 to Bureau and Dallas. SCHILLER has written a book captioned "Scavengers of the Warren Report," which book discredits critics of the WARREN Report. SCHILLER has expressed admiration for this Bureau and has expressed a willingness to cooperate with this Bureau.

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SCHILLER advised that one aspect of his investigation for the "Times" has been to develop information concerning individuals being subpoenaed by GARRISON. SCHILLER currently is interested in LORAN E. HALL of Kernville, California, in connection with the testimony of Mrs. SYLVIA ODIO, who alleged that in September, 1963, she had been visited in her Dallas apartment by three men seeking her help in the anti-CASTRO movement. One man allegedly gave his name to Mrs. ODIO as "LEON OSWALD." Interview by FBI of LORAN E. HALL indicated HALL had visited Mrs. ODIO with two men whom HALL identified as LAWRENCE HOWARD and WILLIAM SEYMOUR. HALL later told the FBI he had been mistaken about the visit to Mrs. ODIO and the WARREN Commission concluded OSWALD was not at her apartment as she had claimed. TEXAS

SCHILLER advised that the WARREN Commission Report at page 1553 sets forth the interviews of SA LEON F. BROWN at Bakersfield, California, with LORAN E. HALL. SCHILLER is of the opinion that the exact words used by HALL which might not have been included in the recorded interviews would be useful to him in showing that GARRISON does not have a case against HALL.

SCHILLER is of the opinion that GARRISON is now issuing subpoenas for individuals who are mentioned in the WARREN Report whom he will interview before a Grand Jury and will attempt to prosecute on perjury charges if their testimony varies from that contained in the WARREN Report. SCHILLER believes that GARRISON is "grasping at straws" and is issuing subpoenas for people without cause and without conducting any investigation.

SCHILLER asked if he could be furnished the present location of SA LEON F. BROWN. SCHILLER also wanted to know if the Bureau would authorize him to interview SA BROWN concerning the specific language used by HALL in response to questioning.

SCHILLER was advised that under order of the Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice, all investigation conducted by the FBI are confidential and for official use and that SA LEON F. BROWN could not be made available for interview by him.

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Mr. SCHILLER was also advised that any investigation conducted by the FBI with regard to the assassination of President KENNEDY was done at Presidential Directive and its results were furnished to the Warren Commission and therefore the FBI would have no authority to release any information with regard to investigations conducted by them regarding the assassination.

Mr. SCHILLER said he considered his request to be of such importance and of such public interest that he desired his request to interview SA BROWN be made a matter of record and further asked that his request to interview SA BROWN be referred to Bureau Headquarters for specific consideration. ///

Mr. SCHILLER was given no encouragement that his request to have SA BROWN made available for interview by him would be favorably acted upon. However, in view of his request it was being forwarded and should our headquarters so permit, he would be advised. Otherwise no further contact would be had with him in regard to this matter.

The above is being made available for the information of the Bureau should SCHILLER contact the Bureau.

One copy of this airtel is furnished to Houston Division for information as SA LEON F. BROWN was transferred from Los Angeles to Houston in February of 1965.

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Date: 3/30/67

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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OO: Dallas

Re Dallas teletype dated 3/27/67.

Mr. LAWRENCE SCHILLER, Photographer-Journalist, 3064 Elvill Drive, Bel Air, California, advised on 3/30/67 that he had just returned from Dallas, Texas, where he had been attempting to develop additional leads to ascertain the current location of JOHN SUTTON. SCHILLER said he had ascertained JOHN SUTTON formerly had done some sort of free-lance radio work in Dallas. He definitely was not an announcer. He had been advised SUTTON had worked for WFAA, Dallas, but inquiry at this station showed no record of this employment.

SCHILLER said time limit precluded his expenditure of further efforts to locate SUTTON. He said he could locate no employment record for SUTTON but that some of the people he had talked with at the Dallas Press

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Club knew of SUTTON and had recalled that he was in the radio business in some capacity. He had ascertained from members in the Press Club whom he could not identify further that SUTTON was a "hanger-on" at the club and apparently could not hold a job because of a drinking problem. He said JOHN SUTTON apparently was a true name, and he had developed no additional information that SUTTON had used any other name.

SCHILLER said he had previously ascertained that THEODORE (THAYER) WALDO resides in Mexico City, Mexico, and he had interviewed WALDO there. He said that on 3/29/67 while in Dallas, he telephonically contacted WALDO in Mexico City. He said WALDO's home telephone is 45-95-74, and his business telephone is 703300, extension 23D. He said he primarily wanted to have WALDO restate that PHIL BURNS (PAUL BRIDEWELL) had not mentioned the name of J.D. TIPPITT but merely had heard the name Officer TIPPITT in connection with the alleged meeting in the Carousel Club between RUBY, TIPPITT, and WEISMAN. WALDO also restated to SCHILLER that BURNS had not used the name BERNARD WEISMAN, and WALDO first heard BERNARD WEISMAN's name used in conversation with MARK LANE. T-11

SCHILLER ascertained that WALDO did not know the current location of JOHN SUTTON. WALDO recalled to SCHILLER that SUTTON planned to go to a town or city by the name of Wilshire (PH). WALDO said he had the impression this town was located in Pennsylvania, but he was not certain. T-11

SCHILLER learned that WALDO and MARK LANE had tried to publish a book following the assassination entitled, "Dallas Murderers". Apparently they had been unsuccessful in locating a publisher. T-11

According to SCHILLER, WALDO bragged to him during their telephonic conversation of 3/29/67 that he was one of the "prime movers" in getting JIM GARRISON's current investigation "started". WALDO alleged GARRISON was in touch with him daily and that he and GARRISON were very close. T-11

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SCHILLER requested that his identity not be divulged if WALDO is contacted on the basis of the above information.

SCHILLER said he has written a book entitled, "Scavengers and Critics of the Warren Report". This book is being published by the Delacorte Press and will be released 4/2/67. He said the purpose of the book is to support the findings of the Warren Commission and to discredit "irresponsible" journalists who have attacked the Warren Commission for sensationalism and for personal, financial gain.

Schiller

The O.J. Story Rescues a Pariah

By Paul D. Colford
STAFF WRITER

IF LAWRENCE SCHILLER is one of the sleaziest men in America, why were Dominick Dunne and Norman Mailer hosting a party in his honor the other night? Why was George Plimpton greeting this wide hulk of a man like a hero? Why did the guests packing Elaine's as tight as a rugby scrum also include the writers Peter Maas, Stanley Crouch, Tama Janowitz, Tom Wicker and the empress of The New Yorker, a red-dressed Tina Brown?

If the 60-year-old Schiller is as sleazy as his detractors have claimed — "the perfectly amoral profiteer," to quote one newly published description — why on this damp autumn evening was he the toast of literary New York?

Because the former photojournalist, filmmaker and tabloid soldier has reported and coauthored "American Tragedy," a 700-page encyclopedic account of the O.J. Simpson drama that is earning the kind of critical raves that most of the night's celebrants would beg for. He has surfaced from the murky depths, where he helped Simpson write his own self-serving book ("I Want to Tell You") and where he partnered with the acquitted in selling photos of his victory party to the supermarket press. Schiller has surmounted the rap in some quarters that he's a bottom-feeder and vulture — the ghoulish opportunist who extracted twilight interviews from Jack Ruby and Gary Gilmore — to stand astride a novelistic chronicle of the Simpson saga and its place in the vapid celebrity culture.

"In the already vast Simpson literature, this book reaches the furthest into the pith of the event," wrote New York Times reviewer Richard Bernstein. Los Angeles Times reporter Jim Newton, who covered the Simpson trial day after day, called it "the best of a bad breed, the definitive book about the murder investigation and trial of O. J. Simpson case. At least, the definitive book so far."

On Sunday, it will rise to No. 1 on the New York Times' national-best-seller list.

"Thank God, I didn't have to write Simpson's [second] book," said Schiller, who was contracted to collaborate, if a deal had been made. "I might have walked away. He could never legally write an honest book."

Instead, in producing "American Tragedy," subtitled "The Uncensored Story of the Simpson Defense," Schiller drew on his own observations during the trial and tapped prime sources, such as Simpson confidant Robert Kardashian (who hooks readers early on with his description of how his friend tried to kill himself while awaiting arrest). As Schiller continued to interview Kardashian, other attorneys and investigators, a team of six assistants and transcribers helped him organize stacks of material into a rigid chronology. In addition, coauthor James Willwerth, a veteran journalist who had covered the Simpson story for Time, was hunkered down in Schiller's office in Encino, Calif., writing at restless speed.

Willwerth submitted his copy to Schiller, who edited with an eye for an episodic, screenplay-like narrative — an accessible style in which the characters act and speak in real time ("O. J. is sitting alone on the couch by the canopied bed when Kardashian enters"). The two men completed "American Tragedy" in seven months — an extraordinary feat for

a book of such length.

"Schiller is a mad genius," Willwerth said. "He's capable of producing great writing and he's also a man who has few rules of how to get to the finish line." Willwerth added: "I can't imagine him relaxing. It would be hard for him to enjoy a movie — to just sit there, for example — because he's on fire all the time. He would make this book happen — or he would expire in the process."

Schiller made the book happen even though his publisher presented some of the biggest obstacles. An initial agreement to publish the book was withdrawn by Random House in late 1995 for several reasons, including the loud protests of Esther Newberg, the powerful literary agent, who had already placed a Simpson book with the company, Jeffrey Toobin's "The Run of His Life," and resisted the idea that Schiller's effort would come out first.

"I was prepared to publish the book myself," Schiller recalled. "I figured it would take three million dollars to do it. That's my ego."

However, after proceeding without a contract for a few months, Schiller returned to Random House in March with completed sections. Schiller said he was attracted not only by the prestige of the publishing house, but also by the chance to work with editor Jason Epstein.

Epstein was impressed by what he read. A million-dollar deal was struck. Plans called for "American Tragedy" to go on sale Oct. 18 — weeks after Toobin's book and Johnnie Cochran's "Journey to Justice," published by Random House's Ballantine division, would reach stores.

Epstein, who is also Norman Mailer's editor, was more familiar than most with Schiller's resourcefulness. Schiller had done the reporting on the condemned Gary Gilmore and his tortured world that Mailer spun into perhaps his most impressive work, "The Executioner's Song," which won a Pulitzer Prize in 1980. Later, after filming an eight-hour mini-series on Peter the Great in the Soviet Union, Schiller also managed to convince Russian authorities to release old files documenting the KGB's surveillance of defector Lee Harvey Oswald during the two years he lived in Moscow and Minsk. These revealing materials, and Schiller's other door-opening skills in Russia, enabled Mailer to write "Oswald's Tale," published last year. At the beginning of the book, Mailer expresses his appreciation to Schiller, "my skilled and wily colleague in interview and investigation, for the six months we labored side by side in Minsk and Moscow, and then again in Dallas, feeling as close as family (and occasionally as contentious)."

According to Epstein, Schiller has "a terrible inferiority complex." In his own words, Schiller agrees.

"The language of my relationship with Norman Mailer gave me the confidence to do this book," Schiller said. "He listened to me intensely. For years, he was encouraging me to write."

Although Schiller's work on Simpson's "I Want to Tell You" threatened to cloud the reception for "American Tragedy," he says the earlier book was an important interim step: "It gave me an emotional bond to the subject matter."

Schiller's next big book may be his autobiography — and why not? "I met with [Yuri] Andropov and [Mikhail] Gorbachev during my time in Russia," he said. "I have an immense amount of material on my own life."

"I am a journalist interested in preserving history."



Photo by Kathy Amerman

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