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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 89-69

DATE: 11-23-63

FROM : SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
11-22-63 Dallas Texas

The following information has been located which pertains to A.J.HIDELL and is in 97-74.

On 8-9-63 LEE H. OSWALD, CARLOS JOSE BRINGUIER, CELSO MACARIO HERNANDEZ and MIGUEL MARIANO CRUZ were arrested by the NOPD after they engaged in a disturbance over OSWALD'S distributing FPCC literature at Baronne and Canal Sts. OSWALD was interviewed by SA QUIGLEY at the First District NOPD on 8-10-63. He claimed that he sent a letter to the FPCC 799 Broadway with \$5.00 and told them he wished to join. During the latter part of May he received a membership card dated 5-28-63 made out to LEE H. OSWALD and signed V.L.LEE. A short time later he received in the mail a white card showing he was a member of the New Orleans ~~Chap~~ Chapter dated 6-6-63 and signed A.J.HIDELL with the number 33. He exhibited both cards to QUIGLEY.

He claimed that he had spoken with HIDELL several times on the phone, that he had never personally met HIDELL but knows he did have a telephone which had been discontinued, that he could not recall the number. On 8-7-63 he claimed that he had received a note from HIDELL through the mail asking him to distribute some FPCC literature in the downtown area. HIDELL ~~said~~ ^{stated} that he had considerable literature which had been furnished by the National Committee in New York. He distributed a throwaway which said "Hands Off Cuba. Join the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New Orleans Charter Member Branch, Free Literature, Lectures, Location, A.J.HIDELL P.O.Box 30016 New Orleans, Louisiana, Everybody Welcome."

On 10-7-63 [redacted] Postal Inspector, and on 11-23-63 [redacted] advised that P.O.Box 30016 is non-existent. b7c

On 10-7-63 inquiry at New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau failed to indicate that there was anyone with a credit record in New Orleans by the name of A.J.HIDELL. On 11-23-63 the New Orleans ¹⁹⁶ and Suburban City 1963 Directories were negative for anyone named HIDELL. 7

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