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TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 1/21/75

FROM : J. J. McDermott

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

This relates to the allegations that E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis, Watergate figures, and Thomas Arthur Vallee, Chicago, Illinois, were arrested near the Texas School Book Depository in Dallas, Texas, shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy. This information came to our attention in August, 1974, through A. J. Weberman and Michael Canfield, described as underground newspaper people in New York City, who apparently had made a deal with "Stern" Magazine, a German publication, for the use of a photograph and story regarding this matter.

Klaus Liedtke, U. S. correspondent for "Stern" Magazine, and Peter G. Wickman, London Editor of "Stern," contacted my office today concerning the abovementioned photograph. In general terms they were advised that the FBI had looked into this matter and determined that the three individuals were not identical with Hunt, Sturgis and Vallee based on an examination of the photograph with known photographs of Hunt, Sturgis and Vallee, in addition to other independent investigation conducted by the FBI. Liedtke and Wickman apparently are still trying to develop a story showing some CIA involvement with the Kennedy assassination but appeared to be satisfied with the explanation furnished them as to the result of our investigation.

RECOMMENDATION

For information.

- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
- 1 - Mr. Heim

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