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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  
an 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] L.

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 [redacted] center for [redacted]  
in [redacted] on [redacted] 21. [redacted]

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"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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