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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Ex-agent, Harry Dean of California, has agreed to permit Morris to use his name. Both Agents allegedly provided Morris with firsthand information about the plot to kill President Kennedy. Morris alleges that former Congressman John Rousselot of California and former Army General Edwin A. Walker of Dallas ramrodded the assassination and convinced members of the John Birch Society to help finance the plot. Morris further alleges that evidence has been found which substantiates the fact that there were at least four assassins and possibly more. He names Loran Eugene Hall and Eladio del Valle as members of the sniper team who killed the President. According to Morris, Oswald was an Agent for the CIA and FBI and was framed in the assassination by Rousselot, Walker and the other conspirators.

Bureau files reflect a great deal of correspondence with Harry J. Dean who in the early-1960s furnished information to the Chicago Office concerning the FAIA Play for Cuba Committee. He was never an informant and was never encouraged in his activities. After he gratuitously furnished information, a background check was made at which time it was determined he was a former mental patient with a criminal record. He was told in 1961 his assistance was not desired. The Los Angeles Office, since November, 1963, has periodically found it necessary to contact Dean and request that he desist from making claims concerning past relationships with the Bureau.

Memphis should contact United States Attorney Thomas P. Turley, Jr., and determine the content of Morris' original letter to him and the nature of the evidence alleged to be in the possession of Morris. Advise FBIHQ and Dallas of results.

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NOTE: Mr. James Robinson, General Crimes Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, referred a copy of a book "The Men Behind the Guns" to FBIHQ for information and appropriate action. Also enclosed was a letter from United States Attorney Thomas F. Turley, Jr., Western District of Tennessee, to Mr. William R. Morris of Loretto, Tennessee, author of the enclosed book. Indices show no references identifiable with Morris. Harry Dean is well known as set out in this communication. He was also previously identified as the person who had flowers placed on Oswald's grave on 11/24/66. This communication instructs Memphis to contact United States Attorney Turley to determine the nature of any evidence Morris alleges to be in his possession pertinent to this case.