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

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
  - 1 - Mr. Wick
  - 1 - Inspector Jenson
- 2/28/67

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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- 1 - Mr. Lenihan

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of Lee Harvey Oswald *X*

In accordance with the Director's instructions, a *activity* thorough and penetrating review has been conducted at Seat of Government concerning our investigation in the New Orleans area of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. This was a joint analysis, the Domestic Intelligence Division reviewing our investigation of the assassination as reported in the Lee Harvey Oswald file (105-82555) and the General Investigative Division reviewing the assassination file (62-109060).

No gaps in our investigation of the assassination were found, nor did we find any logical leads which were not covered. Our investigation of Oswald and of the assassination which was conducted in New Orleans was extremely thorough and full details were accurately reported to the Warren Commission. We found no evidence that Lee Harvey Oswald was involved with anyone in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. Instead, all of our investigation overwhelmingly shows that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, assassinated President Kennedy.

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There was one individual who was/in contact with Lee Harvey Oswald whom we were unable to identify. Details of this situation are as follows:

*photo of* *and UNKNOWN male*

On August 16, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald and two young men were observed passing out leaflets urging "Hands Off Cuba" in front of the Trade Mart Building in New Orleans. A New Orleans television station photographed this activity by Oswald and his two associates and the film was shown on a New Orleans television station on the evening of August 16, 1963. Following the assassination of President Kennedy when it had been determined Oswald was being held in connection with the assassination, the same film was again shown over a New Orleans television station on the evening of November 23, 1963. The television announcer reportedly said that the FBI was interested in identifying the individuals who were distributing literature with Oswald.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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105-82555 (Oswald)

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Memorandum Branigan to Sullivan  
Re: ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
62-109060

On November 24, 1963, Mr. Charles Hall Steele, Sr., 1488 Madrid Street, New Orleans, contacted our New Orleans Office and advised that his son, Charles Hall Steele, Jr., was one of the two individuals who assisted Oswald in passing out leaflets on August 16, 1963. NEW ORLEANS, La.

On November 24, 1963, we interviewed Charles Hall Steele, Jr., and he reported that he was sitting in the Louisiana State Employment Service on the afternoon of August 16, 1963, waiting for his girlfriend to take a typing test in connection with an application for employment. He stated that while he was in this office, an individual whom he now knew to be Lee Harvey Oswald was asking people in the office if they would be interested in making \$2 by distributing some literature. Steele stated that he was approached by Oswald and agreed to help Oswald distribute the leaflets.

Steele stated that thereafter Oswald, he, and another person whom he described as a young man, approximately 19-20 years of age, approximately six feet tall, and of olive complexion proceeded to pass out leaflets. Steele added that Oswald did not speak to the other individual who was assisting in distributing leaflets and Steele got the impression that this person had also, like Steele, been hired to hand out leaflets.

We conducted an exhaustive investigation in New Orleans in an effort to identify the unknown individual. Sources in New Orleans who were familiar with Cuban refugee personnel were exhibited photographs of this unknown individual but could not identify him. Despite the fact the unknown individual's picture was carried on New Orleans television programs, the unknown individual never contacted our office to identify himself nor did anyone else do so.

We fully reported Oswald's activity on August 16, 1963, to the Warren Commission along with the results of our exhaustive efforts to identify the unknown individual concerned. The Warren Commission in its Report on page 292 set forth the activity of Oswald and his two associates passing out leaflets. The Warren Commission Report erroneously indicated the activity took place on August 9, 1963, when actually it took place August 16, 1963, as correctly reported herein. The Warren Commission noted in connection with the unknown individual "The second individual has never been located; but according to the testimony of the youth who was found, he, too, seemed to be someone not previously connected with Oswald."

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There is attached a copy of a photograph taken of Oswald and his unknown companion on August 16, 1963, at which time they were passing out leaflets. An inked arrow is directly over the head of the unknown individual involved in this activity. This picture does not depict Charles Hall Steele, Jr.

ACTION:

None. This is for the Director's information.