

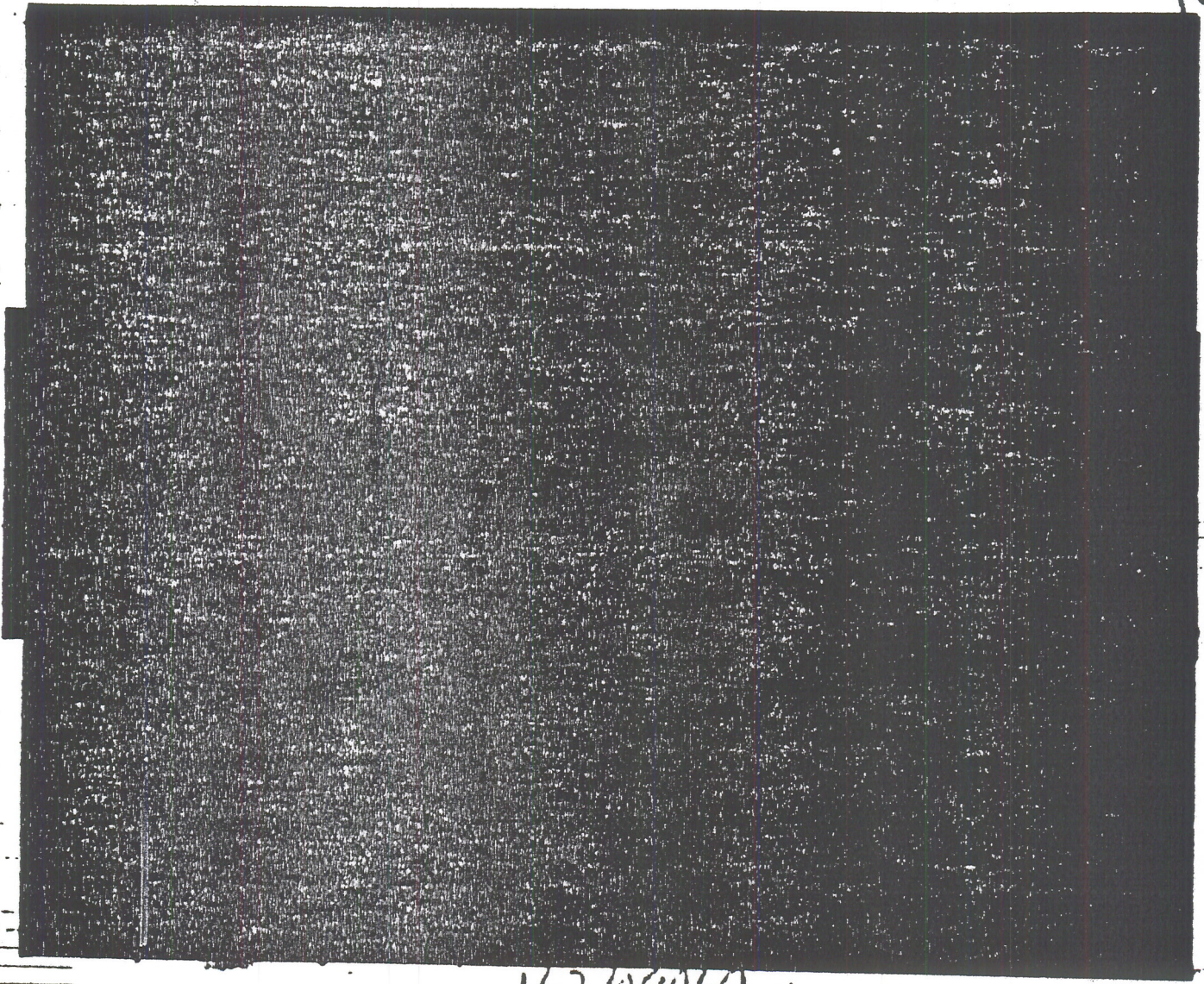
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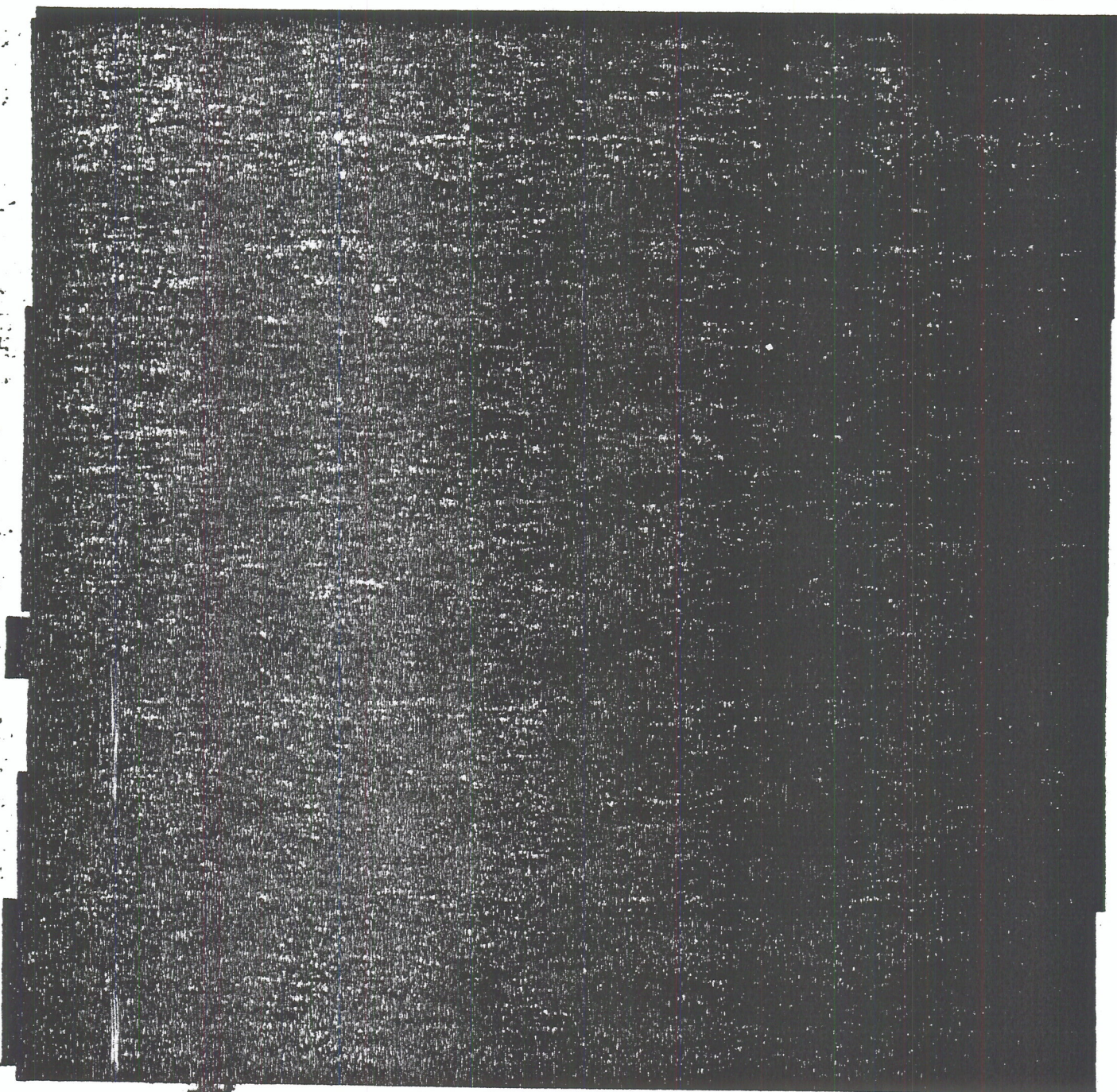
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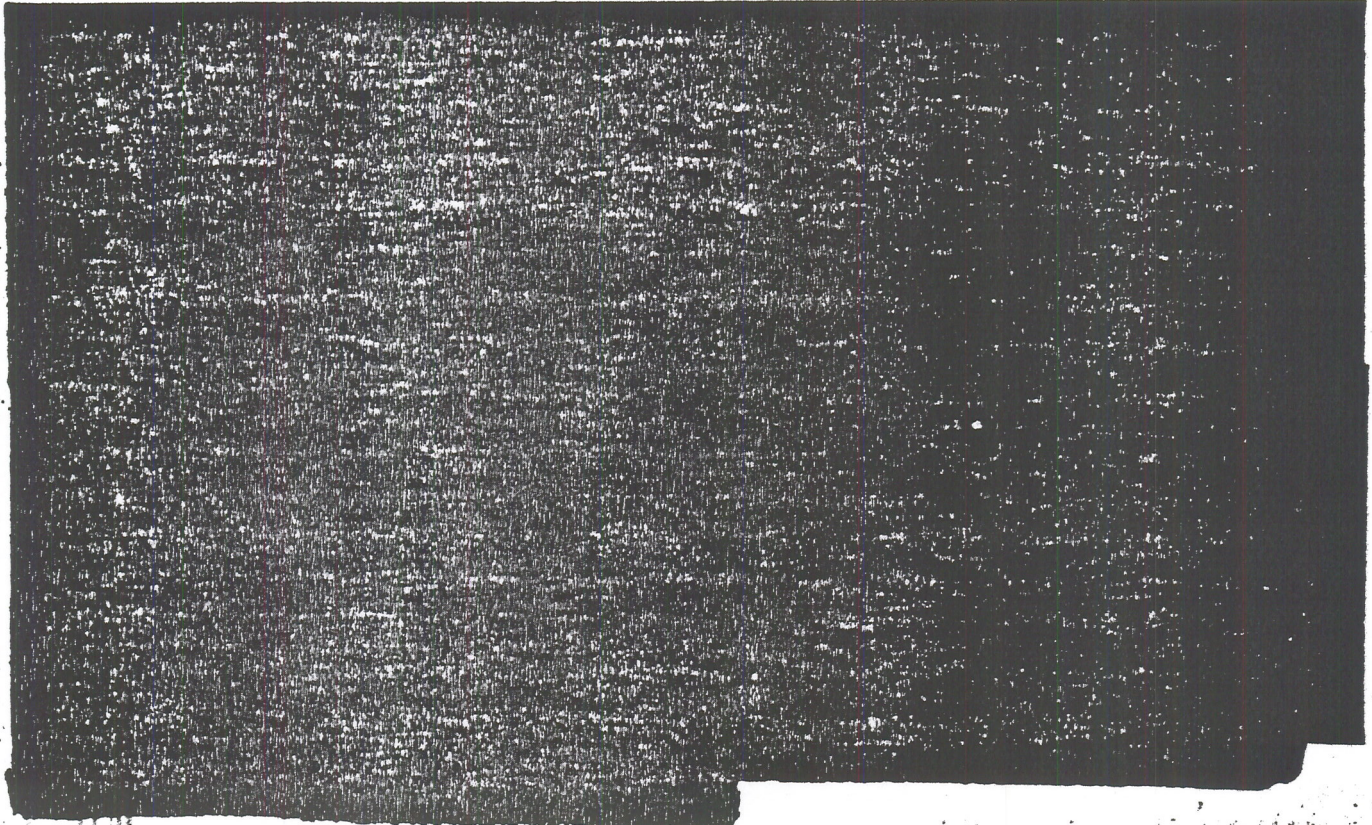
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Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

The Attorney General stated he is concerned about that as he understood I was. He stated a lot of these things seem to be coming out in the papers which were not before. I agreed and stated Drew Pearson, I happen to know, in regard to his column this morning, got the entire information from the Air Force who have copies of our reports; that this man (Reynolds) was in the Air Force and we made an investigation of him then because of the security risk; that Pearson got access to the files of the Air Force and has attributed it to us - that when you read the thing, it sounds as though everything was furnished by the FBI when in reality Pearson could not get inside any door of the Bureau as he is held in contempt by everybody in the Bureau. I stated Pearson hangs it on to the FBI as if it emanated from us. I stated Pearson did the same thing in regard to the assassination of the President, that he attributed certain information to the FBI which, as a matter of fact, he got from Earl Warren himself. I stated Pearson and Warren are close friends; they travel together and spend vacations together. I stated I had been tipped off in advance that Pearson was writing a column critical of the Bureau and giving information regarding the Lee Harvey Oswald Case and Pearson made it appear we were leaking information when as a matter of fact nothing ever was leaked out until after the report left the Bureau and then things began leaking out. I stated a lot leaked out in Dallas from the Police Department, which was doing a lot of talking about the evidence they sent us like the gun, the fingerprints, et cetera. I stated we identified them and in turn made a report to the Dallas Police Department and the Chief then went on TV and radio and reported what we found. I stated I told the Agent in Charge to tell the Chief I wanted him to shut up; of course, the Chief could have ignored me, but nevertheless I thought he was doing a great deal of harm, but the Chief did shut up and he never appeared on TV or radio again, but the harm had been done because certain members of the Presidential Commission on the Assassination thought the material was leaked out by the FBI. I stated Pearson was the author of that kind of a column just as this morning if you read his column, the FBI furnished everything about this fellow Reynolds who is involved in the Dobby Baker case when, in fact, copies of our reports of an investigation on Reynolds years ago went to the Air Force. I stated I was tipped off last week that Pearson's man had obtained access to those files in the Air Force and he was going to write a column, not only one but I think four columns which will be favorable to Walter Jenkins and the President and discrediting Reynolds particularly.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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