

January 17, 1969

Mr. M. W. Stevenson
Assistant Chief of Police
Inspectional Services Bureau.

SUBJECT: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,

Sir:

At 6:30 PM, January 16, 1969, Sergeant H. M. Hart received information that the SUBJECT had two investigators in Dallas for the purpose of interviewing Motorcycle Officer J. M. CHANEY about the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. Further information revealed that the two investigators were staying at the CABANA MOTOR HOTEL, 899 STEMMONS FREEWAY. The names of the investigators were reported to be ALVIN OSER and ALFORD, no further information.

At 9:00 AM this date, Detective M. H. BRUMLEY and Investigator A. J. CARROLL went to the CABANA MOTOR HOTEL to interview the investigators but they were not in their room. A note was left by BRUMLEY asking the investigators to contact this office.

At 1:30 PM this date, Mr. ALFORD contacted BRUMLEY by telephone stating that he and ALVIN OSER were investigators with the NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S staff and were in Dallas to interview Motorcycle officers BILLY JOE MARTIN and BOBBY HARGIS in regard to the assassination. ALFORD stated that he had made several unsuccessful attempts to contact these officers at their homes and at work and felt like they were avoiding him. ALFORD further stated that he wanted to know if these officers would appear in the trial of CLAY SHAW voluntarily at the expense of SUBJECT as he felt that their testimony was necessary to the case.

Pursuant to your instructions, Sergeant W. L. House contacted ALFORD by telephone and advised him that MARTIN and HARGIS would appear for the trial in NEW ORLEANS only if they were directed to by a lawful subpoena issued through the courts requiring their appearance. ALFORD stated that he would rather have them there voluntarily as he could pay more of their expenses that way but if they had to be subpoenaed he would instigate those proceedings. ALFORD then stated that if they had to be subpoenaed it would not be necessary for him to interview these officers at this time.

Sergeant W. L. House also contacted motorcycle officer BOBBY HARGIS by telephone and advised him of these officers efforts in trying to contact him. HARGIS is in Room G-1 at METHODIST HOSPITAL recovering from leg surgery.