

Form No. IS-62
(Ed. 7-14-64)

Internal Security Division

FROM: MAIL AND DOCKET UNIT

~~Assistant Attorney General~~
First Assistant
Executive Assistant
Confidential Assistant
Chief, Administrative Section
Chief, Appeals and Research Section
Chief, Civil Section
Chief, Criminal Section
Chief, Registration Section
Emergency Planning Coordinator
Security Officer

REMARKS:

Mr. Oliver
I glanced through this
but it is too much blah
If you find anything pls
let me know. Guy

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROUTE SLIP

TO:	NAME	DIVISION	BUILDING	ROOM
1.	Mr. Yeagley			
2.	<i>Mr. Oliver</i>	<i>Shank</i>		
3.	<i>the note & memo re the 2 teachers (+ ballpoint) to Belcher if anyone</i>			
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REMARKS <p>Re your attached question.</p> <p>Garrison issued warrants for the arrest of GORDON NOVEL and SERGIO ARCHACHA SMITH on March 31, 1967. NOVEL was arrested on April 1 in Columbus, Ohio and SMITH was arrested on April 3 in Dallas, Texas. All of these events were covered by the news media.</p> <p>As far as the news accounts are concerned, the unknown woman is probably referring to SERGIO ARCHACHA SMITH since his name and "MARIO GRACIAS" have the same euphonic ring. Although SMITH had some CIA contacts, no doubt, in connection with his anti-Castro activity, it seems unlikely that he would have been involved in any capacity in "following" a "CIA Secretary" in 1965.</p> <p>The only other name similar to MARIO GRACIAS that has come up is MANUEL GARCIA GONZALEZ. In August of 1963, OSWALD went to the Louisiana</p>				
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State Employment Commission and obtained the services of CHARLES HALL STEELE and MANUEL GARCIA GONZALEZ to help him distribute Fair Play for Cuba leaflets paying them \$2.00 for an hour's work. STEELE was interviewed and said that TV cameras took pictures of the three distributing the literature so he obtained his money and quit. MANUEL GARCIA GONZALEZ was never located, but STEELE's story seemed to confirm that neither of them had known OSWALD before.

You will recall that we have received information that ~~Garrison believes~~ that an individual by the name of "GONZALEZ" attended a meeting in FERRIE's apartment to plan the assassination. It could be that Garrison is trying to link the missing MANUEL GARCIA GONZALEZ to this "GONZALEZ."

Since the unknown woman in this memo said "MARTO GRACIAS" was identical to the individual displayed on television, and this individual was probably SERGIO ARCHACHA SMITH, I don't believe this has any connection with the missing MANUEL GARCIA GONZALEZ.

L. Oliver

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REMARKS: *Lee - does this mean anything to you? Who was arrested March 31 27?*
Jay

FROM:	NAME	BUILDING, ROOM, EXT.	DATE
	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL Internal Security Division		

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April 21, 1967

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Dear [Redacted]

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your recent communication regarding the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Warren Commission gathered a vast amount of material, much of it having only remote connection with the assassination. The bulk of the material that was before the Commission either was published in its 26-volume Hearings or is available to researchers at the National Archives. The relatively small portion which is not now available to the public consists primarily of national security intelligence or investigative reports — dealing largely with activities far removed from the assassination itself — which if disclosed might compromise confidential sources or techniques, or in some cases jeopardize the lives of individuals abroad. Public availability of other information had been delayed pending completion of the prosecution of Jack Ruby, but this information will now be released. All of the Commission material which has not yet been released will be reviewed periodically until all of it has been made available to the public.

With respect to the New Orleans matter, we can only point out that Mr. Garrison has not discussed his proceedings with Federal authorities. It would not be proper for us to comment on the evidence in a case pending before a state court.

Your confidence in writing is appreciated.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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Justice — April 10, 1967 — *T*
Dear President Johnson,

OPEN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES TO DISTRICT
ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON!

Yours truly,

9-115 ([Redacted Signature]) *7C*
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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

April 25, 1967 *U J H*

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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April 27, 1967

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[REDACTED] -7C

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Attached for your attention and such disposition as may be deemed appropriate is a copy of a letter from the above-named individual. This correspondence has not been acknowledged.

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SENT BY MESSENGER
COMMUNICATIONS SEC.
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April 10, 1967

Dear Sir:

I wish to inform you
that the tap recording used
during Jack Ruby's trial were
not mine.

Yours truly

([Redacted]

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April 21, 1967

([redacted]) 7C
Box 251
[redacted] - 7C
Dear [redacted] - 7C

This responds to your letter of April 7, 1967 to President Johnson concerning your appearance before the Warren Commission, which has been referred to this office for consideration.

The financial records of the Commission, now held in the National Archives, reveal that a bill of \$46.12 at the Willard Hotel and the cost of airline tickets for you and [redacted] were paid by the Commission staff. We also understand that you were paid the normal witness fees and the subsistence allowance for the days spent in Washington. It therefore appears that you have been fully compensated for your appearance before the Commission. 7C

Your confidence in writing to President Johnson is appreciated.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: The Attorney General

Date: April 14, 1967

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ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply for:
 - President's signature.
 - Undersigned's signature.
- Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
- Furnish information copy.
- Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- For your information.
- For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: [Redacted] Box 231, [Redacted]

Date: 4/7/67 (pm 4/12)

Subject: Witness to murder of Officer Tippett by Oswald; states she did not receive compensation for trips to Washington and Dallas.

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By direction of the President:

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

(Department or Agency copy)

April 7, 1967
PM 4/14

Dear Mrs President Johnson, 7C

I am [redacted] I was a witness
to the murder of Officer Tippit who was killed
by Lee Harvey Oswald. Three years old when I
went to Washington the D. A. in Dallas said we
would be paid for our making two trips to Dallas
and to Washington. ~~And for gas and time~~ And for gas and time my husband was
away from his job. I could use the money for
work is slow and we have two children in
school. I hope you don't I am being rude but I
like answer for you. I hope this letter doesn't
come rude I don't mean to be. I enjoyed my trip
to Washington and everyone was as good time.
The trip was something I will never forget.
Thank you for taking time to read a small
person's letter for it means alot to me. To know
I can write the President of the United States
and someone will read it.

Karen Cornick
[redacted] -7C

Yours very truly,
[redacted] -7C

Box 231
[redacted] -7C

From
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
To

April 11, 1967

- The Solicitor General
- Deputy Attorney General
- Assistant Attorney General
- MR. J. WALTER YEAGLEY
- Director, Bureau of Prisons
- The Pardon Attorney
- Chairman, Parole Board
- Assistant Attorney General for Administration
- Immigration and Naturalization Service
- Office of Alien Property
- Chief - Accounts Branch
- Chief - Administrative Services Office
- Chief of Personnel
- General Litigation Section, Civil Division
- Records Administration Office
- Attention: Antitrust Division
- Civil Division
- Civil Rights Division
- Criminal Division
- Internal Security Division

Do you make anything of this?

Mr. Oliver

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- A. No further action will be taken in this case in the absence of a specific request from you.
- B. Please advise what further investigation, if any, is desired in this matter.
- C. For your information, I am enclosing a communication regarding the holder of a diplomatic or international organization visa.
- D. For your information.
- E. Please note change in caption of this case.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enc. 2 (Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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I don't know if these two memos have any pertinent connection, but it is interesting that in both cases individuals connected with the bullfighting business in Mexico claim to have knowledge of the assassination.

In the one case, two school teachers said (through a third party) that they met a [redacted] by the name of [redacted] also known as [redacted] in Cuernayaca, Mexico in February 1967 and that he predicted the New Orleans investigation and claimed to have "vast personal knowledge of events leading to the assassination."

Departmental files contain no record on [redacted] or [redacted]. Insofar as the conversation is concerned, this information is probably reliable. With the information provided, it looks like it might be possible to find him in Mexico, or at least perhaps

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the original sources, the two school teachers, should be interviewed.

In the other case, a bankrobber who was convicted for 20 years in December 1966 in Los Angeles is trying to wheel and deal his way out of jail on the grounds that he has information concerning the assassination, knew of the meeting where the assassination was planned, has documentary proof, and knows of two witnesses who have fled the country. (It is noted that [redacted] above, drives a car with New York license plates.) He also says that the information from New Orleans "adds perfectly" with what he has.

This individual, [redacted] has lived in various cities in Mexico and has fought in the bull ring as a bullfighter.

He refuses to furnish any information unless released from jail and transported to Mexico. He threatens to write the President and Attorney General.

Two of the three psychiatrists who have seen him in this regard feel that his information is probably fictitious. Another isn't too sure.

If these two memos do indicate a possible connection between [redacted] information in view of the bullfighting aspect, it might be easier to try to locate [redacted] in Mexico or at least check with the two school teachers who talked to him.

[redacted] won't be going anywhere for quite a while.

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Memorandum

TO : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

DATE:

FROM : Frank M. Wozencraft
Fmw Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

129-11

SUBJECT: Public mail on Warren Commission questions.

I have a copy of your memorandum of March 28 to Barefoot Sanders suggesting that your Division handle the public mail on the Kennedy assassination involving the New Orleans investigation by District Attorney Garrison. We happily agree with your suggestion.

Prior to the recent court hearing, we were dealing with this subject in letters to the public somewhat as follows:

"Your letter refers to the investigation being conducted by Mr. Garrison, the state district attorney in New Orleans. It should be noted that to date Mr. Garrison has not released any concrete information indicating the existence of significant new evidence not considered by the Warren Commission."

Since that hearing, we have been using the following approach:

"With respect to the New Orleans matter, we can only point out that Mr. Garrison has not discussed his proceedings with federal authorities. It would not be proper for us to comment on the evidence in a case pending before a state court."

In most of the incoming correspondence reference to the New Orleans matter is made as one of several points critical of the Warren Commission and the Government, including a general attack on the findings of the Commission, the matter of documents withheld from public access, the x-rays and photographs, etc.

I assume you will make arrangements with Records Administration to have the Garrison letters sent to your Division and we shall forward any which find their way here. In order that your replies on the other aspects mentioned may be consistent with those we are sending in response to similar letters which do not raise the New Orleans issue, I am attaching copies of the forms we have been using to reply to the most frequent inquiries.

Dave Stephenson of my staff, ext. 2674, will be happy to work with whoever handles this in the Criminal Division.

Attachments

cc: Mr. Sanders

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2.	Kay Thurman			2117
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REMARKS

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do you see any reason for the Bureau to interview this man? Seems so wild to me that interview would serve no purpose.

Barefoot

Kay - what you think
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	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL Civil Division		

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June 15, 1967

D.C.

[Redacted]

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Dear [Redacted] 7C

The Attorney General has asked me to respond to your letter of April 1, 1967, concerning the return of Lee Harvey Oswald to the United States after his travels to the Soviet Union.

The one-volume report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy at page 689, states that Lee Harvey Oswald sailed for Europe September 20, 1959, and at page 713, that he returned to the United States on June 13, 1962.

For further information on Oswald's life and travels, we refer you to the Commission report and hearings.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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