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June 5, 1967

Honorable Sheldon S. Cohen
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Pursuant to Section 301.6103(a) - 1(g), Title 26, C.F.R., it is requested that this office be furnished copies of the income tax returns for the period 1962 through 1964, together with any and all other information collected by your revenue and intelligence agents, of the following:

- 1. David William Ferris, who was then living at 3330 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, New Orleans, Louisiana.



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This office is conducting an inquiry concerning certain allegations made regarding the above named individuals, and these documents are needed in connection with our inquiry.

Documents furnished in response to this request will be limited in use to the purpose for which they are requested and will under no conditions be made public.

Access to these documents, on a need-to-know basis, will be limited to those attorneys or employees of my office who are actively engaged in the inquiry. Persons having access to these documents will be cautioned as to the confidentiality of the information contained therein and of the penalty provisions of Section 7213 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 1905, Title 18, U.S.C., regarding the unauthorized disclosure of such information.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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Miss Thurman
Mr. Vinson

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

June 16, 1967

FBI:WASH June 16, 1967

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

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

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Enclosure

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT TURN OF EVENTS WHERE IN NEW ORLEANS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON HAS COMPETENT EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT
A CONSPIRACY EXISTED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY. SINCE MY RETURN FROM NEW ORLEANS ON MARCH
11 AFTER CONSULTATION WITH GARRISON'S TOP AIDES I AM EVEN MORE
CONFIDENT THAT AN INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY DID EXIST. THREE

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CRIMINAL-GEN. CRIME SEC. 8

AND ONE HALF YEARS AGO I STATED OSWALD WAS NOT THE ASSASSIN
I WAS THE FIRST PERSON WHO PREDICTED KENNEY'S ASSASSINATION.
TODAY I STAND STEADFASTLY THAT OSWALD DID NOT KILL MR KENNEDY
IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE MYSTERY AND BRING THE ACTUAL KILLERS
AND CONSPIRATORS TO LIGHT AND THUS PROSECUTE SAME. SINCE YOU
ARE THE PRESIDENT MAY I APPEAL TO YOU TO CALL A CONGRESSIONAL
HEARING AND HELP SOLVE THIS UNJUST ASSASSINATION. MAY I REMIND
YOU IT WAS THROUGH MY SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE AND WARNING TO YOU
ON MARCH 9 1964. IN THE BOOK TITLED THE STRANGE POWERS OF PROPHECY
BY BRAD STIGER ON PAGE 32 IT TELLS OF MY HAVING TRIED TO PREVENT

THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION THE MAJOR PRESS IS SUPPRESSING AND
THE TRUE FACTS ABOUT THE RIGHT WING ANGLE AND REFUSED TO LET
ME GIVE MY VIEWS ON THE TV PROGRAM PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ME TO
APPEAR AT THIS CONGRESSIONAL HEARING AND I SHALL PROVE THAT THE
RIGHT WINGERS ARE THE MAIN SUSPECTS. YOU ARE UNDER AFFLICTION
AND SHOULD HAVE MAXIMUM PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES GET MORE REST
AND REMEMBER THAT [REDACTED] AND I ARE CONSTANTLY PRAYING 7C
FOR YOU, VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY AND THE KENNEDYS. EXPECTING
AN EARLY REPLY. YOURS IN CHRIST

[REDACTED] 7C

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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REMARKS

If we do send the memo, I would vote for the "long version" with appropriate editing. I think it will do no good. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] From now on we will include every telegram the explicit instructions and a direction that no change can be made without the authorization of the Attorney General.

Type up long version for AG signature

ME

FROM:	NAME	BUILDING & ROOM	EXT.	DATE
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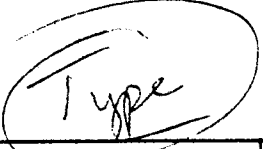
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REMARKS I drafted a possible reply if one is warranted to the FBI's memo. Herb has had conversations with the FBI which conveys the following: (1) They will persist in confining their inquiry to a "full" investigation of the 3 specific areas. (2) They have some strange notion that they are "protecting" us (and themselves) from wandering into super-sensitive and potentially embarrassing areas. I have no concept of what this apprehension is based on. (3) The Bureau will continue to try to push us into a grand jury so that they can take a secondary role in the investigation.
 I think Herb should join our discussion.



FROM:	NAME	BUILDING & ROOM	EXT.	DATE
	N. E. Kossack	2107	2621	6/2

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REMARKS

2 versions - a long & a short

Dully
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FROM:	NAME	BUILDING & ROOM	EXT.	DATE

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

129-11

Assassination of President John F. Kennedy,
Dallas, Texas -- (November 22, 1963)

The appearance of Special Agent (SA) Regis L. Kennedy before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on May 17, 1967, has caused concern in the Department and the Criminal Division has endeavored to evaluate the participation of all persons involved in the arrangements for the grand jury appearance.

There seems to have been no lack of appreciation that this Grand Jury appearance was considered to be of more than routine importance. It seems to be acknowledged that telegraphic instructions to the Special Agent and the guidance afforded to him by the United States Attorney were clear and were understood. It is suggested he received other advice which he recognized as calling for behavior different than that suggested by the above. There was ample opportunity before the appearance and during the appearance to be certain as to the desired behavior by recontacting the United States Attorney or the Special Agent in Charge. So far as we can determine, the Agent made no effort to account for the clear instructions he had received in writing as well as orally.

It is suggested that failure to seek any guidance in resolving conflicting requests or failure to adhere to clearly understood requests should be of serious concern to the Bureau.

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

FROM : Attorney General

179-11

SUBJECT: Assassination of President
John F. Kennedy - Dallas, Texas
November 22, 1963

This responds to your memorandum of May 19, 1967, concerning the appearance of Special Agent Regis L. Kennedy before the New Orleans grand jury on May 17, 1967.

As indicated in your memorandum a telegram was sent to SA Kennedy with explicit directions not to testify about material or information acquired in the performance of his duties or in his official status. That instruction was repeated by United States Attorney LaCour and Assistant United States Attorneys Ciolino, Palmisano, and Veters in an effort to impress upon SA Kennedy the necessity of invoking the executive testimonial privilege at the grand jury proceeding.

Assistant United States Attorneys Ciolino and Veters have categorically denied that they modified or attempted to modify the directions previously given to SA Kennedy by the Attorney General concerning his testimony before the grand jury; they would have no authority to do so, as SA Kennedy is aware.

SA Kennedy was informed of the agreement reached among Judge Bagert, Assistant District Attorney Alcock, and Assistant United States Attorneys Ciolino and Veters on the morning of May 17 that if any question arose about the propriety or necessity of the invocation of the privilege, SA Kennedy would be allowed to consult with Ciolino and Veters outside the room where the grand jury was convened.

FILE-J.R.R.

Handwritten initials "JC" inside a hand-drawn oval.

SA Kennedy, as indicated by his memorandum of May 18, summarizing his recollections of his appearance before the grand jury, departed from the explicit directions of the Attorney General during that appearance by answering a number of questions relating to persons, places, and investigative efforts with which he was familiar only through his official duties. He did not leave the room at any time to confer with Assistant United States Attorneys Ciolino and Veters about the questions being propounded to him.

The Department has been closely observing the course of the investigation being conducted in New Orleans into the late President's assassination. We therefore regard the departure of SA Kennedy from his instructions as of grave importance.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Please make a draft of a response pointing up Regis had telegram ability to double ck by leaving CT Km — & pe ck USA & SAC & such other factors as to indicate Regis should be not deported from instructions

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			<i>7/30</i>	
	<i>[Signature]</i>			

Kossack

I'm not sure I agree. Let's see what
a response looks like at least.

Fred Vinson

5/25/67

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REMARKS

This sounds like a timid response for culprits. I'm inclined to let this sleeping dog lie. So far we have had no evil results.

FROM:	NAME	BUILDING, ROOM, EXT.	DATE
	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL Criminal Division		5/27/67

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have had no ~~evil~~ evil results.

*I'm not sure I agree.
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AND URGENT**

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5/31

cc:Files ✓
Stephenson
Hoffman
Copeland

June 12, 1967

Miss Gloria H. Lettre,
Special Assistant,
Office of Senator Montoya,
Room 2102 -- NSOB,
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Miss Lettre:

This is in reply to your memorandum of May 31, 1967, addressed to Miss Thompson, of this office, concerning a letter to Senator Montoya regarding the assassination of President Kennedy. The correspondent, [redacted] criticizes the Warren Commission report, particularly with respect to its findings regarding the bullets which hit the President, and urges in this connection that Senator Montoya examine the autopsy photographs and have them made public. [redacted] states that, if the photographs show that the President was hit in the back, a new investigation should be undertaken.

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The photographs and X-rays taken in connection with the autopsy of President Kennedy were transferred to the National Archives by his family under restrictions which the Government accepted pursuant to the statute governing the deposit of historical materials relating to former presidents. The autopsy pictures are available for official inspection by any government body having authority to investigate matters relating to the assassination. They will also be available, after a five-year period, for nonofficial inspection by experts in pathology or related areas of science, subject to restrictions suitable to the subject matter of these pictures.

cc: OLC

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It should be noted that the most meaningful evidence of autopsy findings consists of the expert analysis made by the doctors who performed the autopsy; the X-rays and photographs are simply a record of what the doctors saw and evaluated. Two of the doctors who performed the autopsy of the late President and testified before the Commission have examined the X-rays and photographs in the Archives and informed the press that the pictures corroborate the findings to which they had testified.

As to the doubts expressed by [redacted] with regard to the findings of the Warren Commission, it should be noted that the authors who have criticized the conclusions of the Warren Commission do not claim to have any significant new evidence, so far as we are aware. Rather, their criticisms and demands for a new inquiry are based upon different conclusions they have drawn from parts of the same body of evidence that was examined by the Commission. The Commission made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts concerning the assassination. The evidence amply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission. In these circumstances, we see no basis for a new inquiry.

Sincerely,

Herbert K. Hoffman
Chief, Legislative &
Legal Section

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO

- ATTORNEY GENERAL
 - EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
 - OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
- DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
 - EXECUTIVE OFFICE—U. S. ATTORNEYS
 - EXECUTIVE OFFICE—U. S. MARSHALS
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- LANDS DIVISION
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- FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES, INC.
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- IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
- PARDON ATTORNEY
- PAROLE BOARD
- BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS
- ATTENTION: _____

REMARKS:

June 5, 1967

Mr. Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

Attention: Mr. Martin Richman
Room 513L

I spoke to you the other day with regard to a congressional call from Senator Montoya's office on the Warren Commission Report.

It is requested that you prepare a reply for Mr. Hoffman's signature to Miss Lettre which will enable her to answer the letter from their constituent, [redacted] 7c

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Nancy A. Thompson

Attachment

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- NOTE AND FILE
- CALL ME

FROM _____ DATE _____

Wade

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

May 31, 1967

NOTE FOR : Miss Thompson
Assistant Chief
Legal & Legislative Section
Office of the Deputy
Attorney General

Miss Thompson:

In accord with our phone conversation,
attached is a copy of the letter
which you indicated you would provide
me with appropriate information on.

Please address your response to my
attention.

Thanking you for all your help,

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Miss Gloria H. Lettre
Special Assistant
Office of Senator Montoya
Room 2102 - NSOB

JUN 5 1967

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1 DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL	
2 LEGISLATIVE SEC.	
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL	

May 25, 1967

REC'D MAY 29 1967

Mr. Montoya,

I am writing to you in connection with the Warren Commission's Report on the assassination of President Kennedy. I have read the Warren Report and the challenges made against it. The Warren Report does not stand up to these challenges. I am astounded that a government Commission, made up of such noted individuals, so would conduct an investigation which at the most was designed to protect the national interest and achieve domestic tranquility. Regardless of the truth.

There was one assassin if and only if President Kennedy and Governor Connally were hit by the same bullet.

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The Warren Commission states that the first bullet hit Kennedy in the neck exited just under his Adam's apple and hit Connally, but the only proof it offers is drawings made by an artist.

The FBI, on the other hand states that the first bullet hit Kennedy in the back, penetrated to a depth of about 3 inches and did not go through the body.

The FBI has as proof photographs of Kennedy's shirt and coat which show quite clearly that he must have been hit in the back. If he was hit in the back there were at least two assassins.

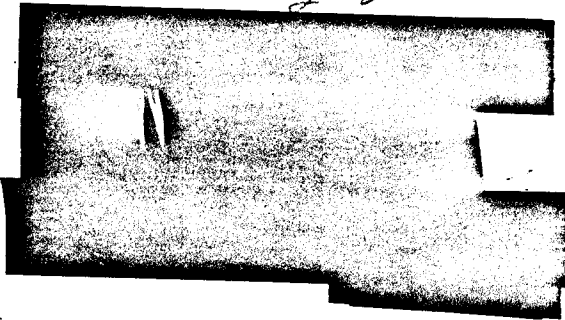
This problem can be cleared up very easily by looking at the pictures taken of Kennedy during the autopsy and which were never made public and which no one has seen.

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Mr. Mortoya you should immediately undertake to look at these photographs and have them made public, and if they show that Kennedy was hit in the back a new investigation should be undertaken to find the truth regardless of its consequences.

I expect an answer from you as soon as possible on what you have done or are doing in connection with my request.

Sincerely yours



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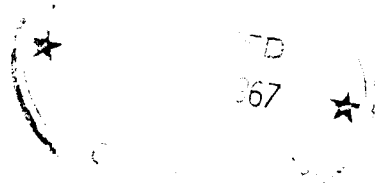
EDWARD F. WEGMANN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1047 NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70112

TELEPHONE 524-0732
NOTARY PUBLIC

FRED R. WESTENBERGER

May 24, 1967

Honorable Ramsey Clark
Attorney General of United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530



Dear Mr. Clark:

The Department of Justice is aware of the fact that the writer together with Mr. F. Irvin Dymond and Mr. William J. Wegmann of this City represent Clay L. Shaw, who has been indicted by the Orleans Parish, Louisiana, Grand Jury for the crime of having conspired to murder the late John F. Kennedy, President of the United States. Mr. Shaw was arrested on March 1, 1967, subsequent to which he made bond and was released.

Your office is well aware of the manner in which this investigation has been and is being conducted by the District Attorney's office. In reply to our previous request for assistance, we were advised that since Mr. Shaw was charged with a State violation it would be inappropriate for the federal government to intervene in a state criminal inquiry. While we do not agree with the position taken by the department, we must accept it, at least for the time being.

At this time I wish to call your attention to a grave injustice to Mr. Shaw as a result of certain statements which have been attributed to you and an unnamed source in the Justice Department. It would be most appropriate at this time for you, as Attorney General of the United States to rectify this situation by retracting and clarifying this situation. I have reference to the following:

On the morning of March 3, 1967 at an impromptu news conference, you told newsmen that the FBI had already investigated and cleared Shaw in the weeks following the assassination on November 22, 1963. As reported in The Washington Post, Friday, March 3, 1967:

"Attorney General Ramsey Clark told newsmen here that the FBI had already investigated and cleared Shaw in the weeks following the assassination on Nov. 22, 1963.

FILE-J.R.R.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
31 MAY 25 1967
ATTORNEY GENERAL
CRIMINAL-GEN. CRIME SEC.

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EDWARD F. WEGMANN

Honorable Ramsey Clark
Attorney General

May 24, 1967
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"He was checked out and found clear?' Clark was asked after a hearing on his nomination to become Attorney General.

"That's right,' Clark replied.

"The FBI, however, neither investigated nor cleared anyone named Shaw. It did check briefly into allegations surrounding a 'Clay Bertrand' and decided they were without substance.

"The Attorney General's remarks consequently amounted to an acceptance of Garrison's charge that Clay Shaw and 'Clay Bertrand' are one and the same. 'It's the same guy,' said one source in the Justice Department.

"The FBI, it was understood, pursued some leads on 'Bertrand,' but abandoned them as fruitless before he could be located. The information came from Dean Adams Andrews Jr., now an assistant district attorney in Louisiana's Jefferson Parish. Andrews testified before the Warren Commission and yesterday was subpoenaed for questioning by Garrison."

A similar story was carried in the New York Times. The Times, in its March 3 edition, quoted an unnamed Justice Department spokesman to the effect that his Agency was convinced that Mr. Bertrand and Mr. Shaw were the same man. According to this story, the reporter was given the information on the same day you said Shaw had been investigated in 1963 and cleared of any complicity in Kennedy's assassination. According to The Times, the reporter went to the National Archives where documents relating to the Presidential slaying are stored. When he could find no reference to Shaw in Warren Commission papers, the reporter returned to the Justice Department and asked the basis for your statement. It was then he was told that the Justice Department was convinced Shaw was Bertrand and that was the basis for Mr. Clark's assertions this morning.

This story has been given national as well as international prominence. The story has been printed in the local newspapers on more than one occasion, having been printed last on Friday, May 5, 1967. The publication of this story has done Mr. Shaw a tremendous amount of harm and will continue to harm him with increasing severity until such time as it is retracted. There is absolutely no basis in fact for the story. That such is the case is well known to members of your staff. Neither the Department of Justice nor the Federal Bureau of Investigation has any evidence whatsoever to establish that Clay L. Shaw and Clay Bertrand are one and the same person. Mr. Shaw has been

EDWARD F. WEGMANN

Honorable Ramsey Clark
Attorney General

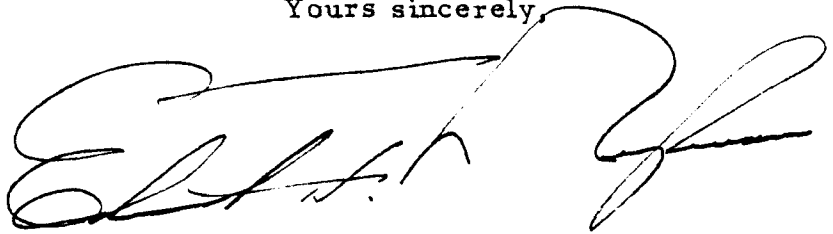
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done a tremendous injustice by virtue of the statements attributed to you and to the Department of Justice. Anything which Jim Garrison, District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, might say, to the contrary notwithstanding, there are many people, including the writer, who still hold the office of the Attorney General of the United States, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the utmost respect, as a result of which they take as fact statements such as this which either emanate from these offices or are attributed to the offices in this fashion.

It is submitted that Mr. Shaw is entitled to a retraction and/or a clarification of these statements and that justice demands that the story be retracted and/or clarified. Clay Bertrand was investigated by the staff of the Warren Commission and it was the speculation with respect to Clay Bertrand that the Commission decided was without substance. No such investigation was made of Clay Shaw, and no such conclusions were reached with respect to this individual. It is respectfully suggested that the request for a retraction and/or a clarification is a reasonable one and should be granted.

I await your advices.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward F. Wegmann', written in a cursive style.

EFW/mdt

cc: Mr. F. Irvin Dymond
cc: Mr. William J. Wegmann

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John Doug
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

May 25, 1967

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

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159-11 R. A. L.

Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

In response to your memoranda to Mr. Darrook Sanders and myself, I enclose copies of transcripts of an interview of [redacted] by District Attorney Garrison, a staff liaison [redacted] and a telephone conversation between [redacted] March 10, 1967, and a meeting [redacted] on March 10. These copies were furnished by Chief James Attorney Lague for our information.

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cc: Records
Chromo
Thurman
Mr. Vinson

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May 22, 1967

Reply 5/22/67

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy
Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963

Reference is made to the Bureau memorandum of May 19, 1967
intending the request of [redacted] for the return of certain documents, has been
brought to the attention of the United States Attorney, Eastern
District of Louisiana. The United States Attorney has requested
the assistance of the Criminal Division in resolving this matter.

In an effort to reach the appropriate decision regarding the
first page of the bank book in question, the Criminal Division
would appreciate being advised whether the Bureau has any informa-
tion concerning the sources of the funds shown to have been
deposited and the purpose for which the funds withdrawn were
paid.

In addition, we would appreciate being advised whether the
Bureau conducted any investigation in the matter explained above,
in the Carlos Marcello matter, or any other investigation which
was based upon any of the documents (including the first page of
the bank book) furnished by [redacted]

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Chicago
Mr. Belcher (2)
Mr. Vinson

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Barefoot Sanders
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

DATE: May 20, 1967

FROM : John Doar
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

129-11

SUBJECT: Alleged Intimidation of Witness in
State Prosecution of Clay Shaw

It occurred to me that you may want to send me a resume of anything that I should know about the alleged intimidation of witnesses in the Garrison investigation.

I do not intend to take any action until I have reviewed all of the information you have, as well as talk to Mr. Vinson, and have the opportunity to study the problems that his division is having with the subpoenaing of FBI agents before the grand jury.

FILE-J.R.R.

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MAY 22 1967

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Fred Vinson
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

DATE: May 20, 1967

FROM : ~~John~~ John Doar
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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SUBJECT:

I would appreciate receiving from your division any information on the problems you have had in connection with the Garrison investigation. I have under consideration a matter involving the alleged intimidation of witnesses, and I do not intend to take any steps on it until I am fully informed of what your division has been doing, as well as all other contacts the Department may have had with the matter.

FILE-J.A.R.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1967

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MEMO FOR: Nathaniel Kossack
First Assistant, Criminal Division

FROM : Barefoot Sanders *BS*

Attached is the Belcher memo, etc., concerning David Ferrie.

I mentioned this to the Attorney General Friday evening but we were in a hurry and came to no resolution of the problem.

It seems to me that there is no choice about returning the documents. However, I don't know what the legalities are. In any event, assuming we return the documents, including the bank statement, I think we should try to have ready an explanation of where Ferrie may have obtained this money. The most likely explanation is from Marcello's lawyer - wasn't it G. Ray Gill. I don't know anything about Gill and it may be that it is not feasible for Louis or one of his Assistants to talk to him. But if it is feasible it would be great to have an explanation ready when Garrison releases these bank deposits - as he surely will.

I think the Attorney General should be consulted before any final decision is made.

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Memorandum

TO : Barefoot Sanders
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

DATE:

FROM : *CB* Carl W. Belcher, Chief
General Crimes Section
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Kennedy Assassination

In the Attorney General's office yesterday, I orally mentioned to you the fact that certain documents were volunteered to the FBI by a local police officer in New Orleans in 1964 and that the same local police officer was now motivated by Garrison to request the FBI to return to him copies of those documents.

I have now found the documents and they are attached. All the documents except the bank account statement seem to relate exclusively to the Carlos Marcello case and suggest no reason why they could not be returned.

One page of the bank statement is of interest. Substantial deposits were made during November, 1963, but the withdrawals were nowhere near as large in amount. Both the deposits and withdrawals could be explained solely on the basis that this individual was employed and pursuant to that employment did travel extensively and apparently paid necessary expenses incidental to his investigative efforts during his travel on the Marcello case.

In addition, we are confronted with the circumstance that Garrison knows these documents exist and may well know the contents of them inasmuch as only copies and not the originals were furnished to the FBI.

The FBI advised me today that none of the documents in question were furnished to the Warren Commission for the reason that they were received by the FBI in 1964 at a time when the earlier thoughts of a widespread plot in connection with the assassination had largely been discounted and they saw no hard evidence that any of these documents were related to the assassination.

Mr. Kossack and I have discussed the pros and cons of this matter and each of us recommends that these documents be returned to the local police officer by the FBI in the least news-worthy way possible. Your advice on this matter would be appreciated.

Attachments

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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June 2, 1967

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

D.A.K.

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RECORD

Attached for your attention and such disposition as
may be deemed appropriate are copies of a letter addressed to
the President by one [REDACTED] This correspondence
has not been acknowledged.

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Enclosure

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I know how President Kennedy
died; I was gladed by 4 or 5 men;
Because my cousin saw a man
running through a parking lot;
and some other man I know
saw the other man!

But! The police said that
Aswald killed him but
it wasn't

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
10 MAY 24 1967
R.A.O.
ORIGINAL-GEN. SERGE

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V. J. C.

Ask not, what your country can do
for you, But, what you can do
for your country.

The President's
Coat of Arms.



sign
[Redacted]

The words of President Kennedy.
President Kennedy was a Great man.
I hope I can be like him some
days

AND I WILL!

[Redacted]