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October 5, 1967

Honorable John H. Buchanam, Jr. House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

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This is in response to the communication of September 26. 1967 from your office and the enclosed article concerning the assessination of President Kennedy.

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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 criticizes 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 assassimation. The evidence amply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission. In these circumstances, we saw no basis for a new inquiry.

I hope that this information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

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Herbert E. Hoffman Chief, Legislative & Legal Section Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Subject: Correspondence from:

Congressman Buchanan enclosing copy of an article

by C. E. Hornlund re President Kennedy's death.

Responsibility

Prepare reply for signature of Deputy Attorney General and forward to Herbert E. Hoffman, Room 4117, Main Justice.

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Mr. Herbert E. Hoffman Congressional Liaison Department of Justice Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an article sent to Congressman Buchanan some time ago by -7C Since -7C Since desires immediate clarification of the allegations made by Mr. C. E. Hornlund, and has again contacted the Congressman in this

and has again contacted the Congressman in this matter, I would greatly appreciate your furnishing a reply.

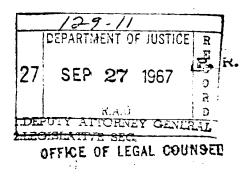
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With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Thomas O. Kay Administrative Assistant

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` ₹ ., · HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D.C. September 29 , 196.7 Mr. Martin F. Richman Office of Legal Counsel Department of Justice Washington, D. C. The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible. If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it. Re: 7c DRA HISTICE OCT 20 1967 M <u>ÈE OF</u> LEG COUNSE Very /t 7 LUTE JACK EDWARDS, M.C. Alabama's First District.

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Honorable Frank Church United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

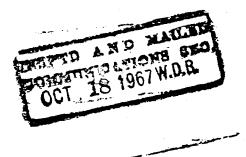
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Dear Senator Church:

Your reference to the Attorney General of Asks letter has been referred to me for reply. why some of the material gathered by the Warren Commission 7C in connection with its investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy has been withheld from the public.

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 has now been 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.

I hope this information will be of interest to the second



Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft Assistant Attorney General Office of Legal Counsel

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Mr. Lawrence Houston General Counsel, CIA

September 22,

Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division, Justice FMV:KT:al t 9/22/67 129-11 **A.** A. L.

Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

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Attached for your information is a copy of the memorandum prepared for the Attorney General, summarizing the conference held Thursday, September 21, 1967, between Mr. Nathaniel E. Kossack, First Assistant, Criminal Division, and Messrs. Edward F. Wegmann and Irvin Dymond, counsel for Clay L. Shaw.

We would appreciate receiving your comments on the requests of Messrs. Wegmann and Dymond.

Attachment.

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At the conference, Mesars. Lymond and Weymann espressed their belief that if Clay L. Shaw is convicted of conspiring to assassinate President Keanedy, not only will the Warren Commission and the Commission's Report be completely discredited, but confidence throughout the world in the United States Covernment will be undermined. They expressed amazement and horror that one prosecutor in one medium-sized city could so affect the international stature of the United States. They cited the results of a public opinion poll taken in Louisiana during August at the direction of Covernor John J. McKeithen, which revealed that 85 g of those ā interviewed had a favorable impression of Jim Garrison. The Elatrici Attorney is a dangerous, irresponsible man and must be stopped, they R'A concluded. 1 2010 3

Dymoad and Megmann were disparaging of Judge Haggerty, who is scheduled to preside at the shaw trial, saying that he is Also, that he is rumored to have

Because of Haggerty's (possibly forced) disposition against shaw, Lymond and Keymann are besitant to seek a change of venue, lest Haggerty assign the case to another parish where the political elimate might be even less favorable.

Dymond and Negmann, who claim that they are forced "to play with a stacked deck." presented a strong plea for investigative assistance and cooperation to help them refute charges that are otherwise unanswerable. Ultimately, their objective is access to information in the CIA files. Mr. Kossock said only that we would communicate with them further. without any pledge of assistance.

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Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

On Thursday, September 21, 1967, at 11:15 a.m., two of the attorneys representing Clay L. Shaw, who has been indicted in New Cricana, Louisiana, for complying to assassinate the late President Kennedy, came to the Department of justice to confer with Mr. Nathaniel E. Kossach, First Assistant, Criminal Livision, about procedural problems and their strategy in the forthcoming trial. Mr. Kosseck advised them that although their requests would be received and considered, no assurances or commitments of cooperation could be made at this time. In the course of their conversation, the Messra. Irvin Lymond and Edward F. Wegmann indicated that they · desired assistance from the Department of Justice in several matters:

1. To ascertain whatever contact existed prior to or on the date of the assassination between the Central Intelligence Agency and the following individuals:

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Mr. Doar (Lythond and Regmann stated that they might later submit the names of other individuals about whom they had similar questions.)

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2. To learn whether Federal Bureau of Investigation "rap shoets" would be available on named individuals.

3. To learn whether Perry Raymond Russo had ever been interrogated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

4. To learn whether Clay L. Shaw had been investigated by the Federal Sureau of Investigation in the course of the inquiry into the death of Fresident Kennedy.

5. To learn whether Clay L. Shaw had been investigated by the Pederal Bureau of Investigation since March 1, 1967, regarding the strength and merit of Elstrict Attorney Carrison's charges against him. More specifically, to learn whether an FBI agent visited and interviewed

6. To determine the whereabouts of

And to learn if the FSI had investigated after Garrison approach that he had found in Shaw's personal notebook the same number as he claimed could be decoded from a number in Oswald's notebook. Shaw has claimed that the number in his notebook is that of a post office box used by the for a business he previously operated.

7. To determine the whereabouts of Jack L. Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald during the period September 1 - September 5, 1963. More specifically, to determine whether either of them could have been in the Capitol House Hotel in Baton Rauge during that period.

3. To determine the financial situation of Lee Harvey Uswald during the month of September, 1963: <u>1.e.</u>, when and where he cashed his regular unemployment checks.

9. To determine the whereabouts of George Senator, who was Jack Ruby's roommate in November, 1963.

10. To ascertain the PEI's willingness to conduct an investigation of Ferry Raymond Russo for its psychological effect clone--i.e., to "shake up" Russo so that he would repudiate his allegedly perjurious testimony gives at the preliminary examination March 14-17, 1967.

Mr. Kossach made direct enswers to only two of these requests: he stated that the "rap sheets" referred to in paragraph 2 are covered by a statutory restriction, and may be distributed only to persons associated with law enforcement agencies; and he advised that Russo would be interrogated (paragraph 9) only in connection with an investigation of a violation of Federal law within the FBI's investigative jurisdiction.

Massrs. Dymond and Wegmann specualted that they might file a complaint with United States Attorney Louis LaCour stating that shaw's civil rights have been violated through a conspiracy by Carrison, Dr. Esmond Fatter and Perry Raymond Russo, to present false testimony at Shaw's preliminary examinates, and through such a complaint draw the Föl into the matter and prompt an interrogation of Russo. Mr. Kossack referred them to Mr. John Doar, Assistant Attorney General, or Mr. Robert Gwen, First Assistant, Civil Rights Livision, for further comment on the federal civil rights statutes.

After speculating that they might sock a change of venue to another Louisiana parish, and commenting on the alleged **sector** of judge Haggerty and the apparent liaison between and the Teamsters, the two attorneys left a 1215 p.m.



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