

I
MR. President,

I am just a 21 yr. old
G.I. who is on his second
tour of duty in Vietnam.

I have a couple of
questions to ask you and I would
appreciate an honest answer.

I. Don't you think that you
have lost enough young men out
here? What the hell is wrong
with you people? Can't you see
that North Vietnam doesn't
want peace?

OK!! We are in so deep
now we cannot pull out and
save face. So why don't
you drop "THE BOMB" on
North Vietnam's Capital? Wouldn't
that show them you mean
business?

II.

II

Why hasn't the truth about
President Kennedy's death
been fully given to the people
of the United States of America?

Jim Garrison seems to be
coming up with some pretty
good evidence against people
that were dismissed by the good
old U.S. as having nothing to do
with the assassination of one of
the Greatest Presidents of the
United States.

I can honestly say that I
am ashamed of the United
States Government and I will
never vote for any person
running for a government position
as long as I live!!

(cont.)

III

When I was eighteen, I couldn't wait until I would be 21 and I could vote.

Now, I wouldn't vote in the U.S. if I was paid \$1,000.

The U.S. government has kept many things quiet. What about that ship that North Korea took? What is being done about that?

North Korea is doing the same thing all over again and they are getting away with it.

I guess losing a guy's life doesn't mean too much to you people as long as it's not your own.

You are losing many talented people over here and you don't even care.

III
All I have to say is the
U.S. is a sorry place. The
reason it is sorry is you
can't even straighten out your
own country!

Those colored people
have just as much rights as
we whites!!

I come from a negro
section of Boston (ROXBURY). It
is a dirty, nasty place but
I have to live there because
I cannot afford a place for
my mother and I to live. It's
not your fault!! It's just
the CITY'S. Clean up your
own country before you try
and clean up someone else's!

Respectfully,
[REDACTED] 7C

Mr. Irwin Goldbloom
Attorney, General Litigation Section
Civil Division

June 1, 1968

Harland F. Leathers
Chief, General Litigation Section
Civil Division

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Transfer of Cases

The following cases, dealing with the Warren Commission Exhibits, are transferred to you from Mr. Gershuny.

Each is pending on motion:

King v. United States
Porter v. United States
United States v. Rifle

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Edwin L. Weisl, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

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

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Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Attached is a copy of a complaint filed in the United States District Court, Eastern District, Louisiana, by counsel for Clay L. Shaw. You will note that on page 37 of the complaint, paragraph #104 makes reference to the possible intervention in this action by the Attorney General of the United States. Acting upon this complaint, United States District Court Judge Neesbe on May 28, granted a restraining order. We have not yet received a copy of this restraining order but so far as we are aware no reference was made by the Court to intervention by the Attorney General.

We would appreciate receiving your thoughts regarding whether any aspect of the assassination being handled by your office would militate in favor of the intervention by the United States or militate against such intervention by the United States.

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Chron
Belcher

This memo also sent to:

Attachment

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

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*ATTACHMENT
To Be forwarded to
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*Sent direct
from VINSON'S
office
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m. Belcher

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

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

DATE: May 24, 1968
129-11

FROM *WB* Carl W. Belcher, Chief
General Crimes Section

SUBJECT: Garrison's subpoena of Archivist

The United States Marshal's office informed us today that they received a phone call from either Orleans Parish District Attorney's office or the Office of the Criminal Sheriff in Louisiana asking them to hold the original subpoena directed to the Archivist as they are forwarding an amended subpoena correctly identifying the Archivist as Mr. James Rhoads.

Assistant United States Attorney Joe Hannon was advised of this development. Upon receipt of the amended subpoena, he will advise the United States Marshal that it is ineffective under D. C. law and should therefore be returned.

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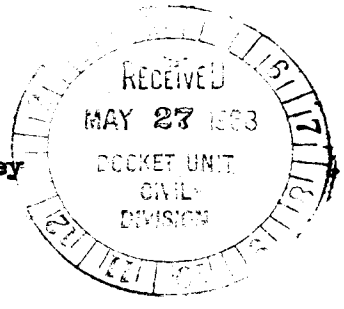
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of Civil Div*

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May 24, 1968

Handwritten signature

Mr. James L. Alcock
Executive Assistant District Attorney
Parish of Orleans
2700 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70119



See 144-32-12-20

Dear Mr. Alcock:

This is in reply to your letter of May 6, 1968, in which you advised that former FBI Special Agent Regis L. Kennedy would be called by the State of Louisiana in the case of State v. Clay L. Shaw to testify to matters covered in his interviews with Dean A. Andrews.

With regard to the possibility that the cross-examination of Mr. Kennedy may involve matters not directly covered within the interviews of Mr. Andrews, please be advised that if that situation does arise Mr. Kennedy shall refer the presiding judge to 28 C.F.R. 16.12-16.14 and refuse to answer until the matter has been brought to the attention of the Attorney General, and the Attorney General has an opportunity to perform the function which is referred to him by virtue of this Regulation.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS C. LaCOUR
United States Attorney

By:
GENE S. PALMISANO
First Assistant U. S. Attorney

GSP:cbu

bcc: ✓ Carl W. Belcher
Criminal Division
Chief, General Crimes Section
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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MAY 27 1968

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CIVIL DIV.
General Claims Sec

Wooten -
3:pm
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Alcock calls Athym
daily basis = no
down - n

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Permission to
discuss w/ AUSA
about confrontation
with family for Walters
thinks kid involved - has 5x68 memo
- why gave witness - not to talk -
kid feels bad in lying -
has doctor's rec (R)
RE index = "mistake" in
place of ~~6/15/68~~ 6/15/68
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No record of our having answered Alcock's inquiry. I checked all my files + all the 129-11 files - except the last one, which is missing. If we did answer this, it should be in the missing file.

Also telephone WSA's office whether we did or didn't
 we did or didn't
 WLB
 1/6/69
 WLB, 1/7

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*Bill, didn't we
discuss this by our
letter to USA &
USA giving no cc
of his to Block?
If so please attach
cc of both*

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May 21, 1968

Honorable Attorney General
James O. Rogers
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is in reply to your letter of May 9, 1968, in which you requested us to furnish you with any information we might have concerning investigations into the assassination of President Kennedy since the Warren Commission's report.

So far as we are aware, the only other investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy is being conducted by the Assistant District Attorney Jim Garrison. With respect to New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison and Mr. Garrison this investigation, we can only point out that Mr. Garrison has not discussed his proceedings with Federal authorities.

It is a pleasure to serve you in this matter.

Sincerely,

FRED H. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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Mr. Vinson
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JEFFERY COHELAN
7TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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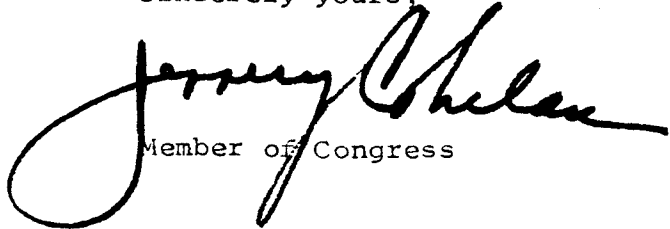
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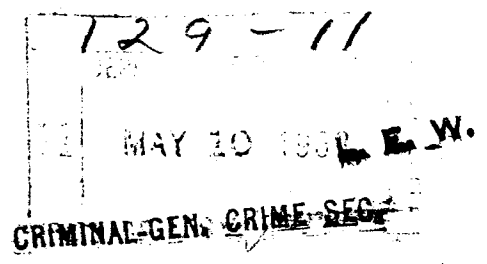
Congressional Liaison
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate your making available to my office any information concerning investigations into the assassination of President Kennedy, since the Warren Commission's report.

Sincerely yours,


Member of Congress



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May 8, 1968

Mr. Louis C. Johnson
United States Attorney
New Orleans, Louisiana

101 Presidential Administration
Letter from Louisiana District
Attorney Block concerning
Walter J. Rouseff

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RRE

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is in regard to our recent telephone conversation concerning a letter you received from Orleans Parish Assistant District Attorney James L. Block, which advised that FBI Special Agent Hugh L. Kennedy would be called as a witness in the forthcoming trial of Clay L. Shaw.

We are enclosing for your convenience a copy of a proposed reply to Mr. Block. We would appreciate it if you would forward a copy of your letter to him to the Criminal Division.

Sincerely,

FRED H. THOMAS, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

WJW
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By: CARL V. MILLER

Chief, Criminal Defense Section
INSPECTED AND MAILED
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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Mr. Block (2)

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Mr. James E. Almond
Member, Louisiana District Attorney
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
New Orleans, Louisiana

This is in reply to your letter of May 14, 1965,
in which you advised that FBI Special Agent Ralph L. Kennedy
would be called by the State of Louisiana in the case of
State v. Gary J. King to testify to matters covered in his
interview with Dean A. Andrews.

With regard to the possibility that the cross-
examination of Mr. Kennedy may involve matters not directly
covered within the interview of Mr. Andrews, please be
advised that if that situation does arise Mr. Kennedy shall
under the presiding judge to 28 C.F.R. 16.12-16.14 and refuse
to answer until the matter has been brought to the attention
of the Attorney General, and the Attorney General has an
opportunity to perform the function which is referred to in
the statute.

Sincerely,

WBA
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This proposed Ans. is set up on a "guess-by-guess" basis and assumes that former FBI Sgt Kennedy will follow instr.

(FBI is aware of the above and the attached - also, FBI says that beginning 5/31 Kennedy will begin a trip to Swan Town, NEBR, Grand Canyon - consuming 2-3 months)

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May 7 1968

**Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**WFO:Chapman
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**Paul M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division**

**Assassination of President John
Fitzgerald Kennedy, Dallas, Texas.**

With reference to the Bureau's memorandum of May 1, 1968, I am confirming the conference attended by Inspector Don E. Moore, Special Agent Robert E. Mathan of the Bureau and Nathaniel Kossack, Carl Belcher and William Block, in which the Criminal Division requested to be informed whether the Bureau could produce for court inspection copies of communications on November 16 and 17, 1963, from Bureau headquarters to the Bureau's New Orleans' office. Since that conference we have been informed that these communications can be produced for inspection. In accordance with these discussions, the United States Attorney's office in New Orleans will seek to confer further with the attorney for William S. Walter and with Walter himself regarding the possible subpoena of Walter before an Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

In order that the United States Attorney's office and the Criminal Division may be alert to the possible issuance of a subpoena by District Attorney Jim Garrison for William S. Walter, it would be appreciated if the Bureau would promptly notify both the Criminal Division and the United States Attorney's office in the event any such information becomes available.

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Mr. Belcher (2)
Mr. Block

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R. E. Vinson
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REMARKS

Bob Tenison heard this being prepared & agrees to the content - (NSA is ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~by~~ ~~NSA~~ begin dialogue with Atty for Walters 5/6)

Ellen 5/6

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : File

DATE: May 3, 1968
129-11

FROM : William S. Block
General Crimes Section
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy;
William S. Walter

FILE

Our most recent problem concerning Mr. Walter, a former Security Patrol Clerk in the New Orleans office of the FBI, stems from a letter, copy of which is attached, sent by his attorney, Guy Wootan, to Louis LaCour, United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, in which Mr. Wootan advises Mr. LaCour that in the event Walter is subpoenaed by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, he expects Mr. LaCour to assert the Attorney General's executive privilege on behalf of Mr. Walter, as provided for in 28 CFR 16.12-16.14.

This letter, and the possibility that Walter will be subpoenaed by Mr. Garrison, raises very grave problems for us, in light of Mr. Walter's statement of March 26, 1968, to the FBI in which he advised that while on duty in the New Orleans FBI office on November 17, 1963, he received a TWX message from Bureau headquarters which stated that there might be an assassination attempt on President Kennedy in Texas. This statement contradicted earlier interviews by the FBI of Walter in which he categorically denied receiving any such message.

A number of courses of action are available to us at the present time, each with its own problems and pitfalls. As a first alternative, we could wait for Garrison to subpoena Walter and then move to quash the subpoena on the ground that it would require the production of confidential Government documents. The Louisiana courts, however, have usually held such a motion to be premature, saying that the time for objection is when the documents are actually sought. In this instance, the Attorney General could send Walter a telegram instructing him not to testify concerning any matters relating to his employment by the FBI. The problem with this course of action is that since Walter is no longer employed by the Bureau, there are no sanctions that could be used to compel him to obey such a directive. In addition, even if Walter was disposed to honor the Attorney General's request, it is questionable that he could hold up under the badgering he can be expected to receive

from Garrison. Faced with a contempt charge, it seems likely that Walter would choose to ignore the Attorney General's request and testify. Another problem with this approach is that it would leave us open to charges by Garrison that the Government was suppressing the "truth," that there really was a Bureau teletype to the effect that President Kennedy would be assassinated in Texas.

Instead of waiting for the ax to fall, we could take the initiative by indicting Walter under 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the false statements made to the FBI on March 26, 1968. This would, of course, necessitate our proving in open court the falsity of his claim, which could result in our having to produce Bureau records on a large scale. In addition, there is some doubt as to whether Section 1001 applies to a case where a person furnishes information to the Bureau at the Bureau's request. However, if we choose to use this route, we could bring Walter before a grand jury, have him repeat his story, and then indict him under 18 U.S.C. 1621 for perjury before a grand jury. Again let me stress the problem here, which is that FBI records, on a wholesale basis, might have to be disclosed in order to prove the falsity of Walter's claims. For example, the court could conceivably require the production of copies of all the incoming messages received at the New Orleans office on November 17, 1963, and, perhaps, the day before and the day after. In addition to this problem, were we to use this approach it might well foreclose any attempt on our part to invoke the Attorney General's executive privilege to silence Mr. Walter. Since we would be producing Government documents in the criminal prosecution of Mr. Walter, the courts, and Mr. Walter, might reasonably feel that the privilege no longer was necessary.

A third alternative available to us is to again contact Mr. Walter in the hope that he will finally tell the truth. We could direct a letter to his attorney, Guy Wootan, informing him that a thorough review of Bureau files plus an investigation of employees on duty at the New Orleans office on November 17, 1963, fails to reveal any message such as the one his client, Walter, claims to have received. We could then note that to protect the Government's interest in this matter we may be forced to criminally prosecute Walter under 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the false statements made to the Bureau on March 26, 1968. We might conclude the letter by offering to meet with him and Mr. Walter in the event that Mr. Walter's statements to the Bureau were the product of a faulty memory, rather than a wilful attempt to mislead.

Mr. Kossack, Mr. Belcher and I have discussed these various alternatives, on an informal basis, with representatives of the FBI, and they have promised to consider them and let us know which course of action they deem most appropriate.

Mr. Guy Wootan
Wootan, Howcott, Simons & Lemoine
1649 National Bank of Commerce Building
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Dear Mr. Wootan:

This is to acknowledge your letter of April 30, 1968, in which you gave this office notice, pursuant to 28 CFR 16.13(a), that your client, William S. Walter, is being asked to disclose information he acquired while employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As a result of the interview of Mr. Walter by the FBI on March 26, 1968, the Bureau conducted an extensive investigation of the allegations made by Mr. Walter relative to a TTY message he alleged to have received while on duty as a Security Patrol Clerk on November 17, 1963, at New Orleans. A thorough investigation of the files at the Bureau's New Orleans office, and at Bureau headquarters in Washington, D.C., failed to reveal any such message. In addition, interviews with Bureau employees who were on duty at the New Orleans office on November 17, 1963, confirms ~~that~~ the fact that such a message was never received.

In light of these facts and because of the seriousness of Mr. Walter's allegations, it may be necessary for the Government to undertake a criminal prosecution of Mr. Walter under the provisions of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code, for the false statements he made to the Bureau on March 26, 1968. Before undertaking such a prosecution, however, we should again like to talk with Mr. Walter and with you. We feel that Mr. Walter's statements to the Bureau may be the product of a faulty memory rather than a deliberate attempt to falsify information.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience so that we may arrange for such a meeting.

Sincerely,

LaCour

Wootan, Howcott, Simons & Lemoine
Attorneys & Counselors at Law
1649 National Bank of Commerce Building
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

April 30, 1968

Mr. Louis LaCour
United States Attorney
Eastern District of Louisiana
500 St. Louis Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Re: William S. Walter

Dear Mr. LaCour:

This letter is to place your office on notice pursuant to Title 28, Chapter 1, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.12 - 16.14, that my client, William S. Walter, is being asked to disclose information relating to material contained in the files of the Department of Justice while previously employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As soon as my client is subpoenaed by the District Attorney's office (Orleans Parish, Louisiana) it is assumed that your office shall appear with Mr. Walter before any court or other authority and furnish same, with a copy of the aforementioned Regulations. Please advise.

Thanking you for your prompt attention, I remain

Very truly yours,

Guy Wootan

CC: William S. Walter

March 20, 1968

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy
November 22, 1963
Dallas, Texas

With reference to the Bureau's Memorandum of
March 20, 1968, to the Attorney General, there is no objection
to the proposed interview of former Bureau Security Patrol
Clerk William S. Walter.

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~~Mr. Vinson~~
Mr. Belcher
Mr. Block

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We should get an answer first thing in morning. I see no objection.

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FROM:	NAME	BUILDING, ROOM, EXT.	DATE
	ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL Criminal Division		3/20/68

To: Mr. Belc
From: Bill Block
Subject: William S. Walter; Garrison's "New Evidence"

On the Johnny Carson "Tonight" show of January 31, 1968, D.A. Jim Garrison stated that he had an affidavit from Mark Lane relating to Lane's interview of a former security clerk in the New Orleans office of the FBI, William S. Walter. Garrison alleged that Walter informed Lane that on the morning of Nov. 17, 1963, at which time Walter was on duty as a Security Clerk in the N.O. FBI office, the N.O. office received a TWX message which stated that an attempt to assassinate Pres. Kennedy would be made in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Garrison further alleged that Walter told Mark Lane that the FBI had also sent a directive to the N.O. office instructing the various Agents who had conducted interviews concerning the assassination to examine their interview reports to make sure there were no conflicts contained in them; further, that the Agents were ordered to resolve any conflicts, prepare new reports, and destroy the old reports.

6 [REDACTED]

Walter contacted the Jacksonville, Florida office of the FBI on Feb. 1, 1968, and was interviewed. He ~~fix~~ stated that he first met Mark Lane in Dec. 1967, while attending Lane's speech at Tulane University. Walter, who was accompanied by a friend, was approached by Mrs. Lane, who apparently overheard Walter's friend mention that Walter was employed by the FBI. Mrs. Lane asked Walter to talk with her husband, but he declined to do so. At this time Mrs. Lane told Walter that "we have some information indicating that the FBI knew the assassination was going to take place." Walter was then absent from N.O. until Jan. 16, 1968. [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED] The rest of the time was spent traveling.) When he ~~rearr~~ returned, he learned that a member of the N.O. DA's staff, a Mr. Brital, was endeavoring to contact him. Walter thereupon called Brital and arranged to meet with him. When Walter arrived, Brital was there with two other investigators from the DA's office, and with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lane. Walter stated that these persons endeavored to persuade him that he had knowledge of a teletype message from Bureau Headquarters advising that Pres. Kennedy would be assassinated in Dallas. Walter claimed that he denied knowledge of such a message. He also denied that he gave any affidavit or signed statement to anyone concerning either such a message, or an FBI directive instructing Agents to resolve all conflicts in assassination interviews.

Walter claimed that the DA's investigators and Mr. and Mrs. Lane persistently urged him to furnish such information. He also claimed that they offered him inducements such as expenses, lump sum payments, and employment with Garrison if he furnished the information they desired, but that he refused their offers.

On Feb. 2, 1968, Walter informed the N.O. office of the FBI that when ~~he~~ he returned to N.O. from Jacksonville, Fla., he found a letter from Mark Lane, which had been slipped under the door of his apartment. In this letter Lane states: "There are two ways that the material you referred to may be used. Either you may give to me the telegram which speaks for itself . . . or I recommend to Mr. Garrison that he use all of the other data available including a sworn statement by me as to our conversation."

Walter informed the N.O. office of the FBI that he immediately contacted Lane through a telephone number listed to Garrison's office. Walter stated he emphatically denied to Lane the statements attributed to him. Walter advised the FBI that during his first conversation with Lane, Lane told him that he possessed information about an FBI TWX message and that there are people who are putting their jobs and lives on the line in order to cooperate with Lane. Walter stated it was his impression that Lane is endeavoring to locate disgruntled former employees of the FBI who might be persuaded to cooperate with him in his investigation of the assassination. Walter stated that he has contacted an attorney in N.O., Guy Wooten, and that he does not plan to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

On March 19, 1968, United States Attorney Louis C. LaCour, New Orleans, Louisiana, informed the FBI that Walter and his attorney, Guy Wooten, visited Mr. LaCour's office of March 15, 1968. At this time, Walter stated that he recalled being on duty at the New Orleans FBI office from 12 o'clock midnight to 8 a.m., Nov. 17, 1963, and that he recalled receiving sometime during the early morning hours of Nov. 17, 1963, a teletype from FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., which stated there would be an attempt on the life of President Kennedy in connection with the President's trip to Texas. Walter stated that he probably notified Mr. Harry G. Maynor, then Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office, of the receipt of this teletype. He also said that he does not have a copy of this teletype and has no information as to who might possess a copy of it. Walters also stated that he had told Mark Lane he did not know of any such teletype, for the reason that upon his departure from the FBI he had been instructed that he was not to divulge any information obtained by him during his Bureau employment.

While Mr. LaCour does not know if Walter is presently under subpoena by Garrison's office, he does know that Garrison indicated to Wooten, Walter's attorney, in a telephone conversation that it was Garrison's intention to subpoena Walter.

Mr. LaCour also advised that approximately one month ago (the middle of February), he was contacted by Wooten, who inquired if Walter would be in violation of federal law if he testified before a State grand jury and divulged information gained during his employment with the Bureau. LaCour informed Wooten that research would be done on that question. (LaCour has concluded that there is no criminal penalty for divulging such information.) In addition, Wooten also inquired if the executive privilege from testifying before legislative bodies applied to former Bureau employees. Wooten was informed that this privilege does apply to former Bureau employees and that Walter could urge the privilege if he chose in the event he was called before a State grand jury.

Because of the inconsistencies in the stories Walter has told to the FBI and to LaCour, we have given them our permission to reinterview Walter. (See Bureau memo of March 20, 1968.)

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TO:	NAME	DIVISION	BUILDING	ROOM
1.	Mr. Butcher			
2.	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>			
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SIGNATURE COMMENT PER CONVERSATION
 APPROVAL NECESSARY ACTION AS REQUESTED
 SEE ME NOTE AND RETURN NOTE AND FILE
 RECOMMENDATION CALL ME YOUR INFORMATION
 ANSWER OR ACKNOWLEDGE ON OR BEFORE _____
 PREPARE REPLY FOR THE SIGNATURE OF _____

REMARKS

[Redacted] I agree with you that IF we want to take a stand your suggestion is good but the Bureau hasn't even raised the issue!
 [Redacted]

In late April, 1969 - Mr. Kossack & Butcher decided that in view of the failure of the Jackson, Miss. to cooperate the Bureau was to interview by FBI. Mr. Walter - That no further action by Federal Govt. was indicated.

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ROUTING SLIP

TO	NAME	DIVISION	BUILDING	ROOM
1	MR. GALT-BERKELE			
2	Mr. Kossack			2107

SIGNATURE

APPROVAL

SEE ME

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THE SIGNATURE OF

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I have the uneasy feeling we should be going something about this, but I don't know what it should be. These people are really desperate.

Handwritten notes:
 These people are really desperate.
 I have the uneasy feeling we should be going something about this, but I don't know what it should be.
 I would like to see a photo of these people. I would like to see a photo of these people. I would like to see a photo of these people.

FROM: NAME BUILDING & ROOM EXT. DATE

N. E. KOSSACK 2107 2621 2/8

He done better - (10) days out
 Wash from Springfield on 2/8/68
 Looking for a suit for the...

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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

Typed: 4/12/68
April 29, 1968
TWC:CSB/lm
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With reference to the Bureau's memoranda of April 1, 1 and 6, 1968, we would appreciate being advised how many of the approximately 127 former employees of the Bureau's New Orleans office were employed in that office during the time of the event described by William G. Walter, and whether he has any recommendations regarding interviews at this time of such employees. In addition, for the purpose of evaluating what, if any, additional action is necessary, the Bureau appreciates receiving a copy of the Bureau's report on the investigation of Walter prior to his employment by the Bureau, as well as any information which would support or indicate that Walter is or has been [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or indicate [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

Please be assured that any information you furnish concerning Mr. Walter will be used solely within the Department and will receive no further dissemination.

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Mrs. Lane who obviously overheard the conversation approached Walters concerned over his _____ with the FBI and she then invited him to talk with Mark Lane stating it was Walters' patriotic duty to disclose any information he might have. He was absent from New Orleans most of the time until January 16, 1968 when he returned to his apartment and learned that a member of the New Orleans District Attorney's staff was endeavoring to contact him. He made contact with this person and was shortly approached by 3 DA investigators and Mr. & Mrs. Lane. These persons endeavored to persuade him to admit he had knowledge of a _____ message from Bureau headquarters to all south regional offices _____ that President Kennedy would be assassinated in Dallas. He disclaimed knowledge of such a message also asserting if he had such knowledge he would be unable to divulge same. Walters _____ gave an affidavit _____ its nature stating he had not received such a message while _____ by FBI or that he had _____ told anyone of a FBI directive quoting agents who investigated the assassination to examine interview reports and to destroy _____ reports where _____ were locked. He states he was persistently urged to ~~issue~~ such information offered _____ such as expenses, ranging from ~~payments~~ (no specific amounts mentioned) _____ with DA Garrison; but _____ made no such statements to Mark Lane, his wife or any other persons at any time.

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Honorable Charles M. Teague
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Teague:

Your have requested our consideration of the attached communication of [REDACTED] concerning the autopsy and X-ray reports relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. 7C

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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 non-official inspection by experts in pathology or related areas of science, subject to restrictions suitable to the subject matter of these pictures.

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.

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I hope this information will be of interest to

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Sincerely,

Martin F. Richman
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

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May 14, 1968

Honorable James Garrison
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is in response to your communication of April 23, 1968 transmitting a letter from [redacted] in which your committee requested information in your jurisdiction on a letter received from this Department concerning the Kennedy assassination.

I can only reiterate that with regard to the New Orleans matter, Mr. James Garrison has not discussed his proceedings with Federal authorities. We are in no position to comment on the evidence pending before a state court.

Further, we have no information that the death of any person subsequent to the events of the weekend of the assassination, whether that person was a "witness" to some aspect of those events or not, was connected in any way with the assassination of the President.

It is my hope that this response will be satisfactory to you. As always, it is a pleasure to be of assistance. Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. VINESON, JR.
Assistant Attorney General

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Administrative Division

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

4/22/ 1968

**Department of Justice
Congressional Liaison Office
Washington, D. C.**

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.

Please investigate the statements

contained therein and forward me

the necessary information for re-

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spondence with your answer.

Very truly,
Yours truly,

JAMES CORSMAN

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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April 15, 1968

Dear Congressman Corman,

Thank you for your actions concerning my inquiry related to the assassination of president John F. Kennedy. You forwarded my letter to Assistant Attorney General Frank M. Wozencraft. In answer to my letter Mr. Wozencraft did answer my first question concerning the information currently in the National Archives. However, he failed to make any mention of my second question, "Why have a number of people, called as witness's in the current case of District Attorney James Garrison, suddenly met with serious accidents?" Coincidence? Maybe if it were one, two, or three people but not thirty-six! Mr. Wozencraft failed to comment on Mr. Garrisons case. Also, Mr. Wozencraft stated that there was no evidence to contradict the Warren Commission, thus a new inquiry would not be opened. Of all the books that I have previously mentioned in my letters, one, Six Seconds in Dallas by Josiah Thompson, has made a lasting impression on me. Mr. Thompson presents the evidence (the same evidence that was reviewed by the Warren Commission) seemingly without prejudice, and proves beyond the slightest shadow of a doubt that there was more than one assassin. By direct interviews and minute photographic examination for Life Magazine Mr. Thompson proves that the Warren Commission is at least partially wrong. Of course this statement pends on the information in the Archives. ~~Wozencraft failed to mention that~~
~~to Mr. Wozencraft and request an answer to my second~~
I would like to hear Mr. Wozencrafts comments on the book as well as yours Mr. Corman.

Being a student at San Fernando Valley State College, I took the opportunity to listen to Senator Robert F. Kennedy when he recently visited the campus. In commenting on the assassination he said that he has read the reports in the Archives and is completely satisfied by the

findings of the Warren Commission. I must say that there must be some great statement of truth in the Archives that the public doesn't know about, or why else would Mr. Kennedy say this? Maybe he is trying to protect his own political future. What ever the reason there is something wrong someplace. Also, why would Mr. Garrison carry his accusations as far as he has if he did not honestly believe that he had some real proof of the faults of the Warren Commission? Your comments and those of Mr. Wozencraft will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,



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P.S.

Please comment if you would like me to send future communication directly to Mr. Wozencraft.

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May 27, 1968

Honorable Robert Taft, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is in response to your recent communications trans-
mitting copies of letters from [redacted] and [redacted] concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

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.

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.

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.

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I trust that this information will be of interest to your constituents. As always, it is a pleasure to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, JR.
Assistant Attorney General

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Washington, D.C. 20515

May 17, 1968

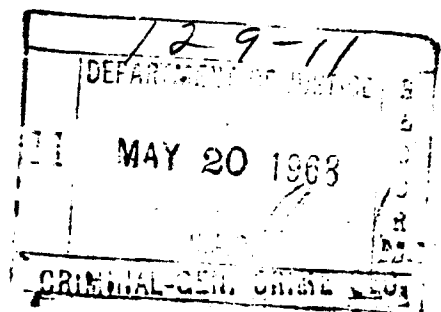
MEMO TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM: MISS SYDNEY DINE (CONGRESSMAN TAFT'S OFFICE)
1315 LONGWORTH

RE : ENCLOSED LETTER ABOUT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

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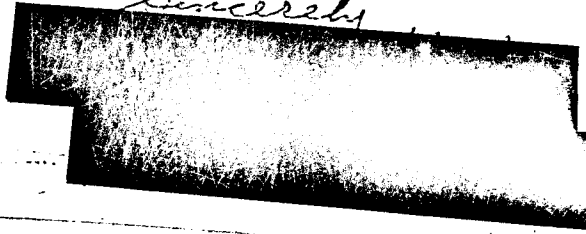
Dear Congressman Jett
Is it possible to
obtain a list of items
in the Archives.

I think the Kennedy
Assassination should be
reopened. The Warren
report is phoney.

How about the C.I.A.
It seems there are more
undesirable than desirable
members.

If something isn't done
I'm afraid we're doomed.

Sincerely,



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P.S.

Why didn't the Kennedy
family pursue the assas-
nation to the end? They
didn't seem much interested.

ROBERT TAFT, JR.
1ST DISTRICT, OHIO

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May 22, 1968

MEMO TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM: MISS SYDNEY DINE (CONGRESSMAN TAFT'S OFFICE)
1315 LONGWORTH BUILDING

RE: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

COMMENTS ON THE ENCLOSED LETTERS WOULD BE APPRECIATED

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May 20, 1968

Congressman Robert Taft
House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Taft,

Recently on a T.V. program
it was stated that much evidence
concerning the assassination of
President Kennedy was put into the
National Archives not to be opened
for many years to come. I feel
the American people have a right
to know just who was responsible
for this terrible act, and feel this
evidence should be made public.
How can the National Archives be
opened to show this evidence?

Sincerely,

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MAY 19, 1968

THE HONORABLE ROBERT TAFT, JR.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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DEAR MR. TAFT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MAY 3RD, EXPRESSING YOUR VIEWS ON THE NON-DISCRIMINATION - HOUSING SECTION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT FIND OURSELVES IN AGREEMENT ON THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE SACRIFICE OF ONE PERSON'S RIGHTS TO ASSURE THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER, I DO RESPECT YOUR DESIRE TO VOTE YOUR CONVICTION. PERHAPS WE WOULD BOTH AGREE THAT IT IS INDEED REGRETTABLE THAT SUCH LEGISLATION IS EVEN CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN OUR COUNTRY.

CERTAINLY IN ITS BROADEST CONTEXT EACH NEIGHBORHOOD COULD AND WOULD ACCEPT INTEGRATION. IT APPEARS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT PRESSURE FROM TWO EXTREMES, THE VERY AFFLUENT LIBERAL WHITE COMMUNITY, WHICH ITSELF HAS THE FINANCIAL WHERE-WITH-ALL TO "PROTECT" ITS COMMUNITY FROM INTEGRATION, AND IN WHICH THERE IS PRACTICALLY NONE, AND THE VERY POOR NEGRO COMMUNITY, WHICH CURRENTLY HAS THE EAR OF THE BODY POLITIC, FORCES INTEGRATION IN THE MIDDLE CLASS COMMUNITY WHICH SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO DO LITTLE LATELY EXCEPT BEAR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BRUNT OF "REFORM". WE ARE ALL GUILTY OF HYPOCRISY, BUT HOW MUCH MORE SO IS THE MAN FROM HYANNIS PORT OR TEXAS.

THE REAL PURPOSE OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS TO ASK IF THERE IS ANY MOVE TO RE-OPEN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. I MUST SAY THAT HAVING READ THE WARREN REPORT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES LEFT UNRESOLVED IN MY MIND. HAVING RECENTLY DISCUSSED THIS WITH SEVERAL FRIENDS, I FIND THAT WE ARE ALL SHARING SIMILAR DOUBTS AS TO ITS VALIDITY. FOREMOST IN OUR MINDS IS HOW A NEW ORLEANS GRAND JURY COULD RETURN A TRUE BILL AGAINST CLAY SHAW WHEN THE F.B.I. APPARENTLY CHOSE TO IGNORE HIS IMPORTANCE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHY THE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN IMPOUNDED IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND WHY IT HAS BECOME IMPOSSIBLE TO FOLLOW GARRISON'S PROGRESS IN THE PRESS.

I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD THE ENTIRE STORY AND THAT CONSIDERABLE EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO INDEED CLOUD THE TRAGIC EVENT. THIS IS NOT TO IMPLY THAT I WOULD NECESSARILY BELIEVE ALL THE IMPLICATIONS OF CLOAK AND DAGGER THAT CRITICS OF THE F.B.I. AND C.I.A. ARE LEVELING. I DO BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS AN OBLIGATION TO ANSWER ITS CRITICS AND ESTABLISH GOOD FAITH WITH ITS CONSTITUENTS.

YOUR COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY,

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