

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

DATE: 1/5/67

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (55-1) (C)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISC - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
OO: Dallas

Enclosed herewith are the original and five copies of a LHM setting forth information received on 12/27/66, concerning captioned matter.

Two copies each of the LHM are being furnished to Dallas and Portland.

Copies have also been furnished to Secret Service in Los Angeles and in Sacramento, California.

The original material furnished by Mr. RAY SHEFFER to SA DONALD M. HOLLAND is being retained by Las Vegas in LV file 55-1.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc.6)
  - 2 - Dallas (Enc.2)
  - 2 - Portland (Enc.2)
  - 1 - Las Vegas
- DMH:ksm  
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*Edmund Frank Bray*

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*cc to USSS  
cc to Dept.  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Las Vegas, Nevada

January 5, 1967

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

EDWARD F. BRAF  
J. J. JAMES  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On December 27, 1966, Mr. Ray Sheffer, Stardust and Desert Inn Hotels, Las Vegas, Nevada, furnished the Las Vegas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation an envelope addressed to Desert Inn, Las Vegas, Nevada, and received by that hotel on December 20, 1966. The envelope bears the return address "P.O. Box 774, Portland, Oregon" and is postmarked "Drain, Or 97435, Dec 15 PM, 1966". The envelope contained two letters, one addressed to Honorable Grant Sawyer, Governor of Nevada, Carson City, Nevada, from one J. J. James, National Director; the other addressed to Manager, Harold's Club, Reno, Nevada. Copies of both letters are being made part of this memorandum.

In addition to the two above mentioned letters the envelope contained a small photostatic copy of a letter on the letterhead of "the Oregonian, Portland, Oregon 97201". That letter is as follows:

"September 2, 1966

"Evidence  
P.O. Box 652  
Empire, Oregon

"Gentlemen:

"May we please have a copy for review of  
"Evidence Excluded from the Warren Report", if one is  
available.

"Sincerely yours,

COPIES DESTROYED

"Melcolm C. Pauer  
Associate Editor"

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THE WARREN REPORT  
IS A HOAX

Harold's Club  
Nevada, Nevada

Nov. 20, 1966  
P.O. Box 391  
North Bend, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Five members of the organization known as JFCCT, ( Justice for Crew of The Thresher ) planned and carried out the Dallas tragedy. Three months prior to the assassination, Naval Intelligence and the FBI had a photostat copy of a letter in which the entire Dallas plot was outlined in detail.

In Aug. 12, 1963 a letter was mailed to Governor Connally: "...as the former Secretary of Navy you are aware of the Submarine Thresher Disaster and how fraudulent pressure/depth tests had been used... group known as JFCCT plan to assassinate you...sniper bullets... high power rifle...as you ride in an open car...in a parade in Dallas, Texas...". A copy of this letter was witnessed before a Notary Public on Aug. 12, 1963. Prior to and after the assassination Naval Intelligence and the FBI questioned my wife and I about the Connally letter.

I have in my possession 208 feet of 8MM film showing the actual assassination in all its horror. This movie was made by one of the members of JFCCT. 39 Volumes of EVIDENCE EXCLUDED FROM THE WARREN REPORT have been filed with the Courts of Oregon and Wyoming. These Courts have issued injunctions which prohibit even an American Jew from seeing the movie and examining the Court filed Evidence.

Analysis of the film shows the following:

Shot #1 was fired from Rifle #1 from a position in front of the car. ( DUFF-LAB BULLET ? ) fragments of this bullet struck tree branches and the President's throat.

Shot #2 and #3 were fired from Rifle #2 and #3 from the upper reaches of the Texas Building. Shot #2 struck the President's back. Shot #3 struck Governor Connally.

Shot #4 was fired from Rifle #1. This shot tore part of the President's head to shreds. " Matter " larger than 25¢ is shown flying through the air.

Harold's Club interested in having the first public showing of this movie and public examination of all 39 Volumes of Court filed evidence which proves the WARREN REPORT IS A HOAX ?

Sincerely yours,

Edward P. Gray  
cc to: FBI-UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE-ABC-CBS-NBC TV NEWS  
Photos and photostats enclosed.

THE WARREN REPORT  
IS A HOAX

Dec. 7, 1966  
Portland, Oregon

Mr. Grant Sawyer  
Gov. of Nevada  
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Sir:

A number of tape recordings have been obtained by placing taps across various telephone lines AIA FBI LAS VEGAS STYLE. Those recordings show, among other things how the FBI "used" a Small town Chamber of Commerce as an "INFORMER" and to pass out false information in an effort to try and disprove the fact the FBI had complete details of the Dallas tragedy, 3 months prior to the assassination.

Concealed "MIKES" have also been used. Nov. 26, 1963, FBI agent Sherk: "When those in charge of the case come across your letter to Governor Connally, they will contact us at once. We don't want to look like fools up here. Bray, did you write the letter?"

"As far as I know there are more than 3 in this "gang". No, I never saw any of them as far as I know. No, I wouldn't know any of them if I met them on the street. That "woman" he is living "with" is as bad as any of them. FBI in Portland have a file on her over a thousand miles long. I just gather up all letters and other stuff I can lay my hands on and pass it to the FBI here in the local Post Office. The FBI said one of them fell on his head some time back and has'nt been the same since. No, the FBI never told me why they had'nt picked up his Top Level Secret Security Clearance documents and all of his Naval papers....."

Is the FBI using your home town Chamber of Commerce as an "INFORMER" on the citizens of your home town?

Sincerely yours,

J.J. James  
Attl. Director

SEE THE MOVIE OF THE ACTUAL ASSASSINATION. EXAMINE ALL 39  
PIECES OF EVIDENCE EXCLUDED FROM THE WARREN REPORT. LISTEN  
TO HELPER OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE-SHERK & WILLIAMS OF THE FBI-  
WELLS OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE AS THEY TALK INTO THE  
"HIDDEN MIKE".

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FREDERIC MICHIGAN  
DEC. 15, 1966

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

MR J. EGAR HOOVER  
CHEIF OF THE F. B. I.  
WASHINGTON D. C.

MR HOOVER,  
NOT MANY DAYS AGO, YOU WERE ON THE EVENING NEWS CAST; SAYING THAT  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS NOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUTSIDE HELP IN THE ASSASS-  
INATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY.

MR HOOVER, YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID, " AS FAR AS I KNOW OF." THERE ARE  
MANY FACTIONS IN THIS NATION OF OURS, AND I AM SURE YOU ARE NOT ACQUAINTED  
WITH THEM ALL.

*President*

SINCERELY YOURS,

ROBERT B. MEEK

*Robert B. Meek*

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: December 13, 1966

FROM : L. M. Walters *lmw*

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Walters
- 1 - Mr. Gillespie
- 1 - Mr. Wick

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

## Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

The Bureau is in receipt of a long rambling circular-type letter dated 12/7/66, postmarked Melbourne, Australia, from captioned individual seeking support for his theory that there exists in the world an illegal radio station which emits waves and impulses affecting the whole world. He is obviously a mental case and an answer to this letter and any future letters is not deemed warranted.

By way of background, [REDACTED] was a Special Agent for the period 1930 to 1931 and was a former trial attorney in the Antitrust Division of the Department. On [REDACTED] he filed a rambling and incoherent tort suit in U. S. District Court, District of Columbia, seeking \$11 million in which he named the Director, the Attorney General and 29 other high Government officials as defendants.

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In this suit he is seeking restoration of his position in the Antitrust Division, including back pay since his retirement from the Department on 10/23/65, at age 62. He alleges that the defendants failed to locate and terminate the above-mentioned illegal radio station, which station caused him to involuntarily retire from the Department. Our Washington Field Office has a pending Federal Tort Claims Act case arising out of his suit and by airtel dated 11/30/66, Washington Field Office advised that the U. S. Attorney's office plans to file a motion seeking dismissal of his suit prior to 12/23/66. Further, according to the U. S. Attorney's office efforts are being made to commit [REDACTED] to a hospital for mental treatment.

RECOMMENDATION: 62-109060-

NOT RECORDED

Based on the contents of [REDACTED] 12/7/66 letter it appears evident that he will be sending additional letters to the Bureau. In view of [REDACTED] it is recommended that a card be prepared in Crime Record Division indicating that communications received from [REDACTED] should not be answered.

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*LMW* *R JPM* *I Agree* *D* *Walters*

120-8117-14

Care U. S. A. Consul General,  
Melbourne, Australia.  
December 7, 1966

Dear Al,

I know you will be interested in this letter on a serious matter in Court in which I have named Mr. Hoover a defendant. It appears the greatest threat to humanity in all history.

Did you personally see the note I left for you in your office in respect of Lee Harvey Oswald and the assassination of President Kennedy during the hearings by the Warren Commission?

Please let me know, and what was done with my memorandum to you.

Sincerely yours,

~~TOP SECRET~~  
62-109060-  
ENCLOSURE

FBI

Date: 12/15/66

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

PLAIN

(Priority)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS

SUBJECT: LEO HARVEY OSWALD aka (Deceased)  
 IS - R - CUBA  
 OO: DALLAS  
 (Bufile 105-32555)  
 (NY 105-32431)  
 (DL 100-10461) (P)

On 12/13/66, [redacted]

[redacted] Dallas, Texas, who was very active during the period of the investigation of the assassination and related events, appeared at the Dallas Office of the FBI and advised SA MARSHALL C. CLEMENTS as follows, with the understanding that his identity as the source of the information would not be disclosed outside the Bureau.

[redacted] in connection with "Life's" attempt to develop additional facts shedding light on the assassination and, particularly, whether more than one person was involved and whether OSWALD and JACK RUBY were acquainted. [redacted] advised that in this connection, "Life" proposes, within the next several days, to bring one [redacted] (believed identical to [redacted] who is mentioned on pages [redacted] and [redacted] of the report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated [redacted] at Dallas, Texas, and pages [redacted] and [redacted] of the report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated [redacted] at Dallas, Texas), identified by [redacted]

- 4 - Bureau (3 - 105-32555) (RM) (Enc. 1) (100-111-1) -
- (1 - 100-409763) (MARK LANE)
- 2 - New York (1 - 105-32431) (RM)
- (1 - 100-118044) (MARK LANE)
- 2 - Dallas (1 - 100-10461)
- (1 - 100-10970) (MARK LANE)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M. Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge  
20 JAN 17 1967



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[redacted] is a "San Francisco queer," to Dallas to make some contacts in the homosexual fraternities. [redacted] has reportedly previously lived in Dallas and has been used in an undercover capacity by the Dallas Police Department, possibly the Homicide Bureau.

[redacted] deals with information reportedly furnished by [redacted] concerning [redacted] meeting OSWALD first in New Orleans, later in Dallas, his meeting with RUBY and alleged homosexual connections between OSWALD and RUBY.

[redacted] felt he should advise the Dallas FBI Office of "Life" magazine's intention, and stated he does not personally believe there is anything to the allegations of homosexuality or, in fact, to the allegations of various authors who would raise the question of more than one assassin, and the OSWALD - RUBY association.

[redacted] stated that in this connection, he has come into possession of information that FRANK O'CONNOR, former New York District Attorney and Democratic candidate for governor, came upon information a few years ago which identified [redacted] as an active homosexual participant. [redacted] according to [redacted] was a former New York Assemblyman, but did not seek a second term after his homosexual connections were discovered and the Democratic organization had prevailed on him not to run for re-election.

[redacted] also mentioned the allegations reported made by some persons that they saw smoke coming from a point near the railroad overpass west of the Texas School Book Depository Building at the time the assassin's shots were fired. He stated that a GEORGE A. DAVIS, a Union Terminal employee who has not been interviewed, has reportedly stated

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that the smoke referred to probably came from the motorcycle of a Dallas police officer named HARKNESS.

The above data is furnished the Bureau for its information, and is not being incorporated in an LHM in view of the fact [REDACTED] specifically requested that it not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Mr. Tolson	/
Mr. DeLoach	/
Mr. Mohr	/
Mr. Bishop	/
Mr. Casper	/
Mr. Callahan	/
Mr. Conrad	/
Mr. Felt	/
Mr. Gale	/
Mr. Rosen	/
Mr. Sullivan	/
Mr. Tavel	/
Mr. Trotter	/
Tele. Room	/
Miss Holmes	/
Miss Gandy	/

TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: December 13, 1963

FROM : E. C. McCreary

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Captioned individual has sent four letters to the Director, two of which were received on December 14th and the remaining two on December 15th. While he had signed them by captioned name, the envelopes in which they were transmitted have the name Walker Welch affixed in captioned individual's handwriting.

Although he indicates confidence in the FBI, his communications are generally non-sensical and reflect he may be suffering from mental instability. He registers suspicion of CIA which he states was set up by "Warren and Company" and that its secrecy enables it to serve communists most ably. He also expresses a distrust for President Johnson and the handling of President Kennedy's assassination which he alleges was a conspiracy between "L. B. J. and Hoffa." He also feels that he is under surveillance by a cab company in the area and alleges that the city is a "cesspool full of Castros."

[REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles and in view of the general content of his letters, it is not felt that any response or action by this Bureau is warranted. Accordingly, his communications will not be acknowledged.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned individual's communications not be acknowledged.

- 1 - Mr. Wick - Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Tolson	_____
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Tavel	_____
Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: December 21, 1966

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*

SUBJECT: ROBERT B. MEEK  
FREDERIC, MICHIGAN

By letter dated December 15th correspondent noted he had heard on an evening newscast the Director's remarks that "Lee Harvey Oswald was not in conjunction with outside help in the assassination of John F. Kennedy." Meek then noted " Mr. Hoover, you should have said, 'as far as I know of.' There are many factions in this nation of ours, and I am sure you are not acquainted with them all." Meek is not identifiable in Bureau files.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the tenor of Meek's letter it should not be answered.

*WTB* *L.P. [unclear]*  
*D*

- 1 - Mr. Wick - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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CORRESPONDENCE *pt.*

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 12-28-66

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT"  
BY WILLIAM MANCHESTER

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
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*Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*  
SYNOPSIS

REC-75

The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth a brief review of the galley proofs for "Look" magazine's version of "The Death of a President" by William Manchester--with particular reference to criticisms of Lyndon Johnson, references to the FBI and other items of pertinence to the Bureau.

The "Look" magazine version is divided into four installments, the first of which is scheduled for publication in the January 24, 1967, issue of "Look." The four installments cover (1) the hours immediately preceding John and Jackie Kennedy's trip to Texas in November, 1963, and their arrival in Texas; (2) the morning and afternoon of the assassination; (3) activities and animosities during the immediate post-assassination hours at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, in the Presidential airplane at Dallas, and during the flight to Washington; and (4) events in Washington during the hours immediately following the return of the Presidential airplane--with particular reference to the tensions and antagonisms which arose between the Kennedy clique and the new Johnson administration.

"ENCL. BEHIND FILE"

The "Look" version contains infrequent backhanded references to the FBI. Manchester twice cites a so-called favorite joke of John F. Kennedy in which Kennedy would state that the three most overrated things in the world were the State of Texas, the FBI and the political wizardry of Lyndon Johnson (or anything else which came to mind). Manchester notes

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Miss Gandy

ENCLOSURE

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RE: "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT"

that the Director was the first person to tell Robert Kennedy that the President had been shot--but the Director did not personally visit Kennedy to express his sympathy. He also states that in the hours immediately following the assassination, President Johnson "applied the Johnsonian cattle prod to J. Edgar Hoover" in connection with the FBI's investigation of the assassination. Manchester further makes reference to FBI Agent James Hosty, "who had questioned Lee Oswald after his return from Russia," watching President Kennedy from the curb in Dallas at 12:24 p. m. on November 22, 1963, and then stepping into a grill for lunch.

The first two installments of the "Look" version contain considerable "small talk" about Texas Governor John Connally, Texas Senator Ralph Yarborough, and the City of Dallas. The third and fourth installments begin to point up the antagonism and bad feelings which erupted during the immediate post-assassination period between the Kennedy clique and the new Johnson administration.

Several pages of the galleys, including those containing statements and conclusions concerning the animosity between the Kennedy and Johnson groups, bear handwritten notations in the margins. In several instances these include the word "cut." The effect which these notations will have on the final published version is unknown.

OBSERVATION:

The "Look" version of Manchester's book reflects that the book will appeal to "gossip-artists" and others with small minds. It is not the scholarly, definitive treatment which many persons had hoped Manchester would present, and it is obvious that there were many more members of the Kennedy clique than the Johnson group among Manchester's sources.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

*Wick*  
*Hosty*  
*Details*

M. A. Jones to Wick memo  
RE: "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT"

DETAILS:

PART I

Part 1 (pages 1-30) of the uncut "Look" magazine version of William Manchester's forthcoming book on the Kennedy assassination describes the departure of President Kennedy and his party from Washington, D. C., in November, 1963, for a political trip to Texas. The narrative contains comments relative to the President's arrival in San Antonio and ends with the Presidential party reaching the Hotel Texas in Fort Worth on the evening of November 21, 1963.

Specific points felt to be pertinent--including items critical of Lyndon Johnson, as well as mention of the FBI--are as follows:

Page 1 -- The President felt he was making an unnecessary trip to Texas. In one of his "tart" jokes, the last line of which could be adapted to this occasion, he remarked that the three most overrated things in the world were the State of Texas, the FBI and the political wizardry of Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Page 4 -- Mention is made of John F. Kennedy's plans for a second term as President. According to Manchester, Robert Kennedy wanted to "bow out" as Attorney General and would ask to be Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs.

Page 5 -- Texas would be rough. At the Los Angeles convention in 1960 where Johnson had attempted to secure the Presidential nomination for himself, Kennedy himself had been smitten by Johnsonian partisans led by Governor John Connally who spread rumors that he would not live out his first term because he was "diseased."



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RE: "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT"

Page 6 --

A notation in the margin of this page reflects that Lyndon Johnson definitely would have been John Kennedy's selection as a running mate in 1964. This page also begins an unflattering description of Texas Governor John Connally.

Page 8 --

Manchester takes minor exception with the Warren Commission--"The Warren Commission reported that the luncheon site (in Dallas) was selected by the Secret Service with (Kenneth) O'Donnell's approval. This is incorrect. The decision was a political decision, made by politicians."

Page 10 --

Manchester states that the Warren Commission, ten months after the assassination, found "no evidence" of any connection between Lee Harvey Oswald's crime and the "general atmosphere of hate" in Dallas. According to Manchester, the Commission's "verdict was influenced by expediency."

Page 16 --

Senator Ralph Yarborough, in his political fight with Governor Connally, had learned the details of a trap Connally had laid for him. The more Yarborough thought about it, the more wrathful he became. "Connally and Johnson--for he held the Vice President guilty as a co-conspirator--were as black as a Republican's heart."

Page 18 --

Mention is made of Presidential activities in San Antonio; stress is laid on the alleged feud between Yarborough and Connally. Reporters allegedly saw Yarborough avoiding the Vice President, and they decided to call it a snub. "Connally was to blame, but Connally was safe and snug in the big Lincoln; it was Johnson who was losing face."



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Page 20-- The Presidential party arrived in Houston, Texas. The President sent for Vice President Johnson, both of whom were staying at the Rice Hotel. In a conference in the Presidential Suite the two men became involved in a disagreement. Mrs. Kennedy was in the next room although she was aware of "raised voices." Hotel servants heard Yarborough's name mentioned several times. "Johnson controlled his celebrated temper in his chief's presence, but in the words of one man on duty outside, 'He left that suite like a pistol.'" After the Vice President left, Jacqueline Kennedy commented, "He sounded mad," whereupon the President looked amused. "That's just Lyndon. But he's in trouble."

Page 23-- Manchester mentions that nine Secret Service agents "were out on the town" in Fort Worth, the evening before the President was shot. These agents started with beer and mixed drinks. Some of these agents were slated for official duty the next day.

## PART II

Part II (pages 1-35) deals with events on November 22, 1963--the date of the assassination. Comments are made concerning the lives of Lee Harvey Oswald and President Kennedy. This Part sets forth the actual assassination and the taking of the President's body to Parkland Hospital.

Page 2 -- Early on the morning of November 22, 1963, President Kennedy made his appearance in the hotel lobby. He appeared happy. A reporter was struck by the difference between the President's mood and the Vice President's. He wished Johnson a good morning. Johnson's answer, the newsman noted, was "dour, mechanical, perfunctory."

Page 5 -- Mention is made of a visit by President-elect Kennedy in November, 1960, to the LBJ ranch in Texas when Kennedy was invited by Johnson to participate in a hunt for wild game. Kennedy was a crack shot in trap shooting. In one version of his "pet joke" he used to tell friends that the three most overrated things in the world were the State of Texas, the FBI and marksmanship.

Page 10-- In Dallas Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson welcomed the Kennedys for the fourth time in less than 24 hours. "Both couples felt slightly

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**RE: "THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT"**

silly." Moreover, there would be two more such welcomes, and Lyndon looked up at Jackie "shrugging comically at the absurdity of it all, and she laughed." After the Dallas airport reception line broke up, Johnson's next scheduled performance wouldn't be until that afternoon. The cheers on the other side of the chain fence were for the President. After a token appearance, the Vice President led Lady Bird to a convertible. "He was so disgusted with the decline in his own political power that he ordered the car's commercial radio turned on full blast to drown out the noise of the crowd."

Page 13-- Mention is made that at 12:24 p. m., November 22, 1963, Jim Hosty, an FBI Agent who had questioned Oswald after his return from Russia, watched Kennedy from the curb and then stepped into the Alamo Grill for lunch. "He had seen the President. His day, he felt, was made."

Page 16-- A paragraph is utilized to describe the wounds inflicted by Oswald upon the President. Manchester's account coincides with the official autopsy report.

Page 18-- Manchester constantly stresses the differences between Johnson and Kennedy. Here he comments that one of the earliest consequences of the assassination "was to become one of the most searing: a schism among those who were close to the Presidency. The loyalists, mourning John Kennedy, could not adjust to Lyndon Johnson." Manchester then describes the confusion this schism caused among Secret Service agents in Dallas.

Page 30-- Manchester mentions that Director J. Edgar Hoover communicated the news of the President's assassination to Attorney General Robert Kennedy. Mr. Hoover first called the Attorney General's office but eventually located the Attorney General at the latter's home in Virginia. Manchester makes these comments concerning Mr. Hoover's call to the Attorney General's office: "His delivery, as always, was staccato, shrill, mechanical."

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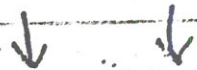
PART III

Part III (pages 1-43) describes the harrowing hours at Parkland Hospital, the conflict there over removal of the President's body from Dallas, the transfer of the casket from the hospital to the Presidential plane at Love Field. Considerable space is then allocated to a description of activities occurring on the Presidential plane leading to the swearing in of Lyndon Johnson as the new President. The chapter concludes with arrival of the Presidential plane in Washington, D. C.

Page 3 -- Throughout Part III Manchester constantly emphasizes the differences between Kennedy and his staff and Johnson and his staff. The first sentence of paragraph two sums up Manchester's viewpoint: "To those who loved John Kennedy the transition of power seemed needlessly cruel." The author continues: "Consolidating the two groups on one airplane was to prove extremely unfortunate and aspects of Johnson's behavior in a very understandable state of shock may have proven exacerbating, but the difficulty there was largely one of manners and mannerisms. Johnson was not himself that afternoon--no man was himself then."

Page 4 -- In the second paragraph from the bottom the FBI is briefly mentioned. It is stated that during a Cosmos Club meeting, brought to the FBI's attention some six months after the tragedy, Major General Petro A. del Valle, USMC (ret.), a former commanding officer of the First Marine Division, told an admiring group of retired officers: "It was the hand of God that pulled the trigger that killed Kennedy."

Page 5 -- Another telephone conversation between Director J. Edgar Hoover and Attorney General Robert Kennedy is reported. Mr. Hoover again called Kennedy at the latter's Virginia home telling the Attorney General that his brother was dead. " 'The President's dead,' he said snappily and hung up." Manchester then adds, "He (Mr. Hoover) expressed no compassion; he did not seem to be upset. His voice, as the Attorney General recalled afterward, was 'not quite as excited as if he were reporting the fact that he had found a Communist on the faculty of Howard University.' Ordinarily garrulous, Hoover had suddenly turned curt with his superior."



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"It would be charitable to attribute the swift change to the stresses of that afternoon. Yet although Bob Kennedy continued in the Cabinet for over nine months, Hoover, whose office was on the same floor, never walked over to offer his condolences. One of his assistants wrote Kennedy a moving letter, and the agents in the FBI's crime squad sent him a message of sympathy, but their Director remained sphinxlike."

(Marginal notes, apparently from an editor, indicate that the material in the above two paragraphs is to be cut. It is not clear whether the two complete paragraphs are to be omitted or whether the sentence "He expressed no compassion; he did not seem to be upset" will still remain from the final two paragraphs.)

(This reflects the same distortion and pettiness that led Robert Kennedy, or a member of his staff, to falsely assert to "Newsweek" magazine in the Fall of 1964 that the Director did not send Robert Kennedy a letter of condolence at the time of John Kennedy's death. That false statement was very effectively refuted by the Director.)

Pages 26-38--In these pages a detailed account is given of events occurring on the Presidential plane at Love Field, Dallas. Both Johnson and his staff and Mrs. Kennedy, the President's body and members of the Kennedy staff are aboard. All through this description Manchester emphasizes how Mrs. Kennedy's privacy was invaded by Johnson and his staff and how the holding of the plane in Dallas so Johnson could take the oath of office caused deep concern and anguish to Mrs. Kennedy and her friends.

Pages 26-27--Upon arrival at Love Field, Mrs. Kennedy wanted to be by herself for a few moments in the Presidential plane. She entered her bedroom and, to her amazement, inside she found, "sprawled across the bedspread," Lyndon Johnson dictating to a secretary. Mrs. Kennedy came to a dead stop. The new President "heaved himself up and hastily lumbered past her." The secretary also left the bedroom.

Page 27-- Considerable space is now devoted to explaining conflicting orders to the pilot of the Presidential aircraft. The Kennedy party, now that the President's body was aboard, desired to leave Dallas