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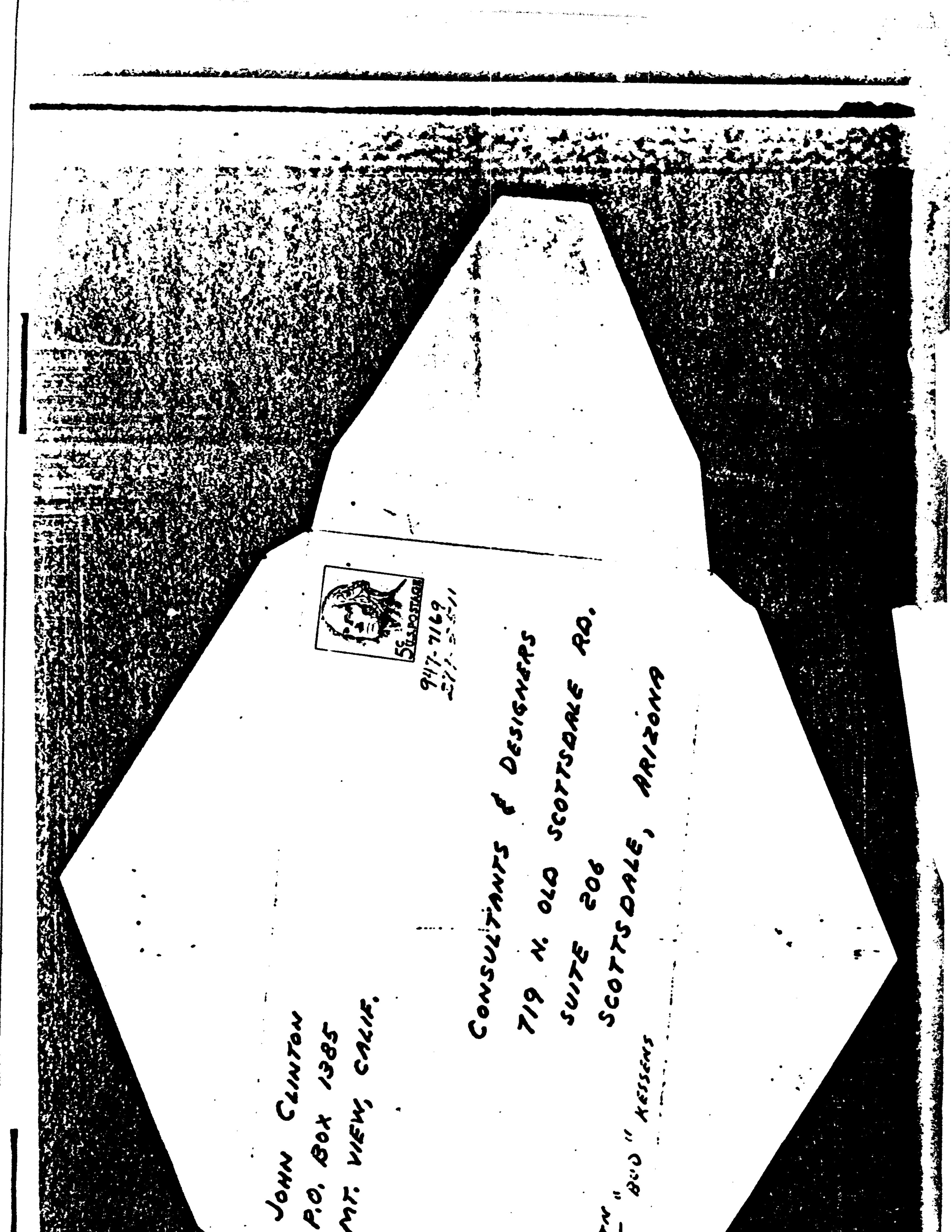
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To:

SAC, Phoenix

From:

Director, PBI

BURAL FRANCES KESSENS;
JOHN CLINTON
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

### RePXairtel 2/14/67.

Phoenix and San Francisco are instructed to thoroughly interview Bural Frances Kessens and John Clinton regarding the letter that was turned over to the Phoenix Office on 2/9/67, by Mr. Les Martin. Insure that both Kessens and Clinton are aware that the letter was opened prior to the time it was received by Phoenix.

The individuals named in this letter should be identified and John Clinton should be questioned thoroughly for clarification of his letter. It should be determined when it was written and how it came to be located in Phoenix, Arizona. The identity of "'Chicago' Smitty should be determined and ascertain if he is a Special Agent of the Bureau.

Based on the information furnished, subjects Kessens and Clinton could not be identified in Bureau files.

Phoenix and San Francisco are to closely coordinate this matter and submit results of investigation; by letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to U. S. Secret Service and the Department. Your replies are to be directed to the attention of the Geteral Investigative Division, Criminal Section.

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 2/20/67, captioned "Bural Frances Kessens; John Clinton; Miscellaneous - Information Concerning." KMR:bap

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# Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach TO

BURAL FRANCÉS'KESSENS: SUBJECT: JOHN CLINTON MISCELLANEOUS -INFORMATION CONCERNING

February 20, 1967 DATE:

- Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

- Mr. Malley

- Mr. Shroder 1 - Mr. Raupach

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PURPOSE:

To instruct the Phoenix and San Francisco Offices to interview Bural Frances Kessens and John Clinton. These two men were named in a letter received by the Phoenix Office containing comments relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

### BACKGROUND:

On 2/9/67, Mr. Les Martin furnished the Phoenix Office a letter found on the floor of a public bus in Phoenix, Arizona. He turned it over to the Phoenix Office due to the contents of the communication.

The letter was addressed to !'Consultants and Designers, 719 N. 91d Scottsdale Road, Suite 206, Scottsdale, Arizona," Attention: "Bud" Kessens. The return address was listed as "Jokn Clinton, P.O. Box 1385, Mt. View, California." The envelope contained a five cent postage stamp, but did not contain a postmark indicating it had been mailed. Appearing visibly beneath the five cent postage stamp were two telephone numbers, "947-7169" and "279-5511." Phoenix determined telephone number 947-7169 is the unlisted telephone number for Consultants and Designers, Incorporated, Scottsdale, Arizona. The other number is the telephone number of the Phoenix Office.

The content of the letter was not written on a separate piece of paper but was written on the Inside of the envelope and reads as follows: 6 FEB 24 1967

"It now appears I have to explain something. From Atlanta to N. Y. the accountant sitting in front of my brother overheard things: (1) Rumor about BOBBY KENNEDY and (2) Rumor that someone high in the FBI was involved in the I give you my word both are false. If GEORGE WASHINGTON was still running our government we wouldn't have 1% of the

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Memorandum Rosen to DeLoach BURAL FRANCES KESSENS

problems we now have. Who is involved are those trying to get Mr. HOOVER out of his position. I honestly wonder if any agent would even steal an apple. Now - this is my agreement. I know DAVE LUZADER is here in town. I want him, / CHICAGO" SMITTY, DOUG MOSELEY, and the fellow from Columbus, Ohio, MTOASTER BOX) here within a week. I know SMITTY is an agent. That's 3 & 3 (I think). Non-Agents won't have firearms. I don't even know how to use one. I'm not wrong so don't disregard."

Phoenix determined that "Bud Kessens" is an Accountant Executive with Consultants and Designers, Incorporated. He had no arrest record in Phoenix, but he was questioned on one occasion by the Phoenix, Police Department when a complaint had been received that Kessens was following children. When questioned, he furnished a private investigators card and indicated he was observing a private residence.

Since the contents of the letter mentions a rumor about Bobby Kennedy and a rumor someone high in the FBI was involved in the assassination, and further, there are "those Itrying to get Mr. Hoover out of his position," Phoenix and San Francisco are being instructed to conduct interviews Ito determine what this matter is all about.

The letter also mentioned that "Non-Agents won't : have firearms" and it is not known whether the writer is referring to Bureau Agents or personnel of other Government agencies.

Due to the fact the letter was not postmarked, and apparently not mailed, it could not be determined when it was written. In addition, based on information furnished, the subjects could not be identified in Bureau files.

#### ACTION:

Attached is an airtel to Phoenix with copies to San Francisco instructing them to conduct appropriate interviews to resolve this matter and submit letterhead memoranda suitable for dissemination.

- Mr. Deloach

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- Mr. Sullivan

- Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. Branigan

February 21, 1967

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

We have previously furnished to you information we have received concerning the investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison concerning the assassination of the late John F. Kennedy. Preciolis

There is enclosed a memorandum dated February 21, 1967, which sets forth additional information which we have received concerning Mr. Garrison's investigation. I thought this information would be of interest to the President. Additional pertinent information concerning this matter that comes to our attention will be immediately furnished to you.

This data is also being furnished to the Acting Attorney General and to the Director of the Secret Service.

Sincerely yours,

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Washington, D. C.

Special Assistant to the President

Honorable Marvin Watson

Dear Mr. Watson:

The White House

The Sunday editions of two Washington, D. C., newspapers for February 19, 1967, carried articles indicating that District Attorney Jim Garrison in New Orleans, Louisiana, is conducting an investigation of the assassination of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Allegedly Garrison claims that the Warren Commission Report is inaccurate in stating Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Enclosed is a memorandum which sets forth a concise summary of the results of our investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald from April, 1963, when he returned to New Orleans from Dallas, Texas, until September, 1963, when he traveled to Mexico City, Mexico. Also set forth is information in our files concerning District Attorney Garrison and data concerning Miguel Torres and David William Ferrie who are mentioned in these newspaper articles.

I thought this information would be of interest to the President. Additional pertinent information concerning this matter that comes to our attention will be immediately EX-111 REC-50 67-11-4489 furnished to you.

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#### NOTE:

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February 20, 1967

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

The Sunday editions of the "Washington Post" and the "Washington Evening Star" dated February 19, 1967, contained articles reporting that District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans, Louisiana, was conducting an investigation of the assassination of the late President Kennedy and was claiming that the Warren Commission Report is inaccurate in stating that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination. Garrison did not furnish details of his investigation to the press, but stated that arrests will be made, charges will be filed, and convictions will be obtained. Earli's little 

... - The newspaper articles indicated that Miguel Torres, a 26-year-old Cuban who formerly lived only a block from Oswald's last known New Orleans address, is known to be connected with the investigation conducted by the District Attorney's office. The "Washington Evening Star" article also reported that David William Ferrie, a part-time private investigator and operator of a New Orleans flying service, informed the press that the District Attorney's office informed him it had "positively uncovered a plot in New Orleans to

James C. Garrison, District Attorney in New Orleans, Louisiana, is a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He entered on duty with this Bureau on March 5, 1951, and resigned on July 24, 1951, to enter military service. His services with this Bureau were satisfactory.

Garrison was elected District Attorney, Parish of Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, and took office in May, 1962. On November 1 and 2, 1962, the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" --- carried statements by Garrison charging that the parish \_\_\_\_ criminal-court judges were clogging up the city jail and delaying justice by taking excessive vacation periods. Following such charges, the judges involved instituted a defamation

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charge against Garrison. The trial received nation-wide publicity and Garrison was found guilty on February 6, 1963, of the charges and was fined \$1,000. Garrison appealed his conviction and on November 24, 1964, the United States Supreme Court reversed the conviction of Garrison. The United States Supreme Court held that the element of deliberate malice was lacking in the statements attributed to Garrison regarding the trial judges involved.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has informed this Bureau that Garrison is politically ambitious. Our New Orleans Office has advised that rumors have been circulating in the city of New Orleans indicating Garrison may be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of the State of Louisiana in the pext election to be held in December, 1967.

Following the assassination of President Kennedy,
this Bureau conducted an extensive investigation in New Orleans,
Louisiana, concerning Oswald's residence there from April,
1963, to September 25, 1963, when he left New Orleans to
travel to Mexico City, Mexico. Following his move to New Orleans
from Dallas, Texas, in April, 1963, Oswald, responding to a
newspaper advertisement, obtained a position with William B.
Reily Company, Incorporated, an enterprise engaged in the
roasting, grinding, canning, bagging, and selling of coffee.
Oswald's task was the lubrication of the company's machinery.
Oswald obtained an apartment at 4905 Magazine Street and
made arrangements for his wife, Marina, and his child to join
him in New Orleans. On July 19, 1963, Oswald was dismissed
by the Reily Company because of inefficiency and inattention
to his work.

On July 25, 1963, Oswald received another personal setback when he was notified that, in response to the request for review which he had made in 1962, his undesirable discharge from the United States Marine Corps had been affirmed. It was during the same period that Oswald began to evidence thoughts of returning to the Soviet Union or going to Cuba. On July 24, 1963, Oswald applied for a new passport, which he received on the following day.

In late May and early June, 1963, Oswald apparently had begun to formulate plans for creating a New Orleans branch of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Using a false

mame, Oswald ordered a number of printed circulars, demanding "hands off Cuba" in large letters, and application forms and membership cards for the proposed chapter. On August 5, 1963, he visited a store managed by Carlos Bringuier, a Cuban refugee and avid opponent of Castro and the New Orleans delegate of the Cuban student directorate. Oswald indicated an interest in joining the struggle against Castro.

On August 9, 1963, Bringuier saw Oswald pass out Fair Play for Cuba Committee leaflets. Bringuier and Oswald got into a dispute which resulted in their arrests for disturbing the peace. Oswald pleaded guilty to the charges against him and paid a \$10 fine.

On August 17, 1963, Oswald appeared on a radio program in New Orleans representing himself to be a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. On August 21, 1963, Oswald engaged in a debate on another radio program at which time he defended the Castro regime and discussed Marxism.

During this period, Oswald wrote several letters to V. T. Lee, the National Director of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Oswald informed Lee in exaggerated terms of his activities in New Orleans. He also wrote to the Communist Party in New York City and informed Communist Party officials of his activities. On September 25, 1963, Oswald left New Orleans by bus en route to Mexico City.

During the course of our investigation of Oswald's activities in New Orleans, we received no evidence that Oswald was in personal contact with pro-Castro Cubans nor any indication that he might be involved in an assassination plot with others to kill President Kennedy.

In the "Washington Post" article, mentioned above, it is reported that Miguel Torres is known to be connected with the investigation being conducted by the District Attorney in New Orleans. On October 25, 1962, this Bureau received a complaint that Miguel Torres, along with his father, mother, and two brothers, was pro-Castro in his belief. It was also alleged that the Torres family had a short-wave radio in their home for the purpose of receiving Cuban broadcasts. We initiated investigation of Miguel Torres and other members of his family on the basis of such allegations but found no information to corroborate such allegations. Our investigation

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did disclose that Miguel Torres had a criminal record. He was arrested February 1, 1959, on an armed robbery charge and was sentenced on October 2, 1959, for a period of ten years in the State Penitentiary. On February 2, 1961, he was discharged from the Louisiana State Penitentiary. He was arrested again on September 5, 1964, by the New Orleans Police Department on burglary charges and was sentenced to nine years in the Louisiana State Penitentiary. In September, 1964, he was also arrested by the Bureau of Narcotics for violation of the Federal Narcotics Law. He was sentenced on January 6, 1965, to three years in a Federal Penitentiary with the sentence to begin after completion of the nine-year sentence in the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

During the course of our investigation of the assassination, we developed no information indicating acquaintanceship or contact between Lee Harvey Oswald and Miguel Torres.

In the "Washington Evening Star" afticle, mentioned above, it was reported that David William Ferrie, part-time private investigator and operator of a New Orleans flying service, stated the New Orleans District Attorney's office informed him it had "positively uncovered a plot in New Orleans to assassinate Kennedy." Immediately following the assassination of the late President Kennedy, this Bureau received an allegation that Lee Harvey Oswald may have been acquainted with David William Ferrie through a Civil Air Patrol group in New Orleans. The source of such allegation stated that Ferrie was an amateur hypnotist and the source felt that Ferrie may have hypnotized Oswald and planted a post-hypnotic suggestion that Oswald kill President Kennedy. We also received allegations that Ferrie, a qualified pilot, was to fly Oswald from Dallas following his assassination of President Kennedy.

We conducted extensive inquiries concerning the allegations surrounding Ferrie, including interviews of Ferrie. We developed no evidence that Ferrie knew Oswald or that Ferrie was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

On February 19, 1967, our New Orleans Office advised that the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" newspaper for February 19, 1967, carried an article which indicated that Ferrie stated the investigation of the assassination carried on by District Attorney Garrison is a "big joke." Ferrie reportedly told

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a New Orleans reporter that he had been pegged as the getaway pilot in an elaborate plot to kill President Kennedy. Ferrie has contacted our New Orleans Office and has stated he plans to take civil action against those accusing him of being involved in a plot to kill President Kennedy.

#### NOTE:

See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan dated 2-19-67, captioned same, prepared by REL/KMR:sal.

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February 21, 1967

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President Cassausen 1 (1) The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated February 14, 1967, which was directed to this Bureau by Dr. Carlos Bringuier, a New Orleans, Louisiana, businessman.

For your information, Dr. Bringuier is a Cuban refugee and is an outspoken opponent of Fidel Castro. He is the New Orleans delegate of the Cuban student directorate.

During the course of our investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, we determined that Lee Harvey Oswald visited a store managed by Dr. Bringuier on August 5, 1963. Oswald indicated an interest in joining Dr. Bringuier and his associates in their struggle against Fidel Castro. On August 9, 1963, Dr. Bringuier observed Oswald pass out Fair. Play for Cuba Committee leaflets in New Orleans. Dr. Bringuier and Oswald got into a dispute which resulted in their arrests for disturbing the peace. Oswald pleaded guilty to the charge against him and paid a \$10 fine.

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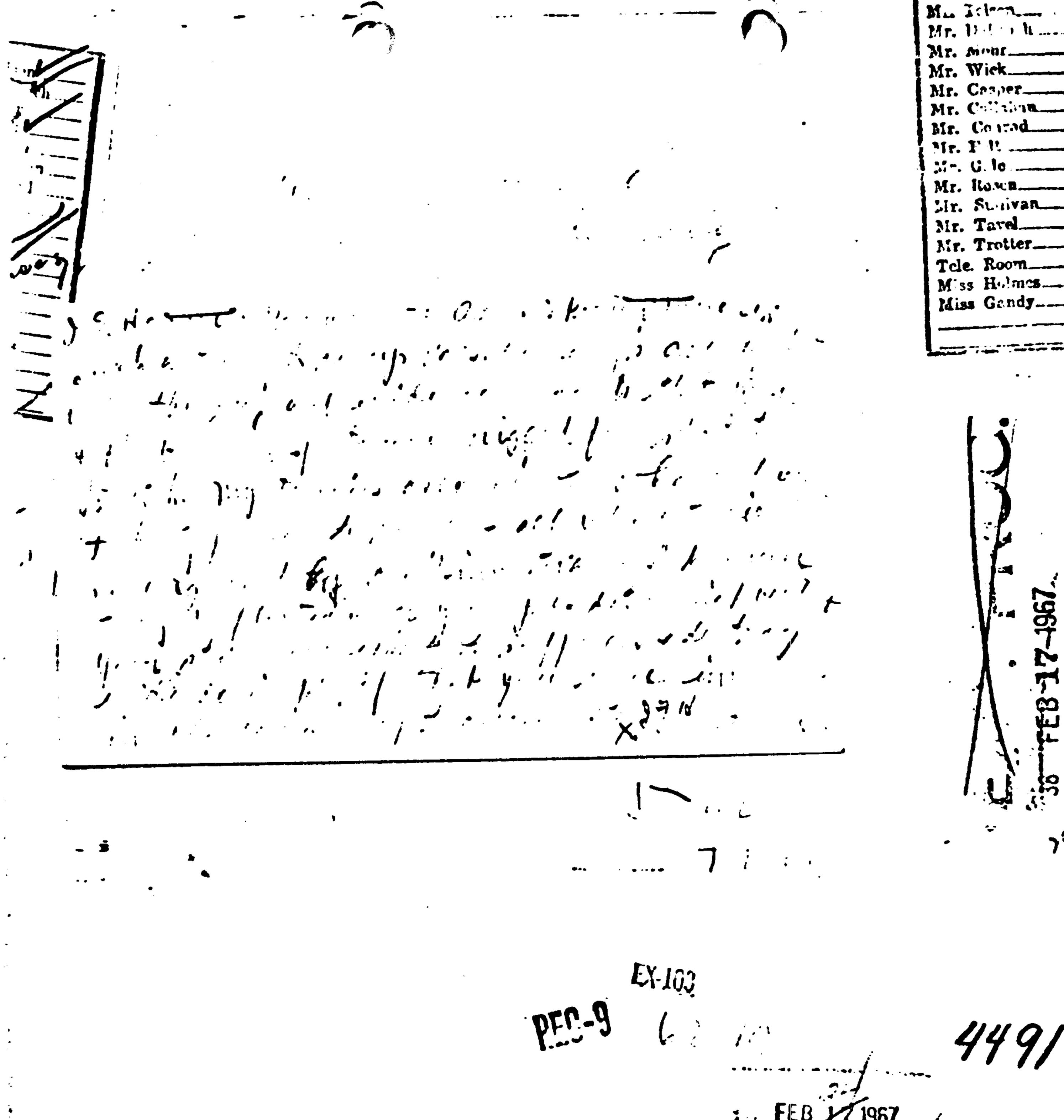
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J. E. Hoover. You and the Administration were in such a hurry to sweep Pres. Kennedy's assassination under the rug and evidence mounts that your & the Warren reports were rigged from start to finish. Mysterious assassination have been taking place to remove all whose testimonies were ignored by the "investigators" because they conflicted with your pre-determined verdict. Your strenuous effort to suppress & destroy evidence is proof that you were involved in the conspiracy to assassinate JFK

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February 21, 1967

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Honorable James J. Rowley Director, V. S. Secret Service Washington, D. C.

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Honorable James J. Rowley

This data is also being furnished to the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, and to the Acting Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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February 21, 1967

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- Mr. W. A. Branigan

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Honorable James J. Rowley Director, U. S. Secret Service Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

We have previously furnished to you information we have received concerning the investigation being conducted by New Orleans, Louisiana, District Attorney James C. Garrison in connection with the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

There is enclosed a memorandum dated February 21, 1967, which sets forth additional information which we have received concerning Mr. Garrison's investigation in this matter.

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DIRECTOR (62-109060)

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,

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# Memorandum

: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

SAC, WFO (89-75)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEUY DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (00:DA)

> On 2/19/67, at 7:05 p.m., Mrs. SHARON: WELCH, 2921 South 16th Street, Arlington, Virginia, telephone 521-4318, occupation, housewife, called WFO to say that she had written a letter on 2/19/67 to Mr. JIM GARRISON, District Attorney, New Orleans, to say that she felt that police authorities had been derelict in not having picked up LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to the assassination of President KENNEUY. She stated that information was available that OSWALD had attempted to shoot General WALKER in 1963 and later had given consideration to shooting former Vice President RICHARD NIXON.

> Mrs. WELCH obtained this information from reading a book captioned, "OSWALD" by KERRY THORNLEY, a former United States Marine, who had served in the Marine Corps with OSWALD. Mrs. WELCH has also read the current articles by WILLIAM MANCHESTER, "The Death of a President", appearing in Look" magazine. She also read an article concerning this matter appearing in the March, 1967 of "Thotoplay".

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Mrs. WELCH had no information to offer concerning captioned case other than what she has read in magazines and books.

Above submitted for the information of Richmond office.