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TO DIRECTOR 62-10960

FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

TEXAS, NO VEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE. MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELS, FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO LAST CONCERNING THE DEATH OF DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE AND NEW ORLEANS TEL TWELVE THIRTY EIGHT P. M., FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST CONCERNING FERRIE'S CONTACT WITH AN AGENT OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE.

AT THE TIME OF THIS CONTACT ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN

LAST, FERRIE, IN PASSING, MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN QUITE ILL

AND WAS SUFFERING FROM "VIRAL ENCEPHALITIS".

DR. NICHOLAS CHETTA, ORLEANS PARISH CORONER, IS QUOTED IN TODAY'S "TIMES PICAYUNE" AS SAYING THAT TOXICOLOGICAL TESTS ARE CONTINUING IN CONNECTION WITH THE BEATH OF FERRIE. DR. CHETTA IS FURTHER QUOTED AS STATING ANATOMICAL FINDINGS SHOW THAT FERRIE 4532 SUFFERED THE RUPTURE OF A BLOOD VESSEL AT THE BASE OF THE BRAIN WHICH CAUSED A HEMORRAGE. DR. CHETTA IS FURTHER QUOTED AS 25MAR N 3 1967

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FERRIE HAD AN ASSORTMENT OF DRUGS IN HIS APARTMENT BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER FERRIE HAD CONSUMED ANY. CHETTA PLACES THE TIME OF DEATH "SOMETIME LAST EVENING" (TUESDAY).

ACCORDING TO THE TIMES PICAYDNE, GEORGE LARDNER, A REPOTER
FOR THE WASHINGTON POST AND TIMES HERALD, WHO WAS IN NEW ORLEANS TO
COVER THE GARRISON INVESTIGATION, SAID HE WENT TO FERRIE'S
RESIDENCE ABOUT MIDNIGHT TO INTERVIEW HIM AND REMAINED UNTIL ABOUT
FOUR A. M., FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO LAST. LARDNER IS QUOTED AS SAYING
"ONCE YOU GET HIM TALKING IT IS HARD TO SHUT HIM OFF."

DR. CHETTA IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT RIGOR MORTIS HAD SET IN AT THE TIME OF HIS EXAMINATION AND THAT THE TIME OF FERRIE'S DEATH HAD -10 BE BEFORE FOUR A. M.

GARRISON IS QUOTED AS SAYING "THE TIME OF FERRIE'S DEATH,

ACCORDING TO THE CORONER AND ACCORDING TO THE TIME LARDER SAYS HE WAS

WITH FERRIE, REPRESENTS A MAJOR INCONSISTENCY INTHE CASE AND 'IS

ONE OF THE MYSTERIES WE DON'T UNDERSTAND '".

THIS SAME ARTICL SHOWS THAT GARRISON WAS ASKED IF HE HAD

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ANY REASON TO BELIEVE ANYBODY BUT LEE HARVEY OSWALD TOOK PART IN THE ACTUAL ASSASSINATION, TO WHICH GARRISON IS QUOTED AS HAVING REPLIED, "I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE AT THIS POINT THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD KILLED ANYBODY IN DALLAS THAT DAY."

ALSO, GARRISON IS QUOTED AS SAYING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD DECIDED WEDNESDAY MORNING, BEFORE HE LEARNED OF FERRIS'S DEATH, TO ARREST FERRIE NEXT WEEK.

THIS SAME ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE WILL NOW ASK FOR HELP FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE PROBE, GARRISON RELIED BY ASKING, "WHAT WOULD BE THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING FEDERAL AID, TO DELAY THE INVESTIGATION THREE MORE YEARS? WE'VE DONE MORE IN THREE MONTHS WITH A SMALL STAFF THAN THE GOVERNMENT DID IN THREE YEARS WITH FIVE THOUSAND MEN."

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MATTER BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY NEW ORLEANS THROUGH ESTABLISHED AND RELIABLE SOURCES ONLY.

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM NEW ORLEANS 241817

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS
TEXAS NOVEMBER 22, 1963, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
CONCERNING.

REMYTELCALL THIS DATE.

DR. NICHOLAS J. CHETTA, CORNER PARISH OF ORLEANS, AT

10:45 AM THIS DATE RELEASED THE REPORT OF THE TOXICOLOGY

LABORATORY EXAMINATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTOPSY OF

DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE. THE REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS: "EXAMINATION REQUESTED: ALCOHOL, BARBITURATES, CYANIDE, HEAVY METALS,

CAUSTIC AGENTS, SCAN. DESCRIPTION OF INVESTIGATION: DEATH

OF DAVID FERRIE, SUBJECTS: DAVID FERRIE.

SPECIMENS: ONE. ONE SAMPLE OF BLOOD FROM THE ABOVE
SUBJECT. TWO. ONE SAMPLE OF URINE FROM THE ABOVE SUBJECT.
THREE. ONE SAMPLE OF SKIN FROM THE LIP OF THE ABOVE SUBJECT

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RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION:

ONE. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF SPECIMEN ONE WAS NEGATIVE FOR THE PRESENCE OF ALCOHOL, BARBITURATES, CYANIDE, HEAVY METALS AND ACIDIC AND BASIC ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (UV). TWO. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF SPECIMEN TWO WAS NEGATIVE FOR THE PRESENCE OF CYANIDE. THREE. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF SPECIMEN THREE REVEALED A NEUTRAL PH.*

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241PM URGENT 2-26-67 FLL

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

FROM DALLAS (89-43) 2P

ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO,

SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, IEXAS. MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING. 00-DALLAS.

Reference my Teletine
REMATEL FEB. TWENTY FOUR LAST RE INFO FURNISHED BY SERGIO
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ARCACHA SMITH.

ARCACHA VOLUNTEERED INFO TODAY THAT WILLIAM GURIRCH AND JIM ALCOCK, INVESTIGATORS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, NEW ORLEANS, WERE IN DALLAS AND TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIS RESIDENCE FIVE PM FEB. TWENTYFIVE, LAST FOR PURPOSE OF SCHEDULING AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM. ARCACHA SAID HE HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SERVICES OF ATTORNEY AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PALICE DEPARTMENT.

INTERVIEW JO BE CONDUCTED AT DALLAS PD. INTERVIEW SCHEGULED.

FOR NINE FIFTEEN PM FEB. TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

GURIRCH AND ALCOCK APPEARED AND MEETING HELD BETWEEN THESE
TWO, ARCACHA AND DETECTIVES ROGERS AND CUNNINGHAM, DALLAS PD,
BUT GURIRCH AND ALCOCK WOULD NOT QUESTION ARCACHA IN PRESENCE
DALLAS DETECTIVES AND ADVISED HIM THEY WOULD NOT QUESTION HIM
IN PRESENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DALLAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY SWARF
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OFFICE, BUT INTIMATED THEY MIGHT CONSENT TO INTERVIEW HIM IN PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY.

ARCACHA WILL CONTACT AN ATTORNEY AS HE STATES THAT ALTHOUGH
HE HAS NOT BEEN IMPLICATED IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY, PUBLICITY
IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER WOULD HARM HIM IN HIS EMPLOYMENT AND FURTHER HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE "FRAMED BY GARRISON."

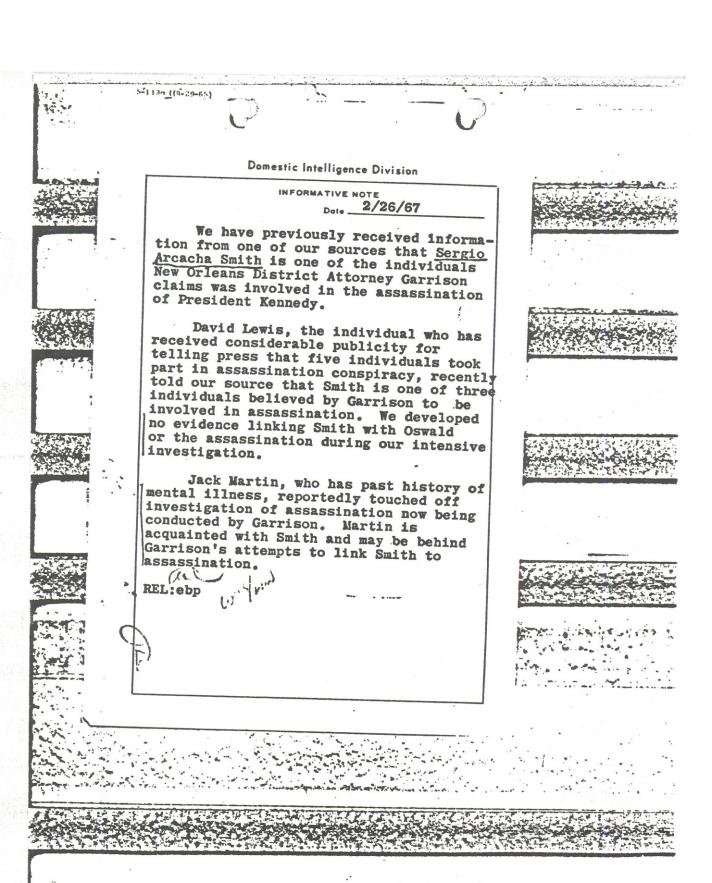
ARCACHA WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THIS OFFICE APPRISED.

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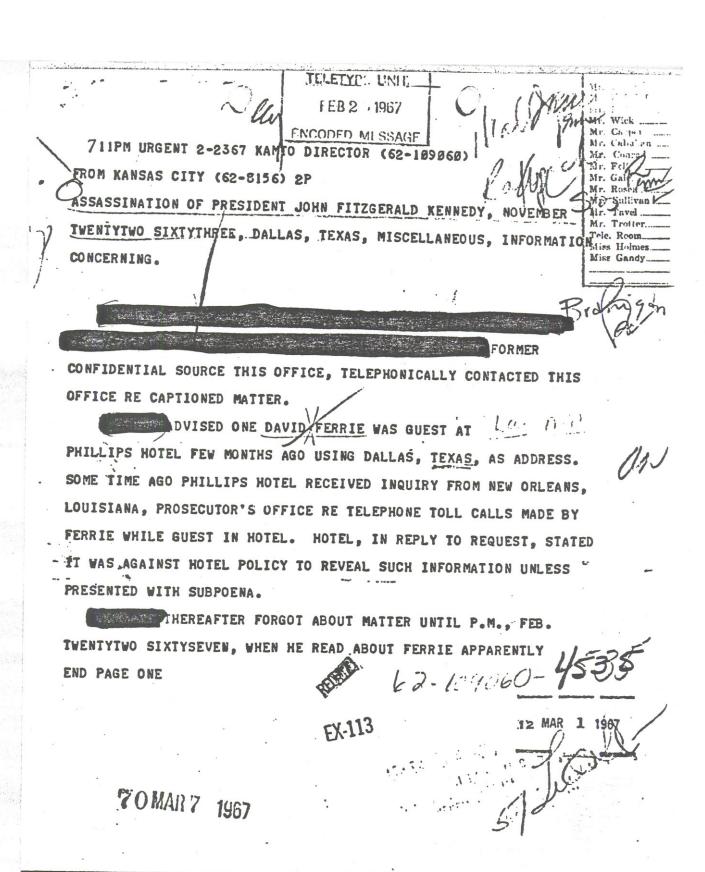
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COMMITTING SUICIDE IN NEW ORLEANS, FEB. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYSEVEN.

ADVISED (HE) WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO FBI ANY
INFORMATION RECORDS CONTAIN RE FERRIE BECAUSE HE
BELIEVED FBI MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER.

KANSAS CITY WILL MAKE NO ACTIVE INQUIRY THIS MATTER, UACB.

COPIES TO DALLAS AND NEW ORLEANS.

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6:00PM 2-23-67 URGENT RCM

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS

FROM NEWARK (62-3060) 4P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOV. TWENTY
TWO SIXTY THREE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

RE:PH AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU NOV. TWENTY TNINE,
SIXTY THREE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE WITH SUBTITLE OF
BEN TRAEGEL TRAEGEL'S BAR, AIRLINE HIGHWAY, NEW ORLEANS,
LA., WHEREIN ONE EUGENE R. DELA PARRA WAS INTERVIEWED AT
PH OFFICE AND LHM SUBMITTED BE CONVERSATION AT TRAEGEL'S
BAR RE PRICE ON THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD AND FACT THAT
SOMEONE WILL KILL KENNEDY WHEN HE COMES DOWN SOUTH.

IT IS NOTED IN REAIRTEL EXPLAINED DELA PARRA SUFFERED.

NERVOUS BREAKDOWN DURING WORLD II, AND IS CURRENTLY

RECEIVING SEVENTY PER CENT DISABILITY.

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DELA PARRA CONTINUES TO RECEIVE THIS DISABILITY.

TODAY, EUGENE R. DELA PARRA, EIGHT FOUR SEVEN HADDON AVE.,

COLLINGSWOOD, NJ, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN RESIDING IN NJ SINCE

NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. HE FORMERLY RESIDED IN NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DELA PARRA AROUND JUNE, SIXTY THREE WAS WORKING

FOR BENNY TRAEGEL, AT TRAEGEL'S BAR, IN NEW ORLEANS, AND WHILE

WORKING IN THIS BAR ON OR ABOUT SIX TWENTY TWO, SIXTY THREE,

TONY MARCELLA CAME INTO THE PREMISES TO SERVICE THE PIN BALL

MACHINE. DELA PARRA ADVISED TONY MARCELLA IS THE BROTHER OF

VINCENT MARCELLA, WHO OWNS MOTELS IN NEW ORLEANS.

GAMBLER IN NEW ORLEANS.

DELA PARRA ADVISED THAT ONTHIS PARTICULAR DATE, TONY
MARCELLA STATED TO BEN TRAEGE AND THREE OR FOUR OTHERS AT THE
BAR THAT "THE WORD IS OUT TO GET THE KENNEDY FAMILY".

AFTER THE REMARK WAS MADE, BEN TRAEGEL CAME TO DELA PARRA IN THE BACK ROOM OF THE BAR AND REPEATED THE STATEMENT.

BEN TRAEGEL WAS LAUGHING AND ADDED THEY ARE ONLY PAYING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT, DELA PARRA REPORTED THE INFO TO THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND IMMEDIATELY SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, DELA PARRA ADVISED THAT HE FURNISHED THE INFO AGAIN TO THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THEFBI.

DELA PARRA ADVISED THAT AFTER READING ABOUT THE DEATH OF DAVID W. FERRIE IN NEW ORLEANS YESTERDAY, HEWANTED TO PASS ON INFO TO THE EFFECT THAT FERRIE WAS THE PERSONAL PILOT FOR VINCENT MARCELLA.

DELA PARRA STATED THAT HE, HIMSELF IS ALSO A HORSE TRAINER
AND USED TO TAKE CARE OF ONE OF VINCENT MARCELLA'S HORSES.

VINCENT USED TO TAKE SEVERAL TRIPS BY PLANE TO DALLAS.

DELA PARRA ADDED THAT BEN TRAEGEL KNEW LEE HARVEY OSWALD

VERY WELL.

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February 20, 1967

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigating Washington, D. C. C11- 1 -111.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For sometime we have been debating whether or not to write this letter. We, my wife and I, have always had the very highest personal respect for you and your unwavering ability to guide the F.B.I. to the very pinnacle of respectability, courage and truthfullness.

That fuzzles us, is that on November 25, 1966 you were quoted the A. P. wire service as follows:--"Not one shred of evidence had developed to link any other person in a constracy with Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy." We personally feel that this must be been a mis-quote, or if true that some pressure has been brought to bear or has been taken out of context.

In any event, is there an answer to the fellowing? Accordingly.

Dr. Hale Im Perry, attending surgeen and Dr. Kern Clark, chief of neurosurgery at Park and Hospital when giving more details later that same afterneon said "In. Kennedy was hit by a bullet in the threat, just below the adam's apple. This wound had the arrearance of a bullet's entry." A trachectomy was preformed through this hele. A gaping bound was in evidence in Er. Kennedy's back. Fow, if Drs. Perry and Clark were correct, how did a bullet from Oswald's cun make a "U" turn into Er. Kennedy's throat? Oswald was behind the President's car and in order to be hit in the throat by Oswald, he would have had does not reveal this to be the case. This is but one of scores of Report. However, our wain concern is not to determine the "Marrer the "Marrer heport" and or its supporters, but to determine the veracity of as to what you actually said as is quoted above in the A.F. dispatch in the Burlington Hawk-Erc, Povember 25, 1966, page 1.

Thanking you for your bind REG Personal attention, I remain. Sincercty,

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Harry W. Hiller Jr.

im so proud that my nephew, Robert James Williams, in Berkeley, California s the opportunity to work under the inspiring leadership of your organization.

Mrs. Mary J. Miller

WASH.NGTON (AP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoovers and today all available evidence indicates that Lee learney Oswald acted alone in the assassination of Present John F. Kennedy.

Not one shred of evidence has been developed to link any other person in a conspiracy with Oswald or assassinate President remady," Hoover said in a second.

a number of books, articles statements recently have questions about the vative of the findings of the Warth furnission, which named ward as the assassin and the state of acted alone. The FBI to over all its own findings its commission.

'Ignore Facts'

Hower said that although the chairs have every right to state and views, they "should show now regard for the facts on record They have ignored certain news, misinterpreted others, and expressed pure speculianent as truth." The statement of the same requested by the hashington Evening Star and Intermedia available to other this media.

first some of the words, among other there is a conflict to there is a conflict to the sound of two FBI and the official autopsy regarding the wounds wennedy's body.

difference in the information reported by the FBI and the information contained in the autopsy report concerning the wounds, there is no conflict."

Oral Statements

Hoover said the FBI reports record oral statements made by autopsy physicians before all the facts were known. The ultimate findings of the examination, he said, are contained in the autopsy report.

Hoover said two FBI agents were present at Bethesda Naval Hospital when the autopsy was performed Nov. 22, 1963.

The agents reported that Dr. James J. Humes, chief autopsy surgeon, "Located what appeared to be a bullet hole in the back below the shoulder and probed it to the end of the opening with a finger. The examining physicians were unable to explain why thy could find no bullet or point of exit."

Traced Bullet Path

Hoover said that unknown to the agents the physicians eventually were able to trace the path of the bullet through the body.

The morning following the assassination, Hoover said, Humes contacted physicians who had examined Kennedy at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Tex., the previous day. They confirmed Humes' assumption that a tracheotomy had been performed using a bullet hole as the point of incision.

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Mr. Harry W. Miller, Jr. Miller Insurance Agency 308 South Ninth Burlington, Iowa 52601

Dear Mr. Miller:

1110 I have received your letter of February 20th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for the generous comments you expressed regarding my work.

In response to your inquiry, the statement attributed to me is accurately quoted, and I am sending you a copy of my remarks concerning this matter. I trust this will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

7. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

Press release 11-25-66 Re Warren Commission Statement of 11-23-66 on same topic

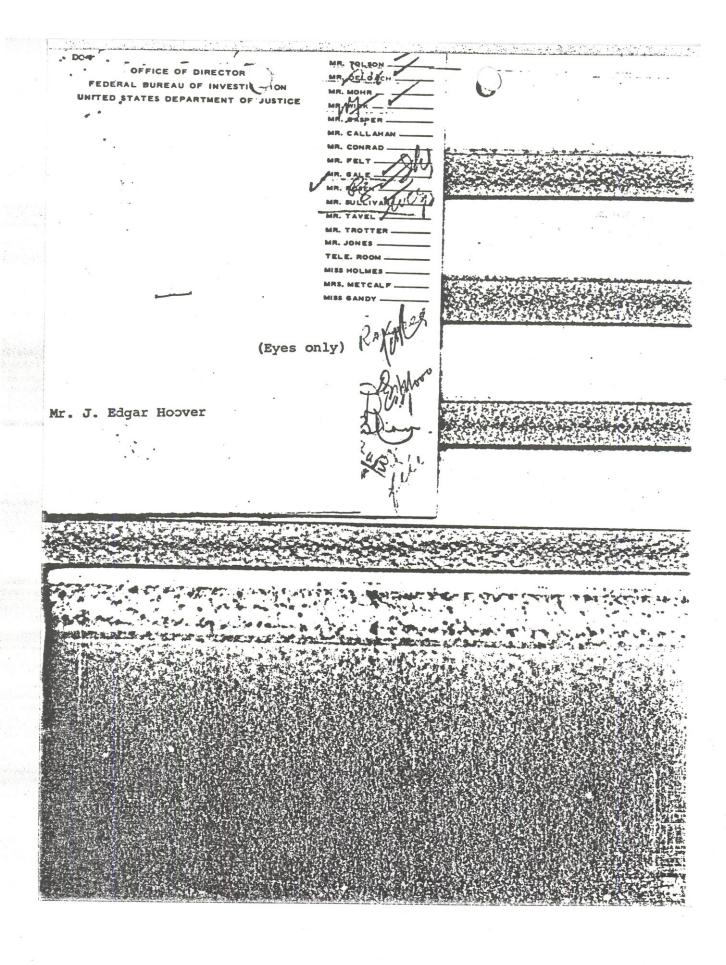
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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

February 13, 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

At the request of Chief Justice Earl Warren, I called at his office at 11:15 am, January 31, 1967, to discuss an official matter. I was accompanied by Mr. Burrill A. Peterson of my staff.

The Chief Justice advised that one day last week, exact date not furnished, (week of January 23) Drew Pearson called at his office in response to Mr. Pearson's request to talk with him. At that time Mr. Pearson stated that a lawyer, told him that a client of his who was on the fringe of the underworld reported to him the following: That Bobby Kennedy had organized a group who went to Cuba to kill Castro; that all were killed or imprisoned, except one person who escaped; that subsequently Castro decided to utilize the same procedure to kill President Kennedy and that he hired Oswald to do the job.

Before furnishing this information to the Chief Justice, Mr. Pearson had asked him to see concerning information on the assassination of President Kennedy. The Chief Justice informed him there was no need since the Commission had finished its work and was discharged.

The Chief Justice further told Mr. Pearson that he could not withhold this information and would have to pass it on to someone who would have authority to look into it. Mr. Pearson inferred that was not in good standing with the

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FBI and the Chief Justice stated he would notify the Secret Service. The Chief Justice further stated that he asked Mr. Pearson if the client was now willing to talk with the proper investigative body, and was told that the client was involved and since the Statute of Limitations had not run, he would not be willing to talk. Mr. Pearson told the Chief Justice that he would talk to and see if his client would furnish this information. He had not called the Chief Justice since their conversation.

I informed the Chief Justice that this was a FBI matter and that we would not talk with until it could be learned whether the client would be identified and would be willing to talk with an investigator.

The Chief Justice tried to reach Mr. Pearson and was informed he was in Minnesota. He agreed to talk to him later and inform me what Mr. Pearson reports on willingness to identify his client and talk with an investigator.

I informed the Chief Justice that we would take no action until we heard from him concerning the conversation with Mr. Pearson.

On February 2, 1967, the Chief Justice called me and advised he had spoken with Mr. Pearson who stated wanted to come in to see him. The Chief Justice again informed Mr. Pearson that he was no longer involved with the Commission as it had been discharged and that might properly communicate with the Secret Service. Mr. Pearson agreed to have communicate with the Secret Service and indicated the tentative date would be February 8, 1967. was in California and would get in touch with the Secret Service upon his return.

On February 10, 1967, I spoke with the Chief Justice by telephone and informed him that neither Mr. Pearson nor

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

had called and that the information received from the Chief Justice would be reported to the FBI. The Chief Justice advised me to do whatever I had to do.

James J. Rowley