

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

February 15, 1967

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Honorable James J. Rowley  
 Director  
 United States Secret Service  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

*2-16-67 delivered*

Thank you for your letter dated February 13, 1967, advising me of your discussion with Chief Justice Earl Warren on January 31, 1967, and the information he furnished to you.

In connection with the allegation that a Castro conspiracy was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy, our investigation uncovered no evidence indicating Fidel Castro or officials of the Cuban Government were involved with Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy.

This Bureau is not conducting any investigation regarding this matter. However, should Mr. Pearson, [redacted] or [redacted] source of information care to volunteer any information to this Bureau, it would be accepted. Thereafter, consideration would be given as to whether any additional investigation is warranted.

I am taking the liberty of furnishing a copy of your letter and my reply to you to the Acting Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

KMR:hw  
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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas," 2-15-67.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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

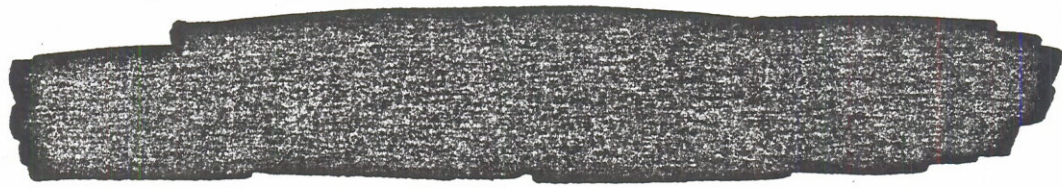
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*D. B. [unclear]  
Branigan*

Assistant Attorney General Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr., Civil Division, Department of Justice, called the Bureau at 5:35 p.m., February 20, 1967, and made reference to an article in the "Washington Daily News" for February 20, 1967. According to this article, David Lewis, a bus station express handler who worked as a private investigator in New Orleans in the months before the assassination, claimed to have the names of five persons allegedly involved in the planning phase of the plot on President Kennedy's life. Mr. Sanders requested that he be furnished information in Bureau files that can be identified with David Lewis.

Our files disclose that James S. Martin, a private investigator in New Orleans who reportedly is a mental case and who was a psychiatric patient in a New Orleans hospital in 1956-1957, informed our Dallas Office on January 13, 1967 that the District Attorney's Office had interviewed David Lewis in connection with the assassination. According to Martin, Lewis claimed to have met Lee Harvey Oswald while working for former SAC W. Guy Banister in New Orleans, at which time Mr. Banister was a private investigator. Martin claimed Oswald was in contact with two Cuban nationals at the time Lewis met Oswald.



Enclosure sent 2-21-67  
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Memorandum Branigan to Sullivan  
Re: ASSASSINATION OF  
PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
62-109090

[REDACTED]

On February 1967, our informant advised he learned that Lewis had been interviewed by investigators of the District Attorney's Office in New Orleans and had identified Raul Torres, Sergio Arcacha Smith and Carlos Quiroga as individuals under suspicion by the District Attorney's Office as being involved in the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

[REDACTED]

Carlos Quiroga is a Cuban refugee in New Orleans who volunteered information to our New Orleans Office on November 27, 1963, reporting he had become aware of Oswald's activities in New Orleans in August, 1963, at which time Oswald was passing out Fair Play for Cuba Committee literature. Quiroga stated he contacted Oswald to determine the extent of his pro-Castro activities and had reported such contacts to the New Orleans Police Department. We have received no evidence that Carlos Quiroga is involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

ACTION:

Attached is a letter to Assistant Attorney General Sanders furnishing him with a copy of our memorandum concerning the involvement of Lewis in the assassination and the investigation being conducted by the District Attorney's Office in New Orleans and other items mentioned herein which give an insight into the type of investigation being conducted by District Attorney Garrison. A copy of our memorandum is being disseminated by separate communications to the White House, the Acting Attorney General and the Secret Service.

*Del*

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Date: 2/23/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (62-1827) (RUC)

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

*B.W.A.C./R.S.*

LHM  
 AGENCY: Buffalo, N.Y.  
 DATE FROM: 2-28-67  
 BY: [unclear]  
 RE: [unclear]

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and five (5) copies of a self-explanatory Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) reflecting information furnished on 2/23/67 by [redacted] Corning, New York, to SA ROBERT W. BUCHER.

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Memphis and New Orleans Divisions is one (1) copy each of the above described LHM.

[redacted] advised that he desired any information in his possession to be brought to the attention of the State District Attorney in New Orleans, Louisiana, for its possible value in connection with the investigation being conducted by him concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. [redacted] advised that he planned to notify the District Attorney in New Orleans, Louisiana, of this information by other means.

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C. C. Wick

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo, New York  
February 23, 1967

Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On February 23, 1967, [redacted]  
[redacted] Corning, New York, furnished the following  
information: *62-109-4540*

At approximately 8:00 PM one evening in late  
October or early November 1962, he was arrested in Pulaski,  
Tennessee, and charged with possession of illegal liquor and  
public intoxication. He paid a \$50.00 bond after remaining  
incarcerated in Pulaski for several hours. He was released  
in time to catch a midnight bus from Pulaski, Tennessee to  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

He arrived in New Orleans the following day,  
believed to be a Monday, and went out drinking by himself in  
the French Quarter that evening. He had checked into a low  
rent hotel in the French Quarter whose name sounded something  
like Statler. After drinking all evening and having slept in  
an unknown bar in the French Quarter for several hours on that  
evening, he went into a shabby, dark and low class bar located  
about two or three blocks from his hotel and the same distance  
from the U.S. Customs House in the New Orleans French Quarter.  
It was approximately 3:00 to 4:00 AM the following morning when  
he entered this bar.

He sat at the bar next to a white female, age 25 to  
30 years, 5'3" to 5'5", who was wearing a blue uniform and hat  
which he thought at the time probably was a U.S. Navy or  
U.S. Coast Guard uniform but upon further reflection has  
decided it could have been a commercial airline stewardess'  
uniform. This woman was with two white males who were sitting  
near her at the bar. Both of these men were dark haired,  
dressed in casual civilian clothes and were 5'8" to 6'1" in  
height.

*62-109-4540*

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
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He heard the woman make the statement "Someone ought to kill the SOB," and one of the white males replied "We've been thinking of killing him." [redacted] thought that this woman was mad at her husband or boy friend and interjected himself into their conversation by asking her if she was referring to "her old man." She replied "No, I am talking about that god damn Kennedy." [redacted] asked her if she was referring to the President and she replied that she certainly was. The woman and her two male companions continued their conversation in lower tones from that point on and [redacted] did not overhear anymore of their conversation. The woman and her companions did not appear intoxicated to [redacted]

Shortly after this exchange of conversation, [redacted] left the bar and the woman and her two companions followed him out. [redacted] started walking up the block and noted the woman and her two companions getting into a large two tone blue 1956 Buick and drive away in the opposite direction than he was going. [redacted] walked around the block and as he entered a bar a block away from the original bar, he noted the woman and her companions pass by in the aforementioned Buick. Thinking that he might have been followed because of what he had overheard them saying, he went to the U.S. Customs House located nearby and called to a Customs Agent from a telephone in the lobby of this building. Shortly after telling part of his story to a Customs Agent on the telephone, two Customs Agents came into the lobby and took him upstairs. He spent approximately 20 minutes relating the aforementioned facts to the Customs Agents at the U.S. Customs House in the French Quarter of New Orleans but he does not believe that these men gave his story any credence as he had been drinking quite heavily at the time.

[redacted] had been planning to seek a berth as an ordinary seaman in New Orleans but because of this incident and his desire to "get off the streets," he returned instead to his home in Columbia, Tennessee.

[redacted] advised that upon returning to his home, he mentioned this incident to his parents. [redacted]

[redacted] Columbia, Tennessee. He advised that

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following the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas, the following year he also told of this incident in New Orleans to a neighbor of his parents, [REDACTED] Columbia, Tennessee.

[REDACTED] advised that there is a possibility that he might be able to identify the woman he had seen at the bar in the French Quarter of New Orleans four and one half years ago but that he did not get a good enough look at her two male companions to ever recognize them again.

[REDACTED] by his own admissions, has been a heavy drinker for several years and has done considerable traveling throughout the United States. [REDACTED] admitted that on the occasion in question in New Orleans, he had been drinking quite heavily for a period of several hours.

[REDACTED] furnished the following physical description of himself:

Name	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Citizenship	American
Age	29
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Columbia, Tennessee
Height	6'1"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Education	High school graduate
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Military Service	United States Navy July 9, 1956 to August 9, 1956 (Medical discharge due to eye condition)
Employment	B and C Factory Corning Glass Works Corning, New York Since September 8, 1965

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Residence

  
Corning, New York

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9-46PMPST URGENT 2/24/67 CRW  
TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (89-58)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

[REDACTED] SACRAMENTO BEE  
NEWSPAPER, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED TODAY HE RECEIVED LETTER  
FROM [REDACTED] KING FEATURES SYNDICATE WRITER FOR BEE  
WHICH, IN PART, STATED, "WHEN I WAS DOWN IN FT. WORTH-DALLAS  
IN LATE JANUARY A YOUNG COLLEGE SENIOR TOLD ME THAT MR. CALL  
(I BELIEVE THAT'S THE NAME), OWNER OF MANY NIGHT CLUBS IN  
DALLAS, - SOME CRUDDY, SOME HIGH CLASS, - TOLD HIM IN SEPTEMBER  
BEFORE THE MURDER THAT A COUPLE OF CHARACTERS APPROACHED HIM  
AND ASKED IF HE KNEW ANYONE WHOULD KILL THE PRESIDENT FOR  
TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. HE SAID "NO." [REDACTED] WENT ON TO SAY  
STUDENT TRUSTWORTHY AND DOES NOT FABRICATE.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, IDENTIFIED  
STUDENT AS [REDACTED] TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, [REDACTED]

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VISITER PROFESSOR [REDACTED] SAME COLLEGE. IN JANUARY, SIXTYSEVEN AND MET LARGEN THROUGH HIM. IN CONVERSATION AWAY FROM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] RELATED STORY TO [REDACTED]. SHE STATED NAME CALL IN PHONETIC BUT HE REPORTEDLY OWNS SEVERAL NIGHT CLUBS.

NEITHER [REDACTED] PLANS TO GIVE PUBLICITY TO STORY. SHE REQUESTED THAT HER IDENTITY AS SOURCE BE REVEALED TO [REDACTED] ONLY IF NECESSARY.

AIRTEL WITH DETAILS OF [REDACTED] LETTER FOLLOWS.

DALLAS UPON RECEIPT OF AIRTEL INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

ANY DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFO WILL BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF BUREAU AND DALLAS.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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1142AM URGENT 2-24-67 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND NEW ORLEANS (89-69)  
FROM DALLAS (89-43) 2P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEX.,

NOV. TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, MISC. - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

OO DALLAS.

RE PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS BY <sup>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</sup> D.A. JAMES GARRISON.

SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, RESIDENCE NINE NINE ONE FIVE DONEGAL DRIVE, EMPLOYMENT FRIGIKING CO., ON ZERO EIGHT FIVE EIGHT HARRY HINES BLVD., BOTH DALLAS, A CUBAN REFUGEE, ADVISED THIS OFFICE NIGHT OF FEB.

TWENTYTHREE LAST HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY JIM ALCOCK OF GARRISON'S STAFF IN NEW ORLEANS. ALCOCK HAS REQUESTED ARCACHA TO COME TO NEW ORLEANS FOR INTERVIEW BY GARRISON'S STAFF,

EXPENSES BEING PAID BY DA OFFICE, BUT ARCACHA HAS REQUESTED TO BE

INTERVIEWED IN DALLAS AS HE DOES NOT WISH TO TAKE TIME OFF FROM WORK

ARCACHA VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED BY CARLOS

BRINGUIER THAT GARRISON WAS SEEKING TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW

ARCACHA VOLUNTEERED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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S. D. ...  
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L. J. ...

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BUT DID KNOW DAVID FERRIE WHEN HE HAD RESIDED IN NEW ORLEANS OVER  
THREE YEARS AGO. ARCACHA ADVISED HE HAS RESIDED IN DALLAS FOR  
APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS.

ARCACHA SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS  
INVESTIGATION BUT WOULD SUBMIT TO AN INTERVIEW BY A LEGAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT BODY. HE HAS MEANWHILE TOLD ALL NEWS MEDIA THAT HE HAS  
NO COMMENT ON THE MATTER. ARCACHA STATED HE WOULD ADVISE OF  
FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THIS MATTER.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2-24-67

We have previously reported that [redacted] as advised that David Lewis has told informant that Sergio Arcacha Smith, Cuban refugee, is one of the individuals under suspicion by District Attorney Garrison as being involved in conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. We have found no evidence to indicate Smith ever knew Lee Harvey Oswald or was involved in the assassination.

ACTION:

For information.

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*Walt*  
*CV*  
*Shaw*

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FBI NEW ORLS

922PM URGENT 2-23-67 FGC

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 1P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,

DALLAS TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, MISC.INFO

CONCERNING

RE NO TEL THIS DATE.

MRS. PAULA MARTIN, WIFE OF JACK S. MARTIN SR., TRUE NAME EDWARD STEWART SUGGS, CALLED TO ADVISE THAT HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN MENTIONED ON A NATIONAL NEWS BROADCAST WHICH WAS A VICIOUS ATTACK TO HIS CHARACTER.

MRS. MARTIN ADVISED SHE DID NOT HEAR THE BROADCAST BUT WAS TOLD BY A FRIEND AND COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE PROGRAM.

MRS. MARTIN ADVISED HER HUSBAND DISAPPEARED ON JAN. THIRTYONE NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. ADVISED HUSBAND HAS THE ABILITY TO QUOTE "LOSE HIMSELF WHEN HE WANTS TO" UNQUOTE.

MRS. MARTIN ADVISED THAT DAVID LEWIS CALLED TODAY AND TOLD HER THAT THE TV PROGRAM ARE QUOTE "SPlicing THEIR TAPES AS HE IS BEING INCORRECTLY QUOTED ON HIS INTERVIEWS." UNQUOTE.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

*Malley*  
*Jan*  
*Rapp*

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date February 24, 1967

We have received reports from reliable sources that the individual who furnished information to New Orleans District Attorney Jim C. Garrison which set off Garrison's investigation is Jack S. Martin. Several associates of Martin consider him a mental case, and he has record on previous hospitalization for mental treatment in 1956-57. Attached teletype reports Martin's wife, Mrs. Paula Martin, contacted New Orleans Office 2/23/67 and reported Martin disappeared on 1/31/67.

It is noted that on 1/27/67 Martin contacted our New Orleans Office and demanded the FBI stop the New Orleans District Attorney's Office from "harassing him."

David Lewis mentioned in the attached teletype is the individual who told the press several days ago that he had furnished names of five individuals involved in the assassination plot to District Attorney Garrison.

ACTION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: February 20, 1967  
FMV:CWB:pem  
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FROM *FV*: Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

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

*File*

With regard to your memorandum to the Acting Attorney General of February 20, 1967, it is noted that news releases of today have mentioned two additional persons as having some knowledge of these events. Accordingly, it is requested the Bureau determine from its files what, if any, information it may have on Bernardo Torres (allegedly an aide to the Secret Service during the Miami tour of President Kennedy) and David Lewis (described as a bus station express handler who was formerly a private investigator).

*Call to learn if US info on Torres  
H.M. JS 2/24/67  
LHM Re Bernardo Torres  
2/23/67 H.M.*

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Date: 2/20/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
 DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63  
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 OO: DALLAS

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*5-1-67*

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Enclosed for the Bureau, Dallas and Miami are newspaper articles appearing in New Orleans newspapers concerning the investigation being conducted by the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

ENCLOSURE

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- 1 - Dallas (89-43) (Encl. 7)
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- 2 - New Orleans

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E. G. WICK

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 Special Agent in Charge.

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LAUNCHES  
BROAD JFK  
DEATH  
'PLOT'  
PROBE**

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NEW ORLEANS  
STATES-ITEM

Date: 2-17-67  
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Author:

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Title: ASSASSINATION OF  
PRESIDENT JOHN F.  
KENNEDY 1/22/63

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Submitting Office: N.O.

Being Investigated

ENCLOSURE

(Copyright 1967 by the States-Item,  
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The Orleans Parish district attorney's office has launched an intensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The States-Item has learned that the DA's office is pouring out-of-the-ordinary sums of money into a probe of a possible assassination plot.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison refused to confirm or deny the existence of such an investigation or to discuss information received by the States-Item.

Several weeks ago, however, First Asst. Dist. Atty. Charles Ray Ward confirmed that such an investigation was in progress. He said at the time that he did not have much hope that the investigation would uncover any new information, but stressed that even the most routine leads must be checked out in a matter as important as a presidential murder.

SINCE THE EARLY CONVERSATION WITH WARD, the investigation apparently has picked up momentum.

Trial assistants and investigators assigned to the DA have spent more than \$8,000 on unexplained travel and "investigative expenses" in the period since Nov. 25, 1966.

Most of this money was spent in connection with trips to Dallas, Houston, Miami, Washington, San Francisco and Angola, and most of it was spent during January.

The only explanation given on records of the City Finance Department and Criminal District Court is that these sums of money were spent for a "special investigation by the district attorney."

A check of records revealed that these are not run-of-the-mill investigative expenses. Similar large sums were not spent in the same months of the two previous years.

THE POSSIBILITY OF A WELL-ORGANIZED assassination plot in which New Orleans and New Orleans residents were somehow directly involved is said to be at the center of the investigation.

The Warren Report, issued following a federal investigation into President Kennedy's death, stated there was no evidence to indicate the existence of a plot that Mr. Kennedy's death came about as the sole result of the thoughts and actions of one man—Lee Harvey Oswald.

The local investigation, which began prior to the death

of Jack Ruby, slayer of Oswald, is believed to have started with a routine check of information supplied to the district attorney's office by a New Orleans private detective.

The detective reportedly gave the district attorney a list of names of people who should be questioned.

Since that time the States-Item has uncovered several facts, including the unexplained expenditures, which indicate the investigation is more than a routine check.

These facts are as follows:

—A MAN WHO WAS ARRESTED IN NEW ORLEANS and booked as a fugitive from Texas Nov. 26, 1963, just four days after Kennedy's murder, was kept under surveillance for the district attorney for a 24-hour period

(The information for this story was compiled by States-Item staff writers Jack Dempsey, Rosemary James and David Snyder.)

last month. The man was to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in January. It is not known whether he subsequently appeared before the jury or gave the district attorney a statement.

—A 26-year-old Cuban man serving a nine-year sentence for a burglary committed in 1964 in New Orleans, has been transferred from Angola State Penitentiary to Parish Prison by the DA's office.

He formerly lived at 5008 Magazine, just a block from

the last New Orleans address of Oswald, 4907 Magazine. He is reported to have known Oswald.

—A second Cuban with a Miami address was paid money by the DA's office for "investigative expense" in January.

OSWALD WAS A PRO-CASTRO AGITATOR while in New Orleans the summer before President Kennedy's death and claimed he represented the pro-Castro "Fair Play for Cuba" movement. Oswald also was involved in a scuffle here with anti-Castro Cubans about the same time. They claimed he was trying to "infiltrate" their organization.

—A number of people have given statements to the DA's office in connection with this investigation.

Reports that members of Garrison's staff have traveled to a number of places outside the continental United States in connection with this investigation have not been confirmed by expense records.

Other expenses for the "special investigation" are as follows:

- Nov. 25, 1966: \$993, Louis Ivon, trip to San Francisco.
- Dec. 2: \$64.90 John Volz, expenses on trip to Miami.
- Dec. 15: \$500, John Volz, investigative expenses.
- Dec. 28: \$425.60, travel to Chicago.
- Dec. 29: \$605.99, travel to Cincinnati.
- Jan. 4, 1967: \$175.03 James Alcock, trip to Houston.
- Jan. 4: \$821, Detectives Ken Simms, Cheryl Navarre and Charles J. [unclear] trip to Miami.
- Jan. 5: \$364.75, Thomas Duffy, trip to Miami.
- Jan. 6: \$427, Lester Otilio, trip to Miami.
- Jan. 12: \$133, John P. Volz, trip to Dallas.
- Jan. 13: \$131.05, Southern Research Company (private detectives), expenses.
- Jan. 13: \$114.90, trip to Laurel, Miss.
- Jan. 18: \$200, pay Frank Meloche for expenses of returning Detectives Doug Ward and Lester Otilio to New Orleans from Miami.
- Jan. 18: \$41.25, Airtaxi, Inc., Belle Chasse, for plane charter.
- Jan. 19: \$160, James Alcock for trip to Miami and New York.
- Jan. 19: \$203, Louis Ivon, trip to Dallas and Washington.
- Jan. 19: \$500, Louis Ivon—investigative expenses.
- Jan. 20: \$598, Bernardo Torres of Miami, investigative expense.

Jan. 20; \$25, Louis Ivon, investigative expense.  
 Jan. 20; \$9.14, Alvin Oser, trip to Slide.  
 Jan. 23; \$200, pay to Frank Meloche for additional expenses for Doug Ward and Lester Otilio in Miami.  
 Jan. 27; \$17.80, Lynn Loisel and Charles Jonau, trip to Angola.  
 Jan. 27; \$14.37, Fenner Sedgebeer, reimbursement for expenses over advance for Miami trip.  
 Jan. 28; \$582, Fenner Sedgebeer, trip to Miami.  
 Jan. 28; \$312, James Alcock and Louis Ivon, trip to Miami.  
 Jan. 31; \$22.80, Clem Niedermier and Lynn Loisel, trip to Miami.  
 Feb. 2; \$55.50, Andrew J. Schambra, investigative expense.  
 Feb. 2; \$206.30, John Volz, trip to Dallas.  
 Feb. 8; \$101.01, Russell W. Buckholt Jr., Florida Parole and Probation Commission, for travel to New Orleans.  
 Feb. 9; \$100, Louis Ivon, investigative expense.  
 Feb. 13; \$101.01, Russell W. Buckholt Jr., travel from Miami to New Orleans.

In addition to these expenses, court records show that former assistant DA Frank Klein was paid \$345 for "special counsel" for a "special investigation" by DA's office.



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