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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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2:10PM URGENT 3-23-67 MMW 4PGS

TO DIRECTOR 62-109060 AND DALLAS 89-43

FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS-  
INFO CONCERNING, OO: DALLAS.

WVUE-TV, CHANNEL TWELVE, IN A TEN THIRTY PM NEWSCAST,  
MARCH TWENTYTWO, SIXTYSEVEN, REPORTED THAT GORDON NOVEL  
HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY UPI AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, AND HAD STATED  
THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION CON-  
CERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD  
KENNEDY WAS A FRAUD AND DESCRIBED GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION  
AS A POLITICAL POLICE STATE INVESTIGATION. ACCORDING TO  
THE NEWSCAST, NOVEL COMPARED GARRISON TO P.T. BARNUM OF  
BARNUM AND BAILEY CIRCUS AND THE CARDIFF GIANT. IT  
WAS REPORTED THAT NOVEL HAD STATED HE WOULD NOT RETURN TO  
NEW ORLEANS UNTIL HE HAD GARRISON'S ASSURANCE THAT HE WOULD  
NOT BE HARASSED.

GORDON DWAYNE NOVEL TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS  
OFFICE AT APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY AM, MARCH TWENTYTHREE.

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*3/29/67 LHM to Department  
(No airtel to Bureau 3/29/67)*

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Wick
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
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INSTANT, FROM COLUMBUS, OHIO AND VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING INFO:

NOVEL STATES THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON IS PRESENTLY "FRAMING" MANY WITNESSES AND IS USING VARIOUS KINDS OF PRESSURE TO DEVELOP HIS CASE AGAINST CLAY SHAW AND OTHERS. NOVEL STATED DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON DESIRES TO TALK TO NOVEL ABOUT HIS ASSOCIATION WITH DEAN ANDREWS. NOVEL CONTENDS GARRISON BELIEVES DEAN ANDREWS KNOWS THAT CLAY SHAW AND CLEM BERTRAND ARE ONE AND THE SAME, BUT THAT DEAN ANDREWS HAS DENIED KNOWING THIS DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON. NOVEL STATES THAT GARRISON BELIEVES THAT NOVEL HAS KNOWLEDGE THAT DEAN ANDREWS KNOWS THAT CLEM BERTRAND AND CLAY SHAW ARE ONE AND THE SAME PERSON.

NOVEL INFORMED THAT ON DAY DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE DIED DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON CONTACTED NOVEL AND INSTRUCTED NOVEL TO PROCURE A GUN THAT WOULD SHOOT ATROPINE DARTS. ACCORDING TO NOVEL, GARRISON PLANNED TO USE DART GUN TO INJECT FERRIE WITH ATROPINE TO MAKE HIM IMMOVABLE AND THEN PLANNED TO KIDNAP FERRIE, INJECT HIM WITH TRUTH SERUM AND INTERROGATE HIM REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF

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PRESIDENT KENNEDY, RECORDING THE RESULTS OF THE INTERROGATION. NOVEL SAID HE DID NOT OBTAIN THE DART GUN FOR GARRISON BECAUSE OF FERRIE'S DEATH.

NOVEL STATED GARRISON ASKED NOVEL "TO PROCURE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE DEVICES SIMILAR TO THOSE USED BY THE FBI" FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING THEM IN GARRISON'S OFFICE. NOVEL STATED GARRISON THEN PLANNED TO PUBLICIZE THE FACT THAT THE FBI WAS "BUGGING" HIS OFFICE WITH THESE DEVICES.

NOVEL REPORTED THAT GARRISON IS CONSIDERING SUBPOENAING WILLARD ROBERTSON, A VOLKSWAGEN DISTRIBUTOR IN NEW ORLEANS, FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING ASSASSINATION BECAUSE ROBERTSON ALLEGEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO INCA ORGANIZATION.

NOVEL STATES THAT GARRISON IS INTERESTED IN PROVING A WILLIAM SEYMOUR (PHONETIC), WHO WAS ASSOCIATED WITH A CUBAN LIBERATION CAMP NEAR LACOMBE, LA., WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT DENNEY IN DALLAS. NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE RE WILLIAM SEYMOUR.

NOVEL ADVISED THAT GARRISON IS INTERESTED IN CONTACTING HUBERT B. BADEAUX FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION. BADEAUX PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH HUBERT J. BADEAUX,

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FORMER NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER, WHO ALSO  
WORKED AS PERSONAL INVESTIGATOR FOR JEFFERSON PARISH DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY FRANK H. LANGRIDGE.

NOVEL CLAIMED HE POSSESSES INFORMATION HE DOES NOT CARE  
TO DIVULGE AT THIS TIME WHICH WOULD CLEARLY SHOW  
GARRISON'S PROBE INTO ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
AS BEING CONTRIVED AND NOT SUBSTANTIATED BY THE FACTS  
THAT HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED BY GARRISON.

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CC. MR. SULLIVAN

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/23/67

Gordon Novel, who was owner of a night club and of an electronics firm in New Orleans, has been in contact with New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison. Garrison has told Novel he felt David Ferrie and his "nutty" associates were involved in the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. Garrison, according to Novel, was critical of FBI, and Novel gained impression that if things go badly with Garrison's investigation, he might be looking for a "scape goat," possibly the FBI.

Novel has also informed New Orleans Office that he attended a meeting in 1961 in Ferrie's apartment, at which time anti-Fidel Castro activities were planned. Novel stated Lee Harvey Oswald was not present at such meeting. Novel, according to news media, was to appear before New Orleans grand jury 3/23/67.

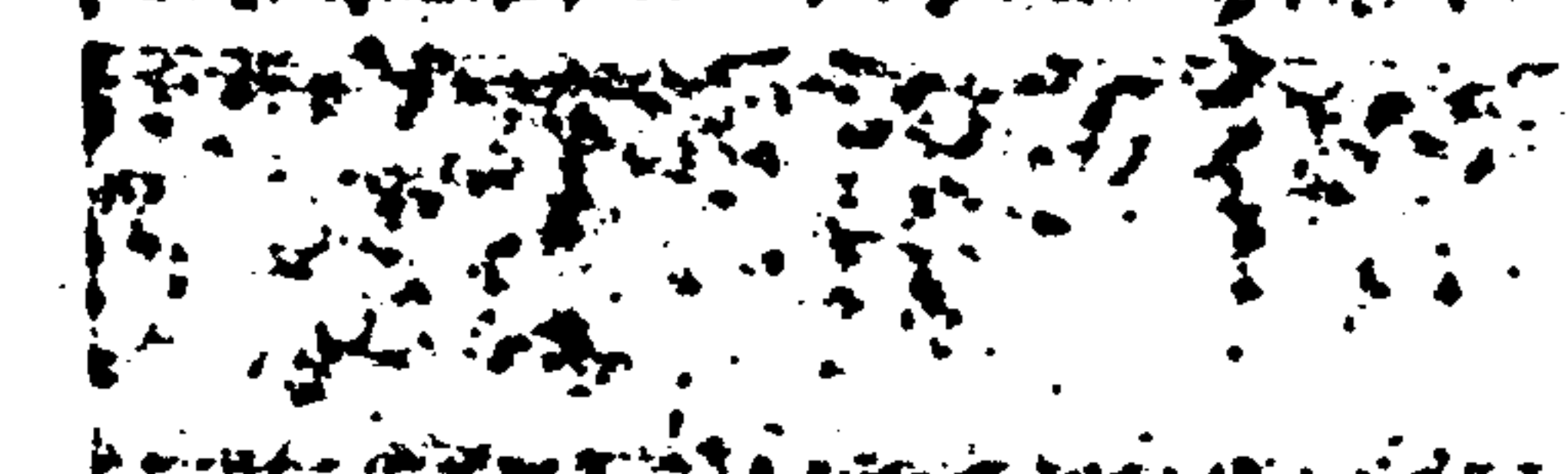
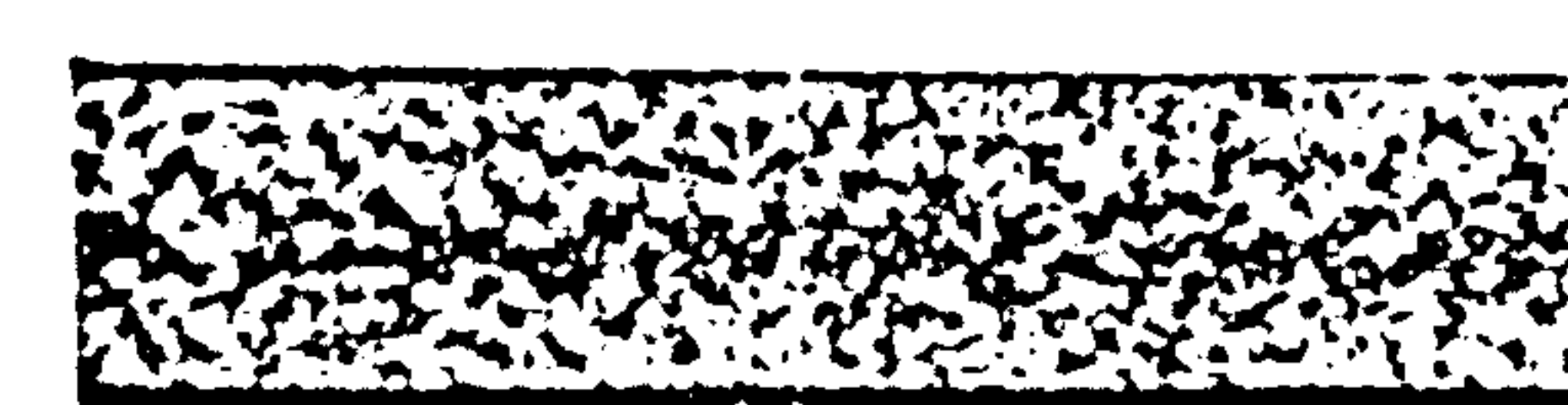
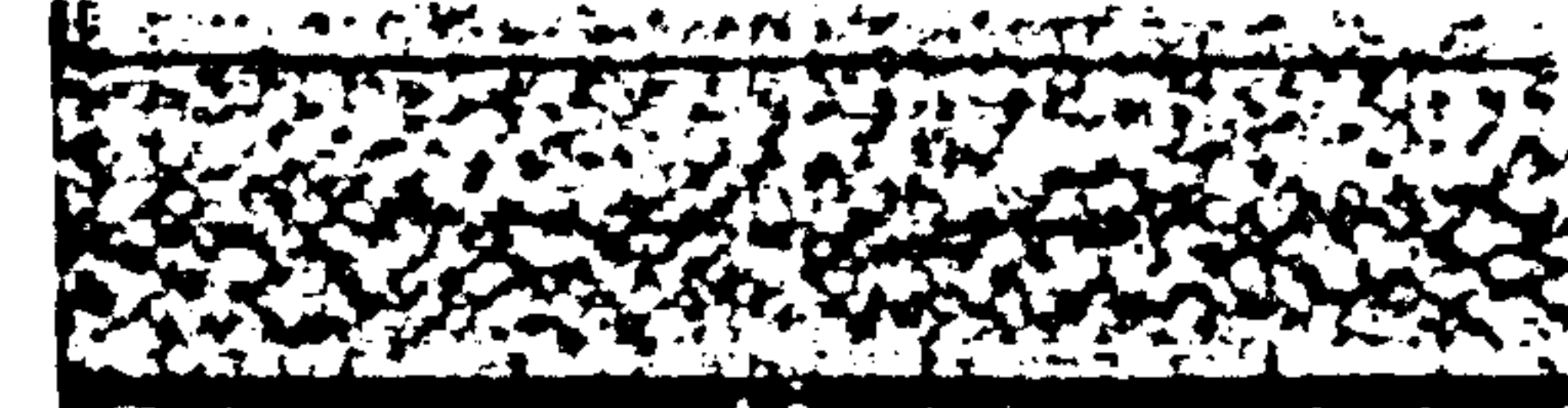
Files being reviewed concerning individuals mentioned in attached teletype, after which dissemination of this data will be made to the Attorney General.

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Date: 3/29/67

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

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

*R. Egan*  
*R. P. [unclear]*

*La* Mr. LAWRENCE SHORT, Secret Service, New Orleans, La., telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office at 4:17 PM, 3/29/67 and advised that his office had received a call from DEAN ANDREWS, who said he would like to talk to someone from that office. Mr. SHORT said his office had no reason to talk to ANDREWS and desired to know whether this office was interested in having an Agent of this office accompany a representative of his agency to interview ANDREWS. His offer was courteously declined and he was advised that no comment could be made regarding this matter.

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C. C. Wick

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

Letter contained in envelope addressed to the  
Director, from Louis De Wit, 61 Breendonk Straat, Willebroch,  
Belgium.

Willebroek  
per postmark  
Jan.

Willebroch, 3/15/1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
FBI, Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing you this letter to inquire as to  
whether you received my letter of 2/22/1967. I would like  
to know if the letter which I wrote to President Kennedy  
on 11/19/1963 has been found.

I assure you that the five murderers of the President  
spent the night of September 4-5, 1963, in Antwerp, Belgium  
and departed for America the following day from Antwerp Harbor.

My letter was received by the White House on 11/21/1963.  
Was it forwarded?

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Sincerely,

/s/ illegible

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TRANSLATED BY: *DM*  
THOMAS McLAUGHLIN:11b *ml*  
March 20, 1967

*Edwards*



De Wit Louis  
Brundonk straat 67  
Willebroek  
Belgie

Willebroek 15/3/71

à M<sup>r</sup> J. E. Hoover, Directeur de la F.B.I.  
à Washington U.S.A

Cher Monsieur le Directeur

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser cette lettre pour vous  
demander si vous avez par reçu ma lettre du 22/8/1967.  
Je vous prie de me répondre même que cela ne soit que  
politique, je vous prie de bien vouloir m'écrire si on  
pas encore trouvé la lettre que j'ai écrit à M<sup>r</sup> le président  
J.F. Kennedy le 19/11/1963. Je vous assure que les cinq  
arrivés du président ont passé la nuit du 4 à 5 Septembre  
1963 à Embres Belgique, et partant pour l'Amérique  
par le port d'Embrès.

Je vous prie de me répondre cela ne sont pas des  
bêtises mais bien la vérité.

Ma lettre a été reçue à la Maison Blanche le 21/11/1963  
Qui est passé ma lettre ???

Je vous salue très respectueusement et reste votre serviteur

~~Le Wit~~

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March 31, 1967

REC 20,62-109060-4967 AIRMAIL

Mr. Louis De Wit  
61 Breendonk Straat  
Willebroek, Belgium

Dear Mr. De Wit:

Your letter of March 15th has been received.

With regard to your inquiry, this Bureau has not received the letter dated November 19, 1963, which you directed to President Kennedy. You will recall that I advised you of this fact in my letter of October 30, 1964. I am sorry, but this Bureau cannot be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- 1 - Paris - Enclosure
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles indicate Mr. De Wit was advised by letter dated 10-30-64 that his letter had not been received by the FBI and that a copy of his current letter was being forwarded to the United States Secret Service. A letter from the Legat, Paris, dated 1-16-67 forwarded a copy of an article from a Belgian magazine which indicated that a Belgian seaman by the name of "Peeters," which is apparently a fictitious name used by Louis De Wit, learned of the possible assassination of Kennedy prior to his death and had written to various United States officials. He claimed to have received this information in a bar in Antwerp, Belgium,

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*J. W. A.*

*Ed*

**Mr. Louis De Wit**

on the night of 9-4-63 from a Soviet national. The article also contained a copy of the letter from the Director advising that his, De Wit's, letter to the President had never been received by the FBI and that his communication was being forwarded to the United States Secret Service. Mr. De Wit wrote another letter dated 2-22-67 to the Director asking the same question as his prior letter. He advised he intended to keep writing to "Washington" until the man who received the letter to the President was found. For this reason and because he had already been advised the FBI had not received his letter, this communication was not acknowledged. An extensive search located De Wit's letter of 2-22-67 on 3-30-67.

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Date: 3/31/67

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-933)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (92-50)  
SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION  
WEEKLY SUMMARY

*Ramblin*

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
NEW ORLEANS FILE 89-69

APR 5 1967

Two material witness warrants were issued by District Attorney JIM GARRISON relative to his office's continuing probe of the assassination. GORDON DWANE NOVEL, whose current whereabouts is unknown, was ordered to be held on \$50,000 bond when located, and NOVEL has stated that GARRISON's investigation is a fraud and that the District Attorney is putting pressure on witnesses in this matter.

LILLIAN MC MAINES of Omaha, Nebraska, was arrested as a result of the warrant issued by Orleans Parish. MC MAINES, who refused to waive extradition and is currently out on bond for a hearing set for April 25, 1967, has publicly denied that she ever attended a party at DAVID FERRIE's apartment with PERRY RUSSO, the star witness unveiled by GARRISON during the preliminary hearing held relative to CLAY L. SHAW.

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- 2 - New Orleans

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C.C. Wick

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 149 & 150

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

REFERENCE BUREAU CABLE  
REBUQAB MARCH 30 LAST.

MEXICO - TEXAS

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY FROM THAYER WALDO, WHO VOLUNTARILY CAME TO EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY.

AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION HE WAS FEATURE EDITOR OF FORTH WORTH STAR TELEGRAM. HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH JOHN SUTTON, <sup>TEXAS</sup> WHITE/MALE, ABOUT 37 YEARS, BORN WILKES BARRE, PA., RADIO ANNOUNCER BELIEVED WORKING FOR WFAA THE STATION OF THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS. MET SUTTON IN 1956 WHEN HE WAS WORKING AT EL PASO HERALD POST AND SUTTON WAS INFORMATION OFFICER AT FORT BLISS, TEXAS. SUTTON WAS IN DALLAS TELEPHONE BOOK AND OWNED OWN HOME. ABOUT A WEEK AFTER ASSASSINATION SUTTON ASKED HIM TO MEET AT DALLAS PRESS

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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CLUB, WHERE EXPLAINED THAT HE KNEW A MAN WHO WITNESSED A MEETING  
 IN THE CAROUSEL CLUB IN DALLAS BETWEEN JACK ~~RUBY~~ <sup>TEXAS</sup>, OFFICER J.D.  
 TIPPIT AND BERNARD WEISSMAN BUT WHO WAS RELUCTANT TO COME FORWARD  
 WITH THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE HE WAS INVOLVED IN AN AFFAIR WITH  
 A STRIPPER THERE AND WOULD LOSE HIS FAMILY AND JOB IF THIS BECAME  
 KNOWN.

*Rappox 1924-29*

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, BELIEVED TO BE DECEMBER 7, AT 3 PM MET  
 WITH SUTTON IN DALLAS PRESS CLUB AND INTRODUCED TO PHIL ~~BURNS~~ <sup>OREGON</sup>,  
 WHITE/MALE <sup>TRUE name is</sup> ~~PAUL BRIDWELL~~  
~~MAN~~, LATE THIRTIES, 5 FEET 8 INCHES, 145 POUNDS, CHESTNUT HAIR,  
 GLASSES, WELL DRESSED AND SPOKEN, EMPLOYED BY ADVERTISING AGENCY  
 ON ACCOUNT OF ONE OF SUTTON'S SPONSORS. AFTER MANY ASSURANCES  
 THAT IDENTITY WOULD BE PROTECTED RELATED MAINLY THROUGH LEADING  
 QUESTIONS BY SUTTON THAT ACQUAINTED WITH RUBY BECAUSE INTIMATE  
 WITH STRIPPER IN CAROUSEL CLUB. ALSO KNEW OFFICER TIPPIT BECAUSE  
 HAD SEEN HIM IN UNIFORM IN CLUB WHICH APPARENTLY WAS ON HIS BEAT.  
 WAS AT CLUB NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 14, 1963 ABOUT 11 PM. NOTED RUBY  
 UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
 AT NEARBY TABLE IN CONVERSATION WITH ~~MASB~~, LATER JOINED BY  
 OFFICER TIPPIT. PASSED TABLE AND RUBY GREETED HIM AND SAID

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*X Tippit deceased 11-22-63 Dallas, Texas Tex*

"YOU KNOW J.D. HERE" WHICH WAS FIRST TIME HAD HEARD TIPPIT'S NY  
 NAME. RUBY INTRODUCED OTHER INDIVIDUAL AS MR. BERNARD WEISSMAN  
 WHITE/MALE  
 FROM THE EAST. WEISSMAN WMX, ABOUT 35 YEARS, BLACK HAIR, OVER  
*Born approx 1929*  
 SIX FEET. BURNS RETURNED TO HIS TABLE AND RUBY SENT HIM COMPLI-  
 MENTARY DRINK. BURNS LEFT CLUB ABOUT 1 AM WITH GIRL AND GROUP  
 WAS STILL IN CONVERSATION AT TABLE. OVERHEARD NOTHING OF THEIR  
 CONVERSATION.

WALDO DISCUSSED MATTER WITH EDITORS BUTLER AND HITCH AND  
 AGREED NOT TO PUBLISH SINCE INFORMANT INSISTED ON REMAINING DC  
 ANONYMOUS.

HOWEVER ABOUT WEEK LATER MET MARK LANE AT PRESS CONFERENCE  
*Texas NY*  
 IN DALLAS AND CONFIDED THIS INFORMATION TO LANE.

LANE MOST ANXIOUS TO CONTACT INFORMANT AND WALDO AGREED  
 TO CONSULT WITH SUTTON. SUTTON ADVISED BURNS UPSET AND REFUSED  
 TO COOPERATE FURTHER. SUTTON ALSO ADVISED THAT DETERMINED BY  
 CALLING ADVERTISING AGENCY THAT BURNS ACTUALLY PAUL BRIDEWELL.

WALDO THEN ENGAGED IN COVERING RUBY TRIAL AND HAD NOTHING  
 FURTHER TO DO WITH MATTER BUT CONJECTURES THAT LANE WAS ABLE TO

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ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH BRIDEWELL THROUGH SUTTON. BRIDEWELL REPORTEDLY GAVE UP HIS AGENCY JOB IN 1964 AND RETURNED TO HIS HOME IN OREGON. SUTTON ALSO REPORTEDLY LEFT DALLAS. WALDO HAS HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH THEM AND DOES NOT KNOW WHEREABOUTS.

ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO WALDO RECEIVED CALL FROM LARRY SCHILLER AN INVESTIGATOR FROM LOS ANGELES WHO WANTED TO KNOW NAME OF INFORMANT. WALDO FURNISHED HIM WITH DOUBLE IDENTITY OF BURNS-BRIDEWELL, ONLY PERSON TO WHOM HE FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION. HAS SINCE RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS FROM SCHILLER ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE SUTTON AND BRIDEWELL.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM  
FOLLOWING IN NEXT COURIER POUCH.

RECEIVED: 10:17 PM MSE

*cc - Mr. Sullivan*

BRD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4-4-67

Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgement," testified before the Warren Commission on two occasions and said an informant of his was present at an alleged meeting and overheard conversation between Jack Ruby, Dallas police officer J. D. Tippit, and Bernard Weissman on 11-14-63. We have been advised that Lane's informant was one "Paul Bridewell."

Attached reports results of interview with Thayer Waldo, formerly with Fort Worth, (Texas), "Star Telegram" newspaper. Waldo was in contact with Bridewell who told Waldo that Ruby introduced him to Tippit and Weissman but he overheard nothing of their conversation.

Investigation continuing to locate and interview Bridewell.

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TO SAC DALLAS  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS

LEGAT MEXICO INTERVIEWED THAYER WALDO, FOUR THREE

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ACQUAINTED WITH JOHN SUTTON, WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTYSEVEN,

BORN WILKES BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA. HE WAS A RADIO ANNOUNCER

BELIEVED EMPLOYED BY WFAA RADIO, DALLAS. MET SUTTON IN

NINETEEN FIFTYSIX WHEN HE WAS WORKING AT EL PASO HERALD

POST AND SUTTON WAS INFORMATION OFFICER AT FORT BLISS, TEXAS.

SUTTON WAS LISTED IN DALLAS TELEPHONE BOOK AND OWNED OWN

HOME. ABOUT A WEEK AFTER ASSASSINATION SUTTON ASKED WALDO

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VIA TELETYPE

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BUT WHO WAS RELUCTANT TO COME FORWARD WITH THIS INFORMATION  
BECAUSE HE WAS INVOLVED IN AN AFFAIR WITH A STRIPPER THERE  
AND WOULD LOSE HIS FAMILY AND JOB IF THIS BECAME KNOWN.

ON, OR ABOUT, DECEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, AT THREE P.M.,  
WALDO MET SUTTON IN DALLAS PRESS CLUB AND INTRODUCED TO PHIL  
BURNS, WHITE MALE, LATE THIRTIES, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES,  
ONE FORTYFIVE POUNDS, CHESTNUT HAIR, GLASSES, EMPLOYED BY  
ADVERTISING AGENCY ON ACCOUNT OF ONE OF SUTTON'S SPONSORS.  
AFTER MANY ASSURANCES THAT IDENTITY WOULD BE PROTECTED RELATED  
MAINLY THROUGH LEADING QUESTIONS BY SUTTON THAT ACQUAINTED WITH  
RUBY BECAUSE INTIMATE WITH STRIPPER IN CAROUSEL CLUB. ALSO KNEW  
OFFICER TIPPIT BECAUSE HAD SEEN HIM IN UNIFORM IN CLUB WHICH  
APPARENTLY WAS ON HIS BEAT. WAS AT CLUB NIGHT OF NOVEMBER  
FOURTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, ABOUT ELEVEN P.M., AND NOTED RUBY AT  
NEARBY TABLE IN CONVERSATION WITH UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LATER JOINED  
BY OFFICER TIPPIT. BURNS PASSED TABLE AND RUBY GREETED HIM  
AND SAID "YOU KNOW J. D. HERE" WHICH WAS FIRST TIME HAD HEARD  
TIPPIT'S NAME. RUBY INTRODUCED OTHER INDIVIDUAL AS MR. BERNARD  
WEISSMAN FROM THE EAST. WEISSMAN DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE,  
THIRTYFIVE YEARS, BLACK HAIR, OVER SIX FEET. BURNS RETURNED  
TO HIS TABLE AND RUBY SENT HIM COMPLIMENTARY DRINK. BURNS  
LEFT CLUB ABOUT ONE A.M. WITH GIRL AND GROUP WAS STILL IN  
CONVERSATION AND DID NOT OVERHEAR THEIR CONVERSATION.

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

WALDO DISCUSSED MATTER WITH EDITORS BUTLER AND HITCH  
AND AGREED NOT TO PUBLISH SINCE INFORMANT INSISTED ON REMAINING  
ANONYMOUS. HOWEVER, ABOUT WEEK LATER MET MARK LANE AT PRESS  
CONFERENCE IN DALLAS AND CONFIDED THIS INFORMATION TO LANE.  
LANE MOST ANXIOUS TO CONTACT INFORMANT AND WALDO AGREED TO  
CONSULT WITH SUTTON. SUTTON ADVISED BURNS UPSET AND REFUSED  
TO COOPERATE FURTHER. SUTTON ALSO ADVISED THAT DETERMINED  
BY CALLING ADVERTISING AGENCY THAT BURNS ACTUALLY WAS PAUL  
BRIDEWELL.

WALDO BECAME ENGAGED IN COVERING RUBY TRIAL AND HAD  
NOTHING FURTHER TO DO WITH MATTER BUT CONJECTURES THAT LANE  
WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH BRIDEWELL THROUGH SUTTON.  
BRIDEWELL REPORTEDLY GAVE UP HIS AGENCY JOB IN NINETEEN SIXTY-  
FOUR AND RETURNED TO HIS HOME IN OREGON, AND SUTTON ALSO  
REPORTEDLY LEFT DALLAS. WALDO HAS HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH  
THEM AND DOES NOT KNOW WHEREABOUTS. HE DID MENTION RECEIPT OF  
A CALL FROM SCHILLER FROM LOS ANGELES WHO WANTED TO KNOW  
IDENTITY OF INFORMANT. WALDO FURNISHED HIM WITH DOUBLE  
IDENTITY OF BURNS - BRIDEWELL AND HE WAS ONLY PERSON TO WHOM  
THIS INFORMATION FURNISHED. DALLAS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE  
INVESTIGATION. TO LOCATE SUTTON FOR INTERVIEW AND TO DETERMINE  
LOCATION OF BRIDEWELL FOR INTERVIEW.  
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NOTE: Mark Lane testified before the Warren Commission on two occasions and said an informant of his was present at an alleged meeting and overheard conversation between Jack Ruby, Dallas police officer J. D. Tippit, and Bernard Weissman on 11/14/63. Lawrence Schiller of Los Angeles furnished us the identity of Lane's informant "Paul Bridewell, also known as, Phil Burns". Schiller obtained the identity of Bridewell from Thayer Waldo and we located Waldo in Mexico City and interviewed him. Investigation is aimed at determining present location of John Sutton and interviewing him, locating Bridewell and his present location, believed to be somewhere in Oregon, so that Bridewell in turn can be interviewed and this matter resolved.

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TO DIRECTOR (92-8168)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (92-399) 3P

PHILLIP KITZER, SR.; DAVID RICHARD KROMAN; ET AL; ITSP;

Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property

Act Against the Government

EAG; MAIL FRAUD - CONSPIRACY.

AT FOUR ZERO FIVE A.M. THIS DATE, HIGHWAY PATROL, NORTH DAKOTA, RECEIVED REPORT OF AN ACCIDENT AND INJURY NEAR STERLING, NORTH DAKOTA.

INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT LONE OCCUPANT OF CAR WAS DAVID RICHARD KROMAN, DEFENDANT IN CASE ON TRIAL, WHO HAD APPARENTLY JAMMED HIS BRAKES ON HIGHWAY TEN WHILE DRIVING TOWARD BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA. KROMAN DITCHED HIS CAR, WHICH WAS NEW NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN DODGE MONACO THAT HE HAD RENTED FROM AVIS RENT-A-CAR.

AMBULANCE DRIVERS WHO RESPONDED TO CAR NOTED KROMAN HAD A SHOTGUN IN FRONT SEAT OF CAR WITH HIM. HE REFUSED TO UNLOCK CAR DOORS BUT MADE STATEMENTS TO AMBULANCE DRIVERS "ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME?" STATE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER H. ELTER, WHO

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THEN APPEARED, OPENED CAR DOOR AND REMOVED SHOTGUN WHICH HAD TWO SHELLS IN MAGAZINE. KROMAN REFUSED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENTS RE ACCIDENT TO OFFICER.

KROMAN WAS TAKEN TO BISMARCK HOSPITAL WHERE HE REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH ATTENDING PHYSICIANS BUT KEPT STATING HE HAD NO STATEMENTS TO MAKE. KROMAN HAD SLIGHT BUMP ON HIS HEAD AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT ACCORDING TO ONE OF DOCTORS ATTENDING HIM.

KROMAN APPEARED TO PERK UP AND RESPOND<sup>D</sup> TO QUESTIONING WHEN RICHARD OLSON, HIS FORMER ATTORNEY, ARRIVED<sup>V</sup> AT HOSPITAL, BUT KEPT STATING HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY AND WANTED TO BE DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL.

PAUL PRESBREY, MINNEAPOLIS STAR AND TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER REPORTER WHO ACCOMPANIED RICHARD OLSON TO THE HOSPITAL, MADE A STATEMENT AT THE HOSPITAL THAT "KROMAN WAS THE GUY WHO KILLED THE GUY WHO KILLED KENNEDY." LOCAL TV STATIONS IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA CARRY STORY THAT KROMAN AND OLSON ARE GOING TO HAVE PRESS CONFERENCE LATER AND MAKE A RELEASE ABOUT THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

FINLAY LEWIS, NEWS REPORTER, "MINNEAPOLIS STAR AND TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER," ADVISED THAT KROMAN HAD ANNOUNCED FRIDAY, MARCH

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TWENTYFOUR LAST, HE WAS GOING TO HOLD A CONFERENCE THAT NIGHT ON HIS, KROMAN'S INVESTIGATION OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

MINNEAPOLIS HAS NO VERIFICATION OF ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN KROMAN AND KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

United States Attorney

USA PATRICK J. FOLEY, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, IS

U. S. District Court

PETITIONING USDC, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, THIS MORNING IN EFFORT TO REVOKE KROMAN'S BOND AND HAVE HIM CONFINED DURING TRIAL BECAUSE OF HIS NUMEROUS ANTICS.

MINNEAPOLIS WILL FOLLOW THIS MATTER AND REPORT ANYTHING THAT DEVELOPS.

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (92-399) 5P

PHILLIP KITZER, SR.; DAVID RICHARD KROMAN; ET AL; ITSP;  
(FAG; MAIL FRAUD - CONSPIRACY. *David Kroman*)

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPES TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

AT TWO P.M. TODAY IN USDC BEFORE USDC JUDGE EDWARD J. DEVITT, KROMAN REPEATED INFORMATION SUBSTANTIALLY COVERED IN PREVIOUS TELETYPES ABOUT <sup>HIS</sup> TRIP FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, TO BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, WHEN HE DITCHED THE CAR TWENTY MILES EAST OF BISMARCK. KROMAN CLAIMS HE WAS FOLLOWED BY TWO CARS AND THAT AT THE POINT OF THE ACCIDENT, A GUN WAS POINTED OUT THE CAR AT HIM AND WHEN HE PULLED UP ABRUPTLY, HE DITCHED THE CAR BUT WAS NOT INJURED SERIOUSLY. KROMAN ADMITS HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL CONTRARY TO THE DOCTOR'S RECOMMENDATION.

KROMAN STATED HE HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION SINCE DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AND THAT HIS

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INQUIRY HAS LED HIM TO DALLAS, MIAMI, KEY WEST, LAS VEGAS, NEW ORLEANS AND KANSAS CITY. KROMAN STATES THE ASSASSINATION IS SOLVED BUT HE WILL NOT RELEASE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SOLUTION. HE STATES HE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY (FULL TIME) INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION AFTER HE LOST HIS JOB WHEN THE AMERICAN ALLIED INSURANCE COMPANY COLLAPSED.

KROMAN AALSO ADMITS HE WAS INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF OTHER INCIDENTS. HE WAS LOST AT SEA ON NOVEMBER SIXTEEN LAST NEAR MIAMI WHEN HIS BOAT RAN OUT OF GAS AND HE HAD A TERRIBLE TIME GETTING BACK TO SHORE.

ALSO IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, IN A MOTEL IN TENNESSEE, HE CLAIMS HE WAS ASSAULTED AND PAPERS WERE STOLEN FROM HIM. THIS ASSAULT TOOK PLACE THE DAY AFTER HE HAD INTERVIEWED A DALLAS, TEXAS, CAB DRIVER WHO <sup>O</sup>DRIVE OSWALD IN HIS ESCAPE. THE CAB DRIVER REPORTEDLY WAS KILLED IN DALLAS THE NEXT DAY AFTER KROMAN'S ASSAULT IN TENNESSEE. KROMAN WAS <sup>O</sup>REPORTEDLY TAKING HIS STATEMENT TO WASHINGTON AND THE STATEMENT WAS APPARENTLY TAKEN BY THE UNKNOWN PARTIES WHO ASSAULTED HIM.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU, MINNEAPOLIS REPORT DATED MARCH TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, AND CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, SETS  
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FORTH A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT IN THE "MINNEAPOLIS MORNING TRIBUNE", OF JANUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, DATED AT LEBANON, TENNESSEE, STATING THAT DAVID R. KROMAN, EDINA LAWYER UNDER FEDERAL INDICTMENT IN AMERICAN ALLIED INSURANCE CASE, ALLEGED BEING ATTACKED IN HIS LEBANON MOTEL ROOM AND ROBBED OF IMPORTANT PAPERS. THIS ARTICLE FURTHER DISCLOSES THAT THE TENNESSEE STATE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION WAS UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE KROMAN'S STORY.

THIS REPORT ALSO DISCLOSES ON JANUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, HENRY WROBLESKI (NA), CAPTAIN OF DETECTIVES, EDINA, MINNESOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THAT RICHARD OLSON, A FRIEND OF HIS AND ATTORNEY FOR DAVID KROMAN, TOLD HIM, WROBLESKI, OF KROMAN'S EXPERIENCE IN LEBANON, TENNESSEE, AND INCIDENTS PRIOR TO AND SUBSEQUENT TO THE ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

OLSON ADVISED WROBLESKI THAT KROMAN LEFT ON THIS TRIP IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX IN HIS PERSONALLY OWNED AUTOMOBILE, LEAVING MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. FROM MINNEAPOLIS KROMAN WENT STRAIGHT TO DALLAS, TEXAS. TRIP SUPPOSEDLY TOOK KROMAN SIXTEEN HOURS AND ONLY OLSON AND MRS. KROMAN KNEW OF HIS PLANS

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TO GO TO DALLAS. AT DALLAS, KROMAN WAS TO CONFER WITH O/IL  
MILLIONAIRE ~~LAMOR~~ HUNT. WROBLESKI IS NOT CERTAIN OF THE  
PURPOSE OF KROMAN'S CONTACT WITH HUNT BUT PRESUMABLY IT HAD TO  
DO WITH AMERICAN ALLIED INSURANCE COMPANY CASE.

KROMAN WAS DRIVING FROM DALLAS TO WASHINGTON AT THE TIME  
OF THE ALLEGED ATTACK IN LEBANON, TENNESSEE. KROMAN APPARENTLY  
STOPPED OVERNIGHT AT LEBANON, TENNESSEE, A SUBURB OF MEMPHIS,  
TENNESSEE, AND REPORTED TO THE POLICE THERE THAT HIS MOTEL ROOM  
HAD BEEN BROKEN INTO AND IMPORTANT PAPERS TAKEN.

ACCORDING TO WROBLESKI, OLSON WOULD NOT DIVULGE NATURE  
OF PAPERS BUT INDICATED THAT THEY WERE NOT ORIGINAL PAPERS  
AND THAT THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF COPIES OF THEM AVAILABLE IN  
THE ALLIED CASE TO OLSON AND <sup>T</sup>HER DEFENDANTS.

OLSON WENT TO LEBANON, TENNESSEE, AND BROUGHT KROMAN BACK  
TO MINNEAPOLIS AND HAD HIM COMMITTED TO A HOSPITAL AND PLACED  
UNDER DOCTOR'S CARE. THERE WAS NO REFERENCE IN THIS  
CONVERSATION TO THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE PRESIDENT  
KENNEDY.

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*a conclusion*

KROMAN REFUSES TO NAME NAMES OR DISCUSS HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE KENNEDY INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER, HE STATES THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION ARRIVED AT FACT BEFORE THEY HAD EXAMINED ISSUE AND THAT WHEN THE TRUTH IS OUT, IT IS GOING TO HURT SOME BIG NAME PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

AT FOUR FORTYFIVE P.M., THIS DATED, USDC JUDGE EDWARD J. DEVITT ORDERED DAVID R. KROMAN'S BOND REVOKED AND KROMAN WAS PLACED IN THE CUSTODY OF THE U.S. MARSHAL, TO BE TAKEN TO THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, FOR A PERIOD OF FORTYFIVE TO SIXTY DAYS FOR OBSERVATION AND PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION.

A MISTRIAL WAS DECLARED AS TO KROMAN IN VIEW OF HIS PRESS RELEASE TODAY ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. JUDGE STATED <sup>HE W</sup> ~~HE W~~OULD RULE ON WHETHER THE TRIAL COULD CONTINUE AS TO THE OTHER FOUR DEFENDANTS TOMORROW. MOTIONS OF DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR MISTRIAL IN VIEW OF KORMAN'S SERVERANCE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW.

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**SUMMARY**

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REFERENCE: Report of **[SA ROBERT T. MORAN]** dated 12/29/66 at Birmingham.

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LEADS

MOBILE (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being designated for information of Mobile inasmuch as subject is Grand Dragon of the UKA for the State of Alabama and it is anticipated that he will continue to travel throughout the State of Alabama and will undoubtedly travel in the Mobile territory making appearances in the future.

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Report of: SA ROBERT T. MORAN  
Date: March 27, 1967

Office: Birmingham

Field Office File #: [REDACTED]

Bureau File #: 157-6144

Title: JAMES HAROLD SPEARS

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: Subject JAMES HAROLD SPEARS continues to serve as Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, State of Alabama. Klan activity of subject set forth. SUBJECT JAMES HAROLD SPEARS REPORTEDLY IS IN POSSESSION OF A PISTOL, AND IN VIEW OF THIS FACT, HE SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION AND CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Subject continues to reside at 2308 Dogwood Lane, Southeast, Decatur, Alabama.

B. Employment

On March 1, 1967, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that subject JAMES H. SPEARS continues in his employment with this company as an Inspector in the press and weld shop.

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On January 17, 1967, January 17, 1967, January 19, 1967, and January 25, 1967, respectively, Birmingham confidential informants T-12, T-8, T-13, and T-3, advised that the Fackler Alabama Klavern of the UKA held a meeting on January 14, 1967, at Stevenson, Alabama. These informants reported that Grand Dragon JAMES SPEARS made a talk to the group.

With regard to the above meeting, BH T-13 advised that JAMES SPEARS has developed ulcers somewhere along the line and they are acting up on him, but he gave a long sermon. SPEARS told the group that the Negro is no longer the minority race, that the white people are. SPEARS told the members to pick and support political candidates on a county, state and national level, that this was the only way to save America. SPEARS said that violence was not the answer. SPEARS stated that he had been called insane, but said that he did not resent this, that everyone was a bit insane. SPEARS said that he was insane for white supremacy, states rights, getting rid of President JOHNSON, not by bullets, but by ballots, and to get America back into the hands of capable people.

SPEARS told the group that there had been a conspiracy to kill President KENNEDY by the communists, because he was not turning America over to them as fast as they wanted. SPEARS said that JACK RUBINSTEIN (possibly meant RUBY), LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and other "commies" had met in New York to plan KENNEDY's assassination, about 100 persons in all. SPEARS also stated that many of these people had been killed to get them quiet. SPEARS said that the "commies" had a time-table set for 1970, the years the "commies" were supposed to take over. He said this time-table had been removed because the administration in Washington, D. C., had failed to pass a gun law. He stated the Russians had asked how we could talk of disarming and still allow U. S. citizens to bear arms.



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TO DIRECTOR (92-8168)  
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (92-399) 3 P

PHILLIP KITZER, SR.; DAVID RICHARD KROMAN; ET AL., ITSP;  
FAG; MF - CONSPIRACY.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL EARLIER THIS DATE.

DAVID RICHARD KROMAN LATE TODAY IN A BEDSIDE INTERVIEW WITH  
NEWSPAPER REPORTER FINLEY LEWIS, MINNEAPOLIS STAR AND TRIBUNE,  
ADVISED THAT INCIDENT WHICH LED TO HIS DITCHING CAR EAST OF  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, COMMENCED NEAR WILLMAR, MINNESOTA, EIGHTY  
MILES WEST OF THE TWIN CITIES NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTYSIX WHILE HE  
WAS DRIVING BACK TO BISMARCK FOR TRIAL THIS MORNING. KROMAN CLAIMS  
HE WAS FOLLOWED BY TWO CARS "AS USUAL" AND THAT THERE WERE A SERIES  
OF INCIDENTS WHILE HE WAS BEING FOLLOWED BY THESE CARS ON THE WAY  
TO BISMARCK UP UNTIL HE WENT OFF THE ROAD. HE DID NOT FURTHER  
EXPLAIN "INCIDENTS" OR HIS "AS USUAL" STATEMENT.

STATED THAT INCIDENT CONCERNING HIS BEING FOLLOWED HAD  
NOTHING TO DO WITH CAPTIONED CASE BUT ALLEGED THAT HE IS VICTIM  
OF A CONSPIRACY THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE GOVERNMENT COVERUP IN  
THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

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KROMAN TOLD REPORTER THAT SOMETIME AGO HE STARTED HIS OWN INVESTIGATION AFTER HE MET A DRUNKEN CUBAN IN A BAR IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. THIS CUBAN CLAIMS THAT THE THEORY IN THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT THAT OSWALD WAS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE IS FALSE.

KROMAN ALSO STATED THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION "REPEALED NEWTON'S LAW OF GRAVITY" BECAUSE WHEN THE BULLET WAS FIRED INTO PRESIDENT KENNEDY, IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE BULLET GOES IN SMALL AND COMES <sup>U</sup>OUT LARGE, WHEREAS THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT WAS JUST THE OPPOSITE. KROMAN STATED THAT THIS FACT AND THE INFORMATION FROM HIS CUBAN SOURCE DEFINITELY SHOWS THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS SHOT FROM THE OVERPASS AND THAT THE BULLET ENTERED THE FRONT OF HIS HEAD AND NOT THE REAR OF HIS HEAD AS DISCLOSED BY THE WARREN REPORT.

KROMAN FURTHER INTIMATED THAT HE HAD MADE DISCLOSURES OF THIS KIND TO THE RAMSEY COUNTY ATTORNEY IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA (PAUL LINDHOLM) BUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO COVER UP THE

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TRUE FACTS AND HAVE SET UP OSWALD AS A "PATSY" SO THAT THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE PERSONS HIGHER UP IN THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE REVEALED AS BEING INVOLVED IN THIS ASSASSINATION.

KROMAN FURTHER INTIMATED THAT HE KNOWS THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE ASSASSIN BUT WILL NOT REVEAL IT YET.

DR. GERD FISCHER, NEUROSURGEON, WHO EXAMINED KROMAN, FOUND KROMAN VERY UNCOOPERATIVE BUT SUSPECTS THAT KROHAN MAY HAVE SUFFERED A CONVULSION. KROMAN IS KNOWN TO HAVE A HISTORY OF EPILEPTIC SEIZURES WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF HIS ACCIDENT.

SHORTLY AFTER KROMAN MADE HIS BEDSIDE RELEASE TO REPORTER, HE DISCHARGED HIMSELF FROM THE HOSPITAL CONTRARY TO THE WISHES OF DR. G FISCHER AND STAFF.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *JD*

DATE: March 28, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

*Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*

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- 1 - Mr. McInerney
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wick

SUBJECT: PHILLIP KITZER, SR., AND OTHERS  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
PROPERTY; FRAUD AGAINST GOVERNMENT;  
MAIL FRAUD - CONSPIRACY

PURPOSE: To advise of recent developments in captioned case which is being tried in U. S. District Court, Bismarck, North Dakota.

BACKGROUND: This is the case where 17 individuals were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury during January, 1966, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on charges of Mail Fraud, Fraud by Wire and Conspiracy arising from the fraudulent operations of 4 insurance companies financed largely by questionable borrowings and from which subjects drew extensive sums for their personal use. Cyrus Magnusson, Minnesota Commissioner of Insurance and unsuccessful candidate for Governor and David Richard Kroman, unsuccessful candidate for Attorney General for Minnesota are among the subjects. Trial in this case was postponed until after the November, 1966, elections and began this month in U. S. District Court (USDC) at Bismarck, North Dakota.

On early morning of 3/27/67, Kroman, one of the defendants in this case, while driving alone in an auto near Bismarck, North Dakota, went off the highway into a ditch and was slightly injured. A State Highway Patrolman, who responded to the accident, found Kroman in possession of a loaded shotgun. Kroman refused to make any statements concerning accident to this officer. Following accident Kroman was treated at a local hospital where physicians were of the opinion Kroman may have suffered a convulsion. Kroman is known to have a history of epileptic seizures which could have been the cause of his accident.

While being treated in the hospital, Kroman held a press conference and claimed he had been followed by two cars and at point of accident a gun was pointed at him from one of these vehicles causing him to wreck his auto. He claimed he has been conducting his own investigation of the Kennedy assassination and intimated he knows the true identity of the President's assassin but will not reveal it at this time. Kroman discharged himself from the hospital, contrary to the wishes of the attending physician.

On afternoon of 3/27/67, Kroman appeared in USDC, Bismarck, North Dakota, before U. S. District Court Judge Edward J. Devitt, who is

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: PHILLIP KITZER, SR.

hearing trial re captioned matter and repeated his allegations that auto accident was caused by two cars following him and stated he had been investigating the Kennedy assassination since December, 1963, and claims the assassination is solved and he will not release any information concerning the solution. Kroman alleged that during his investigation of the assassination, he was assaulted in a motel in Tennessee during 1966 where papers were stolen from him pertaining to an interview he conducted with a cab driver who drove Oswald during his attempted escape and who was allegedly killed in Dallas a day after Kroman was assaulted in Tennessee.

Investigation at time of Kroman's alleged assault in Tennessee by the Tennessee State Bureau of Criminal Identification failed to substantiate his story concerning the assault. It should be noted that William W. Whaley was the cab driver who transported Oswald after he left the Texas School Depository Building. Whaley died as a result of a head-on-collision, Dallas, Texas, 12/18/65. It is noted Kroman alleged Whaley died in 1966.

Kroman refused to name names or discuss involvement with the Kennedy investigation; however, he states the Warren Commission arrived at a conclusion before they had examined the issues and that when the truth is out it is going to hurt some "big-name people" in the United States.

On 3/27/67, U. S. District Court Judge Devitt ordered Kroman's bond revoked, and he was placed in the custody of the U. S. Marshal to be taken to the Federal Penitentiary at Springfield, Missouri, for observation and psychiatric examination for a period of 45 to 60 days. A mistrial was declared as to Kroman in view of his press release 3/27/67 on the Kennedy assassination. According to United Press International Release 3/27/67, Judge Devitt reportedly stated, "There is reasonable cause to believe that Kroman may be insane or otherwise so mentally incompetent that he is unable to assist in his own defense." Judge Devitt stated he would rule on whether the trial could continue as to the other defendants on 3/28/67. Motions of Defense Attorneys for mistrial in view of Kroman's severance scheduled for 3/28/67.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to the Attorney General concerning this matter for his information. We are following this matter closely, and you will be advised of pertinent developments.

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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 1P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,

*NOVEMBER*  
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS  
*Information* INFO CONCERNING, *office of origin* 00: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM FINAL EDITION, MARCH THIRTYONE,  
SIXTYSEVEN, REPORTED THAT CLAY L. SHAW IS SCHEDULED TO BE  
ARRAIGNED ON CHARGES OF CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY IN THE SLAYING  
OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY BEFORE JUDGE EDWARD A.  
HAGGERTY, JR. AT TEN THIRTY AM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL FIVE,  
SIXTYSEVEN.

F. IRVING DIAMOND, CHIEF DEFENSE ATTORNEY, REPORTEDLY  
SAID HE WOULD PLEAD HIS CLIENT NOT GUILTY AND WOULD ASK  
FOR THIRTY DAYS IN WHICH TO FILE SPECIAL PLEA. DIAMOND  
DID NOT INDICATE WHAT PLEADING HE PLANNED TO FILE.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

CC MR. SULLIVAN

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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   | ✓ |

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*DeLoach*  
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/31/67

Clay L. Shaw is the individual who was identified by a Garrison witness as being identical to a Clay Bertrand who conspired with David W. Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy.

Inasmuch as the attached is a summary of news media information, it will not be disseminated.

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| Mr. Conrad   | ✓ |
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| Mr. Trotter  | ✓ |
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| Miss Holmes  | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

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*R. P. PACH*

*Sanford*

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE, DALLAS TEXAS.

AT ELEVEN THIRTY AM TODAY, A PERSON ALLEGING HIMSELF TO BE GORDON NOVEL, TELEPHONED THE COLUMBUS, OHIO RA AND STATED HE WANTS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED TO REGIS KENNEDY, FBI, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA "THREE MEN IN GARRISON'S OFFICE WANT TO SELL OUT TO A PRESS MEDIA". HE SAID HE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM A VERY GOOD CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE. HE MENTIONED TEN TO TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. CALLER WOULD NOT SAY WHERE HE WAS CALLING FROM. NO INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED HIM. NO ACTION BEING TAKEN. FOR INFORMATION BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS ONLY.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR



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## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/30/67

Gordon Novel is a former potential criminal informant of the New Orleans Office and has furnished us some information concerning some facets of Garrison's investigation. SA Regis Kennedy of our New Orleans Office has handled previous contacts with Novel.

Novel failed to appear before New Orleans Grand Jury after subpoena issued him. New Orleans District Attorney Garrison has obtained warrant for Novel's arrest. Novel has been travelling around the country and frequently has made press releases on his own indicating Garrison's investigation is a "fraud!"

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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 2P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -  
INFO CONCERNING, <sup>office of ORIGIN</sup> 00- DALLAS.

THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES PICAYUNE ON MARCH TWENTYNINE,  
SIXTYSEVEN, REPORTED THAT MRS. HAROLD MC MAINES, WANTED AS  
A MATERIAL WITNESS BY <sup>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</sup> DA JIM GARRISON, WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY  
LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON BY POLICE IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, MRS. MC MAINES WAS SCHEDULED TO  
APPEAR IN COURT IN OMAHA TO EITHER WAIVE OR RESIST EXTRADITION  
TO NEW ORLEANS ON WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THE FINAL EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM OF  
MARCH TWENTYNINE, SIXTYSEVEN REPORTED THAT MRS. MC MAINES  
HAS DECIDED NOT TO WAIVE EXTRADITION IMMEDIATELY TO TESTIFY  
IN <sup>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</sup> DA GARRISON'S CASE. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT MRS.  
MC MAINES WAS FREED ON ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND ON A

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FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE CHARGE PLACED BY OMAHA AUTHORITIES AFTER THEY RECEIVED A WARRANT FROM NEW ORLEANS ASKING FOR HER ARREST AS A MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE KENNEDY CASE. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT A HEARING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR APRIL TWENTYFIVE BUT MRS. MC MAINES CAN WAIVE THE HEARING AT ANYTIME AND RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS.

WDSU RADIO NEWSCAST AT FOUR THIRTY PM, TODAY, REPORTED THAT JUDGE EDWARD HAGGERTY HAD REFUSED A MOTION TO QUASH A MATERIAL WITNESS WARRANT AGAINST GORDON NOVEL AND A REDUCTION OF BOND. THE NEWSCAST REPORTED THAT JUDGE HAGGERTY HAD STATED HE WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY ON A REDUCTION IN THE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND UPON NOVEL'S RETURN TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT.

THE NEWS REPORT STATED THAT LAYTON MARTENS, WHO HAD BEEN SUBPOENAED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY, HAD BEEN WAITING FOR SEVERAL HOURS TO TESTIFY BUT HAD NOT BEEN CALLED AS OF THAT HOUR.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/29/67

SUMMARY

Mrs. Harold McMaines, referred to in attached, is the former Sandra Moffett whom Jim Garrison's star witness, Perry Russo, claims was at a party preceding a meeting between Clay L. Shaw, David W. Ferrie, Lee Harvey Oswald and Russo at which time the assassination of President Kennedy was planned.

Mrs. McMaines has denied being at any such party and has stated that she did not meet Ferrie until 1965 and never saw Oswald before. Garrison is nevertheless attempting to have her extradited to Louisiana to testify before a grand jury.

Gordon Novel, mentioned in attached

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poenaed before a local grand jury, but who left town beforehand. Garrison had a warrant issued for Novel's arrest and Novel's attorneys were seeking to quash the arrest warrant.

Layton Martens is a former close associate of David W. Ferrie who has denounced Garrison's investigation.

Since the attached is a summary of news media material, it is not being disseminated.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-916)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEX.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Two copies of the above LHM are being furnished for Dallas and New Orleans, and one copy being furnished to Secret Service, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Source of the information contained therein is [REDACTED] who furnished it to SA WILLIAM EDWARD DAVIS on 3/31/67.

As the Bureau is aware, source is reliable; however, statements made by ROY FRANKHOUSER are not. FRANKHOUSER often lies to his associates to build up his own importance, frequently makes grandiose plans which never materialize. He does, however, own numerous weapons and must be considered ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

This matter is being closely followed with the informant who will make available to the FBI any material from FRANKHOUSER's files before it is turned over to FRANKHOUSER himself.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 31, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

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

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 31, 1967, that ROY E. FRANKHOUSER, Reading, Pa., said he wants to get from his (FRANKHOUSER's) records, which are in a secure place, but not readily available to him, some letters from a man named PAYNE (phonetic). FRANKHOUSER advised he intends to send these letters to New Orleans District Attorney GARRISON for his assistance in his present investigation into the death of President KENNEDY.

FRANKHOUSER did not say what significance these letters have or PAYNE's connection with the assassination or present investigation, if any.

This source is aware and has repeatedly said that FRANKHOUSER, who claims to be Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan for Pennsylvania, is a liar, a braggart, and often makes impressive plans or statements which he never carries out.

Characterizations of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans) and United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Pennsylvania, are attached hereto.

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ENCLOSURE

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA, KKKK),  
REALM OF PENNSYLVANIA

A source advised October 16, 1965, that ROY E. FRANKHOUSER, JR., of 133 South 4th Street, Reading, Pa., had recently been appointed Grand Dragon (statewide leader) of the UKA, KKKK, for Pennsylvania. This appointment was made by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the national organization. Source subsequently advised that FRANKHOUSER had attended and spoken at numerous rallies in Pennsylvania and other East Coast states.

A second source advised March 14, 1966, that ROY FRANKHOUSER attended a Klan school for leaders and members at Newark, Delaware, March 11 - 13, 1966. In attendance were many Klan leaders from various states.

This second source on July 13, 1966, made available a copy of a mimeographed letter headed, "United Klans of America - Pennsylvania HQ - P. O. Box 1432, Reading, Pa. 19603."

This letter dated July 11, 1966 and addressed to "Esteemed Klansmen", stated, "This is to let you know that we are reorganizing the Realm of Pennsylvania." It continued with a plea for recipients to help by getting sites for rallies and meetings; urged formation of new Klaverns; requested help with transportation for officers on weekends; and requested that they locate printers and perform other small tasks. Members were also urged to pay back dues at once.

A third source advised July 20, 1966 that the Pennsylvania Klan is a state division of the national UKA, KKKK, headed by ROBERT SHELTON, and that ROY E. FRANKHOUSER is the sole active and effective leader known to him in this area.



**UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)**

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961 at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klavocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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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  
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING  
 OO: DALLAS

*B. Sizemore*  
*R. French*

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies, and for Dallas two copies, of a letterhead memorandum containing information voluntarily furnished this office by Layton Martens.

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