

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
April 10, 1967

The Attorney General REC 29

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Director, FBI 62-109060-30461 - Mr. Branigan  
1 - Mr. Lenihan

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

In my letter to you of March 10, 1967, I reported that we had received information from our New Orleans Office that Mr. Ed Wegmann, one of the attorneys for Mr. Clay Shaw, had indicated his intention to contact you in an effort to obtain results of investigation allegedly conducted by this Bureau regarding Clay Shaw.

For your information, on April 6, 1967, [redacted] who is presently connected with the WACKENHUT Corporation, Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically contacted our New Orleans Office and advised that his investigative agency has been employed by the defense attorneys for Clay Shaw. [redacted] stated that there was recent publicity reporting that you had publicly stated Clay Shaw had been investigated by the FBI in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy and had been cleared. [redacted] added that Clay Shaw has advised his attorneys that he has not been interviewed by the FBI in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy.

[redacted] further stated that Clay Shaw's attorneys are interested in knowing what investigation was conducted by the FBI and how Shaw was cleared. They claim this information is necessary in the preparation of Clay Shaw's defense. [redacted] stated that Clay Shaw's attorneys have asked him to contact the New Orleans Office of the FBI and request this information.

For your information, our New Orleans Office has informed [redacted] that no comment could be made concerning this matter by this Bureau.

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**The Attorney General**

1 - Mr. Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

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Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General

**NOTE:**

On 3-2-67 Attorney General Clark made remarks to the press, which the press interpreted as stating that the FBI had investigated Clay Shaw in New Orleans in November and December, 1963. This, of course, is not true. We did not investigate Clay Shaw in connection with our investigation of the assassination and his name is not contained in the Warren Commission Report indices. The Attorney General contacted Mr. DeLoach 3-3-67 as reported in memorandum DeLoach to Tolson, at which time the Attorney General stated he had been misquoted by reporters. By letter dated 3-10-67 we informed the Attorney General that we had received information Shaw's attorneys had indicated an intention to contact the Attorney General and that it appeared Shaw's attorneys were trying to use remarks attributed to the Attorney General by the news media regarding Shaw in their attempt to obtain access to FBI material which they felt would assist them in their defense of Clay Shaw.



FBI

Date: 4/12/67

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (62-109060)  
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (157-916) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22,  
1963, DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Dallas teletype to Director, 4/10/67.

Philadelphia at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. requested to attempt to locate JOHN SUTTON, white male, approximately 37 years of age, through logical sources.

Mr. LMERSON RAMAGE, Personnel Director, and Mr. DAN SINGLE, Program Director, WILK Radio, on 4/11/67, advised SA CHARLES T. ADAMS they had been in this profession for the past 25 years and SUTTON unknown to them.

Mr. FRANKLIN COSLETT, Program Director, WBRE-TV on the same date advised he has been in this profession for the past 30 years and SUTTON unknown to him.

On 4/12/67 the following individuals could furnish no information relative to SUTTON:

- 3 - Bureau (62-109060)
- 2 - Dallas (89-43) (AM)
- 2 - El Paso (AM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (157-916)

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent In Charge

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PH 157-916

DELORES RIBAR, Clerk, Wilkes-Barre Credit Bureau.

JOHN STEVENS, Records Clerk, Wilkes-Barre Police Department.

Corporal JOSEPH FISHER, Pennsylvania State Police, Wyoming, Pa.

The Wilkes-Barre Telephone Directory for Wilkes-Barre and surrounding communities contains a listing of 18 SUTTON families; all 18 telephonically contacted and JOHN SUTTON not related to any of these families and individuals contacted could furnish no information relative to JOHN SUTTON.

Wilkes-Barre City Directory, 1946-1966, contains record of only one JOHN SUTTON of 231 Boland Avenue, Hanover Township, Pa., this being a 1949 Directory.

Mrs. VERONICA BALTRUSHITIS, a resident of 233 Boland Avenue for the past 50 years, had advised 4/12/67 JOHN SUTTON, formerly of 231 Boland Avenue, was a single man, now deceased. She described him as an elderly man at the time of his death.



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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| Tele. Room   | ✓ |
| Miss Holmes  | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

FBI WASH DC

3:30PM URGENT 4-5-67 MMW 2PGS

TO DIRECTOR 62-109060AND

DALLAS 89-43

FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -  
INFO CONCERNING, OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, APRIL FIVE  
INSTANT, REPORTED CLAY L. SHAW ARRAIGNED TODAY BEFORE  
CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR. AND HIS  
ATTORNEYS ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY TO THE CONSPIRACY  
CHARGE. AT REQUEST OF DEFENSE COUNSEL, SHAW'S ATTORNEYS  
GIVEN UNTIL MAY FIVE TO FILE SPECIAL PLEADINGS. JUDGE  
HAGGERTY GRANTED THE STATE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF TIME TO REPLY  
TO THE PLEADINGS.

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NEWSPAPER REPORTED REPORTERS RICHARD TOWNLEY, WDSU-TV  
AND BILL ELDER OF WWL-TV, AND RANNY EHLINGER, TWENTYEIGHT,  
ONE ZERO THREE HOMESTEAD AVE., SUPOENAED TO APPEAR  
BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY, TODAY, APPARENTLY IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE PROBE OF THE SLAYING OF PRESIDENT JOHN  
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MR DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FITZGERALD KENNEDY. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT EHLINGER  
APPEARED WITH STEVE PLOTKIN, THE ATTORNEY FOR GORDON NOVEL,  
AND QUOTED PLOTKIN AS SAYING HE DID NOT KNOW WHY EHLINGER  
WAS CALLED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, BUT SAID EHLINGER KNEW NOVEL  
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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

April 3, 1967.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am a page editor and columnist with The Sun. Last Friday, March 31, I received a call on the Editorial Pages Department phone from a woman who clearly was upset and who asked to speak to someone "tolerant and understanding". She did not know to whom she was speaking until after she had told the following story, so obviously this was not some kind of gag directed at me.

She said that on television news that night, she had learned that two men had been arrested in connection with James Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination. She said a slide was shown of one of them, and that she recognized him. She said his name was given as Mario Gracias. I see from the AP and UPI wire that a Sergio Archacha Smith has been charged by Mr. Garrison's office in New Orleans with conspiracy to steal munitions. It's possible that she was so upset -- she certainly seemed genuinely upset -- that she got the name badly confused.

She said that she had seen the man she called Gracias on the liner Cristoforo Colombo in 1965, and that he called himself Pablo. She couldn't remember his last name. She said he was with another man named Michael, who had some kind of Irish surname.

She said that she, a man with whom she apparently had been travelling, Pablo, Michael and a woman shared a table in the dining room during the trip, which she states began about October 28, 1965 from New York and concluded in Trieste on November 14, 1965.

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She said that the woman at the table called herself (Miss) Dorothy Whitty, but explained to her (my caller) that that was not her real name.

She said Miss Whitty claimed the two men, Pablo and Michael, were Central Intelligence Agency members and that they were following her. She also said they were homosexuals.

She said that she had been employed by the CIA as a secretary to a highly-placed official and that while in the CIA's employ she had stumbled unwittingly on the information that the CIA had carried out the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

She claimed that Miss Whitty was terribly upset and apparently in fear for her life. She said Miss Whitty took her to her stateroom and showed her a great many documents that were clearly marked Central Intelligence Agency.

My caller was not very articulate about explaining the motive attributed to the CIA by Miss Whitty, but it was to the general effect that highly-placed and wealthy people in the United States were behind it, and feared that the president was helping the "common people" too much.

Miss Whitty had impressed on my caller that she had told no one of this but seemed to think that she must tell someone about it because she was in danger.

Miss Whitty said, so my caller related, that it was important for her to get to Vienna to relay information she had to someone there, because there was some kind of international conference going on there at that time.

My caller gave a very vague description of Miss Whitty. She said she was aged about 34 to 39, spinsterish-looking, ordinary in appearance, wore good but plain clothes, and had a slim figure -- slim, she said, in the wrong places.

She said Miss Whitty got off the ship (after it had touched at Lisbon, Naples, Palermo, Messina and Genoa) at Venice and that she had been upset and tearful on parting. My caller disembarked at Trieste and after a few weeks in Italy returned to Vancouver.



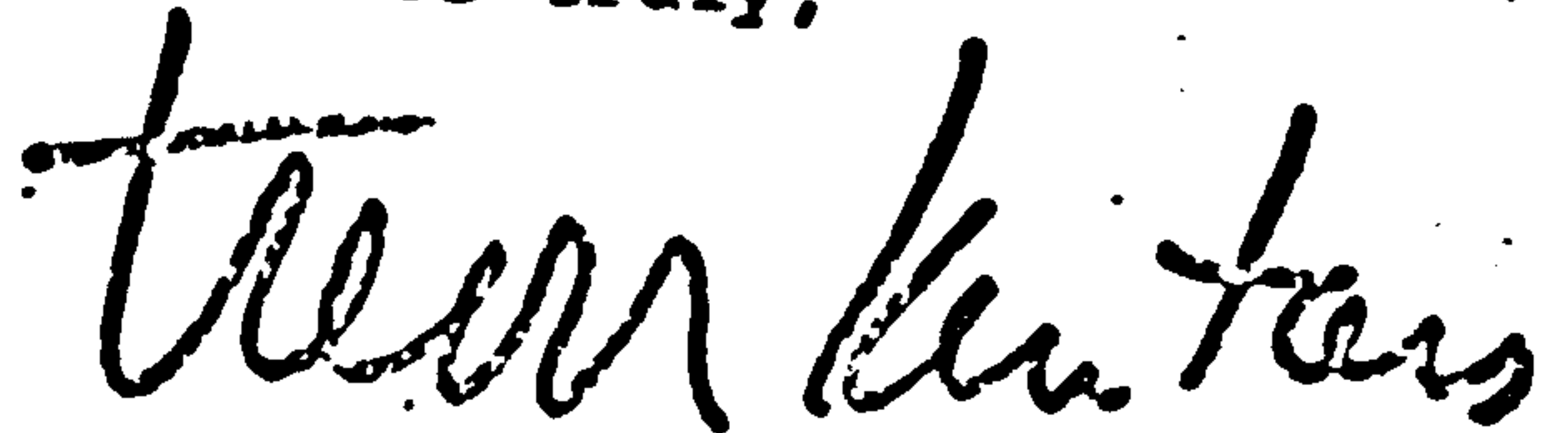
My caller seemed to be very wrought and probably neurotic. Judging from what little she told me of her background, she has had an unstable life, including an unhappy marriage and divorce in New Zealand. She has now remarried.

She said she did not want her name revealed in connection with this incident, which she agreed was a bizarre one, and when I suggested that she talk to our items columnist she declined, saying she only wanted to give the information she had in case it would somehow be of use in the investigation of the president's assassination.

No one would be more surprised than I if this story was of any worth to you in your investigation, and of course you must have had thousands of similar stories passed on to you in the wave of hysteria following the president's assassination. However, I agreed to pass this information on to the authorities.

I don't know my caller's name but we have arranged to get in touch through The Sun's personal columns if I hear anything of importance from you.

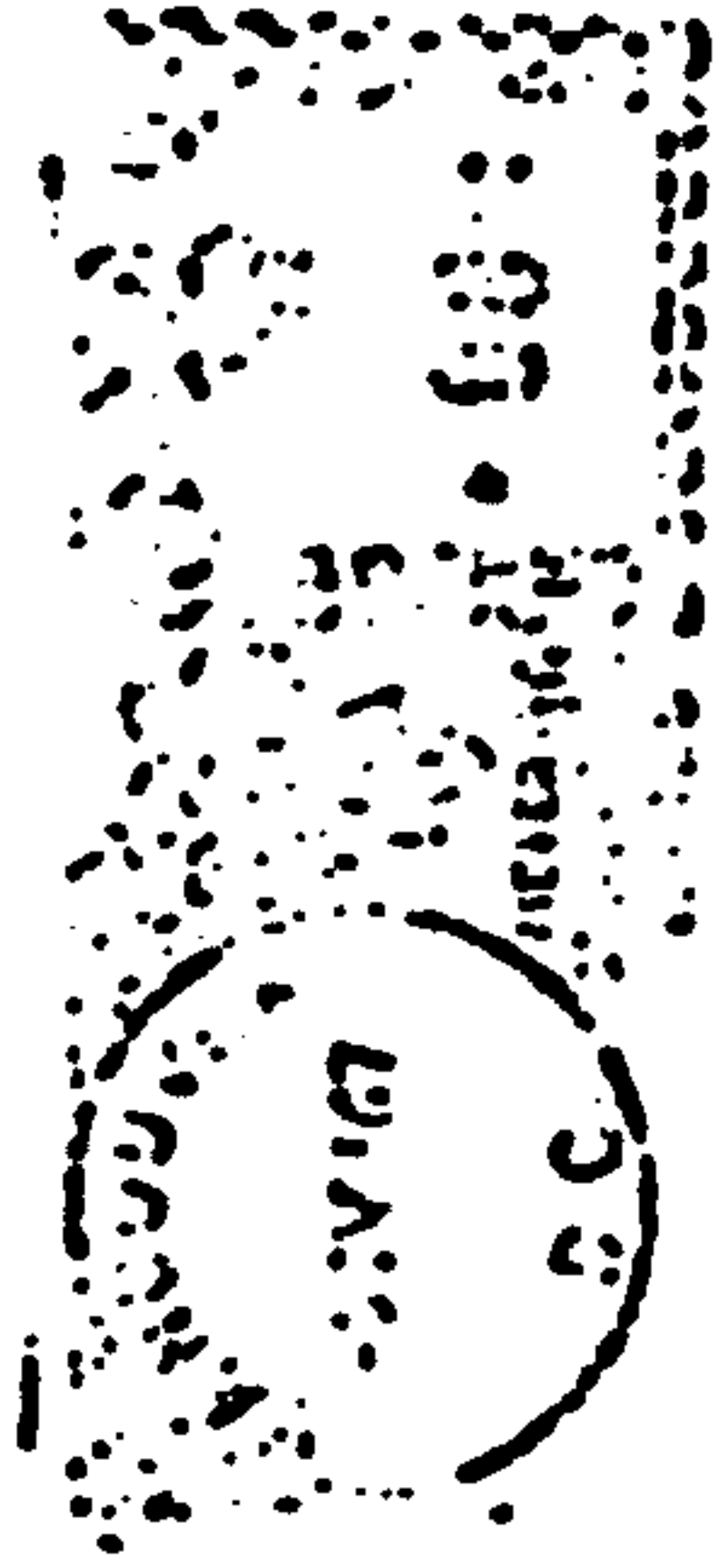
Yours truly,



Trevor Lautens.

TL: jb

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- 1 - Mr. C. D. Loach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
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- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: April 7, 1967

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan

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

*Handwritten notes:*  
 6-Reference  
 [Signature]

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize information received from a Canadian newspaperman and to recommend acknowledgment of his letter and that a copy of it be forwarded to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), in view of the contents of the letter.

By letter dated April 3, 1967, Mr. Trevor Lautens, an editor and columnist with the "Vancouver Sun," Vancouver, Canada, furnished us information he received from an unknown woman who claimed to have past contact with an individual arrested in connection with the investigation in New Orleans being conducted by James C. Garrison. The unknown woman claimed that she recognized one of two individuals recently arrested as being identical to an individual she saw on board ship in 1965. She named the individual arrested as "Mario Gracias." No individual named Gracias has been arrested by Garrison nor has his name come up in the investigation being conducted by Garrison.

Mr. Lautens noted that he had seen a news report that Sergio Archacha Smith had been arrested by Mr. Garrison's office in New Orleans in connection with a theft of munitions and he feels it is possible the unknown woman confused the name of Smith with "Mario Gracias."

In his letter, Mr. Lautens further reports that his unknown female source claims she received information from a Miss Dorothy Whitty to the effect that the CIA was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. Miss Whitty allegedly claimed that Whitty was not her real name. Whitty also claimed that she was formerly associated with CIA.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
62-109060

According to Mr. Lautens, the unknown contact was very "wrought" in her conversation with him on the telephone and he feels she was probably neurotic. He advised he was furnishing this information to us for any possible value.

A check of our files disclosed no information identifiable with Trevor Lautens, Mario Gracias or Miss Dorothy Whitty.

ACTION:

1. Attached is a letter to Mr. Lautens acknowledging receipt of his letter of April 3, 1967.

2. Attached is a letter to CIA furnishing CIA a copy of Mr. Lautens' letter and requesting CIA's comments, observations and evaluation of Mr. Lautens' letter.

3. Attached is a letter to the Attorney General furnishing a copy of Mr. Lautens' letter and noting that we had furnished a copy of it to CIA and had requested CIA to furnish its comments, observations and evaluation of the letter.

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- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
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April 10, 1967

The Attorney General

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Director, FBI  
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- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Liaison
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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter which was directed to this Bureau by Mr. Trevor Lautens of Vancouver, Canada. We have furnished a copy of Mr. Lautens' letter to the Central Intelligence Agency and have requested to be furnished comments, observations and evaluation of Mr. Lautens' letter by the Central Intelligence Agency.

A check of our files disclosed no information identifiable with Trevor Lautens, Mario Gracias or Miss Dorothy Whitty.

Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr. (Enclosure)  
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. (Enclosure)  
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley (Enclosure)  
Assistant Attorney General

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NOTE: See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan dated 4/7/67 captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas," prepared by REL:as.

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- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan

(S) 62-109060

Date: April 10, 1967

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

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

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter which was directed to this Bureau by Mr. Trevor Lautens of Vancouver, Canada. Also enclosed is a copy of our reply to Mr. Lautens.

A check of our files disclosed no information identifiable with Trevor Lautens, Mario Gracias or Miss Dorothy Whitty.

We would appreciate your comments, observations and evaluation of the data set forth in Mr. Lautens' letter.

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NOTE:

See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan dated 4/7/67 captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas," prepared by REL:as.

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1 - Mr. Lenihan

SAC, New York (89-75)

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Director, FBI (109060)

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

Reurairtel in captioned matter which enclosed to the Bureau two copies of a letterhead memorandum dated March 22, 1967, which set forth information received from [redacted] regarding the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

The Bureau has discussed contents of your letterhead memorandum with the Central Intelligence Agency in accordance with current procedures for handling such information and there is attached a copy of a letterhead memorandum which was prepared at Seat of Government which made minor revisions in the memorandum prepared by your office.

The Bureau has also classified the enclosed memorandum "Secret" on the basis that this information came from [redacted] a highly sensitive source, and that unauthorized disclosure of this information could cause serious damage to the internal security of this country.

For your added information, a copy of this memorandum was disseminated by the Bureau to the State Department, United States Secret Service and also to the Department of Justice.

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NOTE: See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan dated 4/4/67 which approved dissemination of this data to the Department, Secret Service and State Department.

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1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Lenihan

(S) 62-109060

BY LIAISON

Date: April 10, 1967

To: Director  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

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

*4-11-67  
initials*

Reference is made to previous communications which we have furnished to you in captioned matter.

[REDACTED]

*John F.*  
It is requested that this data receive no further dissemination by the recipients of this communication without prior reference to this Bureau.

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1 - Director, U. S. Secret Service (Enclosure) (BY LIAISON)

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 3, 1967

FROM : R. E. Wick

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

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my office today and said he had information he wanted to pass along regarding Garrison's investigation in New Orleans. Although we have stayed away from [REDACTED] it was felt we should hear what he had to say and Leinbaugh in my office talked to him.

[REDACTED] **STORY ON GARRISON:**

[REDACTED] decided a couple of weeks ago that he should go down to New Orleans [REDACTED] Garrison's investigation of the assassination. [REDACTED] said he was given this assignment inasmuch as he [REDACTED] and it was felt Garrison trusted him. [REDACTED] pointed out that his article will completely discount [Garrison's entire investigation.]

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[REDACTED] reported that he arrived in New Orleans right during the middle of Garrison's investigation, that he had considerable trouble getting in touch with him, but finally made contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he felt quite positive in his own mind that Garrison was leveling with him and that he felt Garrison was being completely candid.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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Wick to DeLoach Memo, 4/3/67  
RE: Assassination of President Kennedy

GARRISON'S THEORY OF THE ASSASSINATION:

According to [redacted] Garrison had become obsessed with the assassination and the Warren Report. He apparently has read the report from cover to cover and he told [redacted] that he flew to New York once with Senator Long from Louisiana and Long expressed doubts regarding the authenticity of the Warren Report.

[redacted] said it was almost impossible to carry on a rational interview with Garrison. He would quiz him about aspects of the New Orleans investigation and Garrison was unable to stay on the subject for more than a minute or two and then would wander off and start "damning" the Warren Report. [redacted] said his reaction is that Garrison is no doubt sincere in his belief the assassination was hatched in New Orleans. He said Garrison, however, is completely disorganized, impulsive and obviously knows nothing about running an investigation.

As best as he could tell, [redacted] thinks Garrison's thesis boils down to the fact that the masterminds behind the assassination were David Ferrie and Clay Shaw. He described these two men as brilliant homosexuals and feels they planned the assassination for "kicks." Garrison thinks Oswald was the "decoy" and the "fall guy."

[redacted]

It is pertinent to note that [redacted] Russo claims that he had only seen Clay Shaw on two occasions--both briefly. Russo also claimed [redacted] that Lee Harvey Oswald was the person whom he knew as Ferrie's roommate, and he mentioned the possibility that four people in Ferrie's Civil Air Patrol Unit would be able to name Oswald as Ferrie's roommate. [redacted] It is interesting to note that Russo suggested that he be hypnotized so he might have total recall on names, places and dates.



Wick to DeLoach Memo, 4/3/67  
RE: Assassination of President Kennedy

INTERVIEW OF SCIAMBRA:

talked with Garrison's investigator, Andrew J. Sciambra. he described Sciambra as a young oddball, 31 years old who had just received his law degree. quizzed Sciambra regarding the inconsistencies in Russo's written statement as contrasted to what Russo testified to at Clay Shaw's trial. Sciambra was unable to resolve the inconsistencies and when asked him about his original notes taken when he interviewed Russo, Sciambra said he had burned them. It was opinion that Sciambra was completely untrained and knew nothing about investigative matters.

EXAMINATION OF RUSSO UNDER HYPNOSIS BY DR. FATTER:

said that he questioned Garrison and Sciambra regarding Dr. Fatter's examination of Russo under hypnosis. said he elicited information which indicated that Dr. Fatter led Russo along, suggested answers to him, and that the whole session was a complete farce. said he is convinced in his own mind that Russo gave the story of a secret meeting in Ferrie's room under post-hypnotic suggestion. added that as far as he was concerned, it was like a hypnotist telling a subject to bark like a dog while under hypnotic trance. He was of the opinion that Fatter was a charlatan through and through.

CONCLUSIONS:

After spending considerable time with Garrison, said he had reached the definite conclusion that Garrison's whole investigation was farcical and he characterized Garrison's actions as a "goddamned atrocity." said he told Garrison before leaving New Orleans that he was going to write his story and knock down Garrison's contentions. added that this disturbed Garrison and disappointed him; however, on the whole, he took the matter rather philosophically.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be furnished the Domestic Intelligence Division for information. identity should be protected, and it should be noted that this information was received on a highly confidential basis and should be closely held.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
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1 - Mr. Branigan  
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The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend dissemination to the White House and to the Attorney General of data that was furnished by [redacted] who furnished information to Special Agent H. P. Leinbaugh on a highly confidential basis (memorandum Mr. Wick to Mr. DeLoach dated 4-3-67).

[redacted] indicated he had been in contact with New Orleans District Attorney Garrison [redacted] and reached the conclusion that Garrison's whole investigation was farcical. He characterized Garrison's actions as an atrocity.

He indicated he desired the material closely held by the Bureau, but that he had no objection if we gave it to the President and the Attorney General. [redacted] requested his identity be protected in disseminating the material outside the Bureau.

ACTION:

Attached are letters to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House and to the Attorney General, transmitting to each a memorandum summarizing data we received from [redacted]

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are newspaper articles concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY.

Also enclosed for Dallas and Miami are one copy each of these newspaper articles.

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# Andrews Asks Court Void Charge

Attorneys for Dean A. Andrews Jr. went back into court today in an attempt to have the perjury indictment against him dismissed.

A hearing was scheduled before Criminal District Judge Frank Shea on a motion to quash the indictment.

In the motion, defense attorney Sam Monk Zelden argued that the indictment was defective on the grounds that it does not specify the alleged falsehood in Andrews' testimony before the grand jury which would make him guilty of perjury.

ANDREWS, UNDER suspension as an assistant district attorney in Jefferson Parish, was indicted on a perjury charge March 16 after testifying in connection with Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

At his arraignment March 22, Andrews pleaded not guilty to the perjury charge.

The nature of Andrews' testimony before the grand jury was not revealed. His connection with the Kennedy probe is that he testified before the Warren Commission that a man named "Clay Bertrand" approached him after the President was shot in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963, and asked him to defend Lee Harvey Oswald, then accused of the killing.

GARRISON HAS charged that Bertrand is an alias for Clay L. Shaw, who is under indictment for criminal conspiracy in the Kennedy murder. Shaw denies this, and Andrews says he is unable to say whether they are the same.

In a major development in the probe yesterday, a subpoena was issued for the military records of Shaw.

A Garrison spokesman said the subpoena was sent by registered mail to William J. Driver, administrator of Veterans Affairs, to have Shaw's file ready to be produced in Criminal District Court April 24. Shaw was an Army major in World War II.

AN AFFIDAVIT filed by Assistant DA Andrew J. Sciambra said, "The district attorney is conducting an investigation into the background of the defendant, including, but not limited to, his affiliation with the United States armed forces, his duties at that time, his whereabouts during that time, his family connections, his date of birth and his general service and medical record."

Sciambra said the office is interested only in the records, and Driver does not have to appear personally. He said the April 24 date was set to allow "reasonable time" for finding the records.

EARLIER YESTERDAY, Layton Patrick Martens, 24, a student at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, posted a \$2,500 bond on another perjury indictment in the case, this one against himself.

Testimony cited by the grand jury in making the perjury charge against Martens apparently did not directly involve the Kennedy probe, but centered mainly on a 1961 burglary.

However, Martens looks as an important figure in Shaw's trial. He told newsmen he lived at the apartment of David William Ferrie for a period in 1963 and never saw Oswald or Shaw in the apartment.

Garrison contends that Shaw and Oswald met with Ferrie in September, 1963, and discussed assassination plans.

SHAW SAYS he never knew Oswald or Ferrie, who was found dead here Feb. 22.

Martens denied yesterday that he perjured himself in his testimony before the grand jury March 29.

The indictment charges he perjured himself in testimony concerning Gordon Novel and Sergio Archaca Smith, which was in answer to questions put by Garrison.

He said he took a lie detector test in Garrison's office in December and that the investigators told him they were satisfied he was telling the truth.

THE SURETY FOR Martens' bond was provided by his 81-year-old grandfather, James Smith, 908 Joseph. The case was allotted to Criminal District Court Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp.

The questions put to Martens concerned Novel, until recently a night club owner here, and Archaca, an anti-Castro leader here during 1961.

The DA's office has had both arrested on an affidavit charging that they conspired with Ferrie in August, 1961, to burglarize a munitions bunker in Houma.

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## JFK, Oswald, Ruby Items Auctioned

NEW YORK (AP) — The names of John F. Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby figured prominently in an autograph auction last night.

Among 300 items sold for a total of \$56,000 by Charles Hamilton Autographs Inc. were two letters by the late President, one by his alleged assassin, Oswald, to his mother from Russia, and sketches made by Oswald's killer, Ruby, in the Dallas County Jail.

A Kennedy letter dated April 2, 1957, that said "The most direct American influence against communism is . . . personal demonstration by Americans of adherence to democratic ideals," went to the Carnegie Book Shop here for \$525.

A letter written by him the same year about having "fought long and hard for a good civil rights bill" and addressed to a Negro editor, Alfred Jarrette, was sold for \$250 to Walter R. Benjamin, a New York autograph dealer.

The Oswald letter was sold to Maury Bromsen, a Bronx dealer, for \$1,200.

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# Novel Denies Taking Part in Munitions Theft

By JACK DEMPSEY

Fugitive witness Gordon Novel asserted today he was "nowhere near" a Houma munitions bunker which he is charged with burglarizing in 1961.

Sought as a material witness in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy murder plot investigation, Novel twice has been accused in the mysterious explosives theft.

From Columbus, Ohio, where he is fighting extradition, the 29-year-old former tavern owner told The States-Item this morning:

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### Rejects Gordon Novel's Offer to Return

The District Attorney's office, which describes Gordon Novel as an important material witness in its assassination conspiracy probe, turned down his conditional offer to return to New Orleans voluntarily Friday.

Novel, free on bond in Columbus, Ohio, where DA Jim Garrison had him arrested on a conspiracy - to - commit-simple burglary charge, made the offer—with many conditions attached—at a news conference during which he also said:

—That his card naming him a brigadier general on the staff of Gov. John J. McKeithen is legitimate, and was given to him when he worked for the governor in 1965 and 1966.

—That he knows "absolutely nothing" about any conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

#### IMMUNITY SOUGHT

Strings attached to Novel's offer to return included immunity from prosecution on the 1961 burglary charge.

Meanwhile in New Orleans, a hearing on a motion to quash the perjury indictment of attorney Dean Andrews was postponed at the request of the state. The indictment charges Andrews perjured himself before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in assassination conspiracy investigation testimony.

In Baton Rouge, Col. Thomas Burbank, superintendent of state police, announced that two of his officers had helped District Attorney Jim Garrison in his investigation about a month ago.

#### CHECKING RECORDS

"He wanted to check some records in the Bureau of Identification," Burbank said. The officers did the checking in Baton Rouge and delivered

certain records to Garrison's office in New Orleans, he said. Burbank said he did not inquire about the names of the persons checked.

Novel also said he would insist on being questioned by the grand jury without Garrison's presence.

"I would like to go back and testify to a grand jury that isn't loaded," he said. He maintained that the body is "composed of some of his (Garrison's) best friends."

Another Novel request was immunity from any "further charges, intimidation and harassment." He also asked to be allowed to return to Ohio after testifying.

#### WILL WIRE FOREMAN

Jerry Weiner, Novel's Columbus attorney, said he would telegraph the same conditions to the foreman of the grand jury.

Novel also wants the same conditions to apply to other state officials. Terrebonne Parish authorities have charged him and Sergio Archacha Smith with the burglary of a munitions bunker of Slumberger Well Service near Houma in August of 1961.

Novel, awaiting extradition action by Garrison, added that he knows "absolutely nothing" about any conspiracy to assassinate Kennedy.

One reaction to Novel's offer was from Assistant DA James L. Alcock: "He's not going to dictate conditions to us. He's not in a dictating position."

"Mr. Novel is a fugitive from justice, and we're going to get him back on our own conditions."

John McElroy, chief assistant to Ohio Governor James H. Rhodes, said earlier this week that Louisiana has not returned to Ohio a man, Eugene Woods, arrested in the New Orleans area on an Ohio charge of larceny by trick. He said he didn't know if a trade for Novel would be involved.

Jefferson records reveal that a Eugene H. Woods was arrested as a fugitive from Ohio, where he is wanted for larceny by trick. Woods' attorney, John F. Rau Jr., said he has filed a motion to suppress the Ohio indictment on the grounds it resulted from an illegal search.

#### GENERAL'S CARD

Novel said that he worked for Gov. McKeithen during a political campaign in 1965 and 1966 and that his brigadier general's card bears the governor's signature and is dated Aug. 10, 1965.

Novel said he was part of a campaign surveillance staff, and that he was McKeithen's "chief confidant."

Novel said he manufactures electronic "bugging" equipment, but would not comment on whether he had tapped any wires for the governor.

McKeithen was involved in a campaign for a constitutional amendment permitting him to succeed himself in office.

McKeithen's denial that a general's card was issued to him "just isn't true," Novel said.

Col. Burbank said there was a tip "from a reliable source" in 1965 that electronic eavesdropping equipment would be used to "bug" the governor's office.

A spokesman for Gov. McKeithen confirmed that a firm which Novel headed supplied "anti-bugging" equipment to the governor's office in 1965.

The first action at Andrew's hearing Friday morning was a request by the defendant that his name be placed on record as an attorney representing himself, along with his regular attorney, Sam "Monk" Zelden.

#### CONTINUANCE ASKED

After this was granted by Criminal District Judge Frank J. Shea, assistant DA Alcock said, "Your honor, the state

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...for a continuance of one week of this hearing."

Zelden jumped to his feet protesting that due to the "unusual circumstances connected with the defendant" it would be to Andrew's disadvantage to delay the case.

Alcock cited the 73 pages of grand jury testimony and said "the state would like a little more time to study the situation."

Judge Shea said, "I can't see how one week is going to change anything that much," and added that Andrews is getting an exceptionally fast hearing.

#### NEW MOTIONS FILED

Zelden later filed four new motions. One of them asked the judge to extend the time for filing special pleadings until May 1, on the grounds that the defense has not been furnished with a list of witnesses, nor with the entire transcript of Grand Jury testimony.

The motion further contends that the indictment does not contain the pertinent provision to the section of the criminal code allegedly violated.

Another motion is for an order permitting grand jurors to go into court and disclose the testimony alleged to be perjurious.

A third motion asked for a copy of testimony for Andrews. The fourth was similar, but was filed for technical legal reasons.



—Photo by The Times-Picayune.  
DEAN A. ANDREWS JR. (left) and his attorney, Monk Zelden, leave the Criminal District Courts Building Friday after obtaining postponement of one week a hearing on a motion to dismiss a perjury charge against Andrews. Judge Frank Shea granted the postponement.



—AP WIREPHOTO.  
GORDON NOVEL displays a "Louisiana brigadier general's card" he possesses, even though Louisiana officials insist it is not legitimate. Novel and his Columbus, Ohio, lawyer, Jerry Weiner, met newsmen Friday in Columbus to say that Novel will return voluntarily to New Orleans for questioning in an investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy if he is granted immunity from prosecution and if several other conditions are met.



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# Order 'Plot' Probe Woman Returned

Criminal District Judge Bernard J. Bagert today signed an order requiring Sandra Moffett, McMaines, a witness in the probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, to return to New Orleans.

Mrs. McMaines was arrested earlier in Omaha, where she now lives, and placed under bond as a material witness. Today's order clears the way for her return under Louisiana's extradition agreement with Nebraska.

THE WOMAN, who lived in New Orleans in the early 1960's when she was named Sandra Moffett, has denied that she attended a party at the apartment of David William Ferrie which is a key point in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's bid to prove that there was a New Orleans-based conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

Garrison contends that the plot was discussed at this party in September, 1963. In another development in the probe today, arraignment proceedings for Layton Patrick Martens on a perjury charge were set for Friday in the court of Criminal District Judge Oliver P. Schulinger.

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"Fifth, the latest story given to the press is that he now has witnesses who will testify he was nowhere near the bunker that was burglarized.

"In his press releases, Novel refers only to the Orleans Parish charges and makes no reference to the Terrebonne Parish charge."

NOVEL FACES Orleans Parish charges of conspiracy to commit burglary, and Terrebonne charges of simple burglary of the munitions bunker.

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## DA's Backlog of Cases

The disclosure that bills of information have not been filed in 300 cases that already have come before the committing magistrate, many as far back as January, has raised the question of whether the district attorney's office is capable of conducting on its own a presidential assassination investigation and at the same time seeing that justice is done elsewhere.

Senior Criminal District Court Judge Bernard J. Bagert raised the question himself when he declared that District Attorney Jim Garrison ought to hire additional personnel if other cases are being left to languish because of his widely publicized assassination probe.

Only last week, it was revealed that the backlog of cases in the district attorneys' office was contributing significantly to overcrowded conditions at Parish Prison. So overcrowded are prison facilities, in fact, that some 300 inmates regularly go unguarded.

Interestingly enough, the log jam of cases, which indirectly prompted Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. to throw out seven cases two weeks ago, coincides with Mr. Garrison's investigation during the months of January, February and March into the alleged assassination conspiracy involving New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw.

A check of the records shows that the district attorney docketed 257 fewer cases during those months than for the same months in 1966, 436 fewer than for the same period in 1965 and 453 fewer than in 1964.

We agree with Judge Bagert that the district attorney should not let the assassination investigation interfere with the normal operations of his office to the extent that the right of justice is not preserved for all.

For certainly the cause of justice is not served when the wheels of prosecution grind to a virtual halt.

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## TERSE ANSWER SENT TO NOVEL

### 'Conditions Impossible' Is Telegram Wording

Telegrams made the news Saturday in District Atty. Jim Garrison's probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Orleans Parish Grand Jury foreman Albert V. LaBiche Jr. fired off a terse telegram to probe figure Gordon Novel's Columbus, Ohio, attorney, Jerry Weiner. It read simply: "Conditions Impossible."

The telegram referred to Novel's volunteering to return to New Orleans if he were given immunity from prosecution.

An assistant district attorney said Friday that Novel is in no position to bargain and that "we will get him back here on our own conditions."

Garrison's office worked on just that Saturday, assistant district atty. James Alcock said. The office was working on extradition papers to have Novel returned to New Orleans.

A second telegram ~~was~~ ~~sent~~ ~~to~~ ~~him~~. The telegram came from the Gahanna, Ohio, police department. Gahanna is a suburb of Columbus, Ohio.

"Mr. Novel was within Municipal Court April 3, 1967, and was released on \$10,000 bond. He is fighting extradition, and it is our hope that you will get your necessary extradition papers started."

The telegram was signed by Gahanna police Chief Robert F. Brandon and Det. Robert Kelley, assigned to the Novel matter.

The Times-Picayune was unsuccessful in obtaining any comment from the district attorney's office about the fact that more than 300 cases which have been before the magistrate court since January have not had bills of information filed on them.

First Assistant District Atty. Charles R. Ward said Friday that he could not get an immediate comment on the story.

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# ORDER N.O. RETURN OF RUSSO'S EX-GIRL

Sandra Moffett McMaines was ordered returned to New Orleans today to tell grand jurors what she knows about an alleged plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Judge Bernard J. Bagert signed a certificate of attendance, asking Nebraska courts to compel the former New Orleans party girl to appear here April 18, 19 and 20.

The judge's order noted that Mrs. McMaines, who lives now in Omaha, has admitted knowing Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's star witness, Perry Raymond Russo of Baton Rouge.

She was arrested earlier on a material witness warrant issued by Garrison's office and is free under bond. Mrs. McMaines, who told newsmen she was once in love with Russo, has said she would return to testify "because I don't have anything to hide."

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1963 when Russo claims Kennedy's death was plotted by retired businessman Clay L. Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and the late David W. Ferrie, a New Orleans pilot.

Court attaches here said Judge Bagert's order made Mrs. McMains' return to New Orleans virtually automatic. Both Louisiana and Nebraska have adopted a uniform code which compels material witnesses to appear before competent courts and other legal bodies.

The certificate of attendance guarantees the woman against arrest in Louisiana or other states through which she may travel. A check for \$246 was ordered drawn to pay her travel and lodging expenses.

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JUDGE SCHULINKAMP SAID HE WOULD NOT follow the precedent of Judge Edward A. Haggerty and establish formal guidelines of conduct in Martens' case.

"I am willing to rely on the word of counsel that they won't make any extrajudicial pronouncements on the matter of guilt or innocence, or other part of the case," the jurist said.

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"I can't say now because of our timing. However, you can look for things to happen Wednesday which will make the picture clearer."

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By HOKE MAY

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The specialized electronics gear was obtained from a firm headed by a fugitive witness from Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy assassination plot investigation.

THAT IS what put reporters on the story of electronic eavesdropping in the councils of state.

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So reliable, in fact, that the

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"We weren't told the purpose behind the bugging attempt," Col. Burbank explained. "The governor's office is important. There are a lot of people who might want to listen in."

"In fact," the police official added, "it's happened in a couple of other administrations. They wanted to bug Mr. Earl and some others."

"MR. EARL" was the late Gov. Earl K. Long.

Burbank, who has been with the state police for 26 years, said the science of electronic snooping is becoming a No. 1 subject in the curriculum of security work.

"We can pretty much control the static stuff where you have a transmitter which needs a source of electricity," he said.

Physical searches and detection devices which pick up noise feedbacks from concealed transmitters are employed to ferret out hidden microphones.

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THAT WAS the reason for the noisemaking jammer set up in McKeithen's office shortly after the 1965 fiscal session of the Legislature.

It creates a high cycle of sound. When the tape is played back, whatever has been recorded is jammed by an ear-splitting whine.

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## Subpena to Be Served on Veteran's Official

By ROBERT USSERY

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ON APRIL 24

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In his statement to newsmen outside the clerk of court office, Martens said:

"In the course of this investigation I have been questioned extensively about minute details of events which occurred any-

where from three to eight years ago.

"To the very best of my ability, all questions have been answered truthfully. This allegation in the indictment that I testified untruthfully is, in itself untrue."

### SMILES FREQUENTLY

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He told newsmen that he took a lie detector test at Garrison's request in December. His statement continued:

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Novel was president of Electronic Systems International

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The writer of the letter has not been advised of this reference; in fact, receipt of the letter has not been acknowledged.

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DANTE B. FASCELL

March 5, 1967

Dear Rep. Fascell,

It is three oclock in the morning and I have just returned from my job as a waiter. During the whole work evening I kept thinking of mention of your fight against the Mafia in Victor Ries column in the March 4th World Journal Telegram. Every time I lifted a tray of dishes the pain my broken shoulder put me back thinking about your work.

My shoulder was broken by the Mafia who apparently thought I was getting too close to exposing their operations. Although I can accept the price one has to pay, like Victor Riesel whom I never met, blindness and my pain is the salt in the wound that drives one forward.

Without getting into detail the whole base of the syndicate is narcotics with gambling coming up a close second. In 1951 while in Red China I saw 1000 long tons of opium in North China which I was told was aimed at the U. S. market. I was given the whole plan by Red Chinese who thought I might have become their link with the criminal syndicate. Most of this was duely reported after I escaped their political prison and arrived in Hong Kong. Over the years I have fought to get these matters investigated with limited success. We have a "teapot" dome in the making as I believe that the Mafia has gotten inside our government. More on that when and if you react to this letter.

The inroads of the Mafia into U. S. business is unbelievable. Mafia controlled elements own several hundred large buildings in New York City including interest in the Empire State building. In their narcotics operations they have infiltrated several of the intelligence foundations (recently exposed in the press) One off example is the Parvin Foundation which operates a training program at Princeton University for special applicants from underdeveloped nations. The Parvin Foundation of Los Angeles is fed profits from the Parvin Dohrman Corporation which is a restaurant supply operation which from 1961 obtained profits from Las Vegas gambling operations sales. They acquired the Fremont gambling operation with Edward Levinson and others of this caliber involved. Mr. Bobby Baker moved into this twilight zone in attempting to replace the gambling revenue lost when Cuba fell. Other Funds were used to approach Castro for narcotics and gambling rights. Publicist Tex McCrary who now operates in the Bahamas and who outogized Castro's bloody trials over radio some years ago is also involved.

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Intel. Once facilities were used } contact Castro  
to feel him out regarding massive narcotics and gambling rights  
by person who weave in and out of this frightening story.  
Another development indicates that in addition to narcotics,  
gun running and intervention in the Cuban revolution we have  
"frame ups, murder" and finally a fantastic cover up of all  
that transpired. A number of those involved move in and out  
of the tensions that came after " Bay of Pigs " and are at  
the apex of the investigation being conducted by District  
Attorney James Garrison in New Orleans. Unfortunately or  
fortunately I had his story several years ago. I am not  
primarily interested in breaking the assassination story but  
I am interested in focusing the material available to finally  
cripple the Mafia. I believe that the time is right notwithstand  
the need to move slowly and cautiously. There is little  
question in my mind that Jack Ruby was involved intimately in  
matters close to the criminal syndicate. A Warren Commission  
witness who was sadly neglected told of a meeting which was  
attended by Vito Genovese's son Tony. The witness does not  
know the identity of the others at these meetings. I have the  
answers and the witness wants to talk for money which I am  
trying to raise as I feel it is important.

During my over ten years of research into narcotics and  
criminal syndicate operations I have noted that the lines of  
operations move into every area of American life. A PRIME  
INFORMANT recently developed in my contacting a writer who  
has over twelve hours of tapes and statements from gangster  
Mickey Cohen which I feel is strong enough to force a break in  
U. S. public opinion regarding the Mafia and its long overdue  
denouement. There are some big people involved and Cohen has  
enough on the Mafia to really bring in a big one! I do not  
control this material but have been interested in its ties to  
narcotics, gambling and whatever relates to Garrison's work  
in Louisiana. My associate has been trying to sell this  
material to a publisher to no avail and has been beaten up  
several times. He was recently asked me if I could get him a  
gun which obviously I cannot. He has a small child as I have  
a four year old son and we are very vulnerable. But we both  
are mad and are fighters so we will keep fighting! I am meeting  
with him at the end of the week to see what can be done with the  
material to make it useful. I feel that it represents a breakthr.  
and I am endeavoring to get a friend at Life to publish it but  
would like to capsulize it for your possible use.

I have been a film producer and am a keen student of  
publicity in its sociological context and I feel that material  
is available which could possibly shock an apathetic public.  
For reasons which are quite obvious I would like this contact  
to remain confidential. If you are interested I will send you  
a flow of documentation to support the above.

I fought the war in some of the same places as you did  
and am dedicated to KILLING the MAFIA....for my four year old  
son. Gods' speed in your work.

Respectfully,

SAC, New York (62-0)

4/4/67

Director, FBI (64-43304)

**DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE AND ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION INFORMATION CONCERNING**

There are enclosed herewith two Xerox copies of a letter received from Fred H. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, of the Department dated 3/20/67. Also enclosed are two Xerox copies of letter of 3/20/67 to the Attorney General from Dante B. Fascoll, a member of the United States House of Representatives, which enclosed to the Department a copy of a letter dated 3/5/67 received by the representative from [redacted]

As you will note, [redacted] claims knowledge of a multiplicity of matters, all of which are of considerable public interest and have been explored extensively in the newspapers and other news media.

A review of Bureau files shows that [redacted] is quite likely unreliable and possibly emotionally unstable and from information available at the Bureau it does not appear that any useful purpose would be served by interviewing him. If you agree with this conclusion, there is no need to interview him at this time.

In order that the Department will be aware of [redacted] background, who is a chronic complainant, you should prepare an appropriate letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the Department on [redacted]. The letterhead memorandum should reach the Bureau within ten days of the date of this communication.

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Date: 3/22/67

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

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (89-75)

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

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies and for Dallas two copies of a LHM, setting forth information concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY and observations regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD as furnished by [redacted] on January 17, 1967 and January 29, 1967 to SA JOELL R. NESS and [redacted] of the Central Intelligence Agency.

[redacted] is the confidential informant described in the LHM.

The LHM is classified "Confidential" since it reflects information from a highly sensitive source and the disclosure of such information could possibly jeopardize the security of this source.

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Special Agent in Charge

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There should be no dissemination of the contents of the enclosed LHM from [redacted] outside the Bureau without Bureau authorization.

CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED IN HANDLING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [redacted] AND NO ACTION TAKEN WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY OF THIS HIGHLY SENSITIVE INFORMANT.



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April 3, 1967.

*Ryan*

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Pennsylvania Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am a page editor and columnist with The Sun. Last Friday, March 31, I received a call on the Editorial Pages Department phone from a woman who clearly was upset and who asked to speak to someone "tolerant and understanding". She did not know to whom she was speaking until after she had told the following story, so obviously this was not some kind of gag directed at me.

She said that on television news that night, she had learned that two men had been arrested in connection with James Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination. She said a slide was shown of one of them, and that she recognized him. She said his name was given as Mario Gracias. I see from the AP and UPI wire that a Sergio Archacha Smith has been charged by Mr. Garrison's office in New Orleans with conspiracy to steal munitions. It's possible that she was so upset -- she certainly seemed genuinely upset -- that she got the name badly confused.

She said that she had seen the man she called Gracias on the liner Cristoforo Colombo in 1965, and that he called himself Pablo. She couldn't remember his last name. She said he was with another man named Michael, who had some kind of Irish surname.

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She said that she, a man with whom she apparently had been travelling, Pablo, Michael and a woman shared a table in the dining room during the trip, which she states began about October 28, 1965 from New York and concluded in Trieste on November 14, 1965.

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She said that the woman at the table called herself (Miss) Dorothy Whitty, but explained to her (my caller) that that was not her real name. |

She said Miss Whitty claimed the two men, Pablo and Michael, were Central Intelligence Agency members and that they were following her. She also said they were homosexuals.

She said that she had been employed by the CIA as a secretary to a highly-placed official and that while in the CIA's employ she had stumbled unwittingly on the information that the CIA had carried out the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

She claimed that Miss Whitty was terribly upset and apparently in fear for her life. She said Miss Whitty took her to her stateroom and showed her a great many documents that were clearly marked Central Intelligence Agency.

My caller was not very articulate about explaining the motive attributed to the CIA by Miss Whitty, but it was to the general effect that highly-placed and wealthy people in the United States were behind it, and feared that the president was helping the "common people" too much.

Miss Whitty had impressed on my caller that she had told no one of this but seemed to think that she must tell someone about it because she was in danger.

Miss Whitty said, so my caller related, that it was important for her to get to Vienna to relay information she had to someone there, because there was some kind of international conference going on there at that time.

My caller gave a very vague description of Miss Whitty. She said she was aged about 34 to 39, spinsterish-looking, ordinary in appearance, wore good but plain clothes, and had a slim figure -- slim, she said, in the wrong places.

She said Miss Whitty got off the ship (after it had touched at Lisbon, Naples, Palermo, Messina and Genoa) at Venice and that she had been upset and tearful on parting. My caller disembarked at Trieste and after a few weeks in Italy returned to Vancouver.



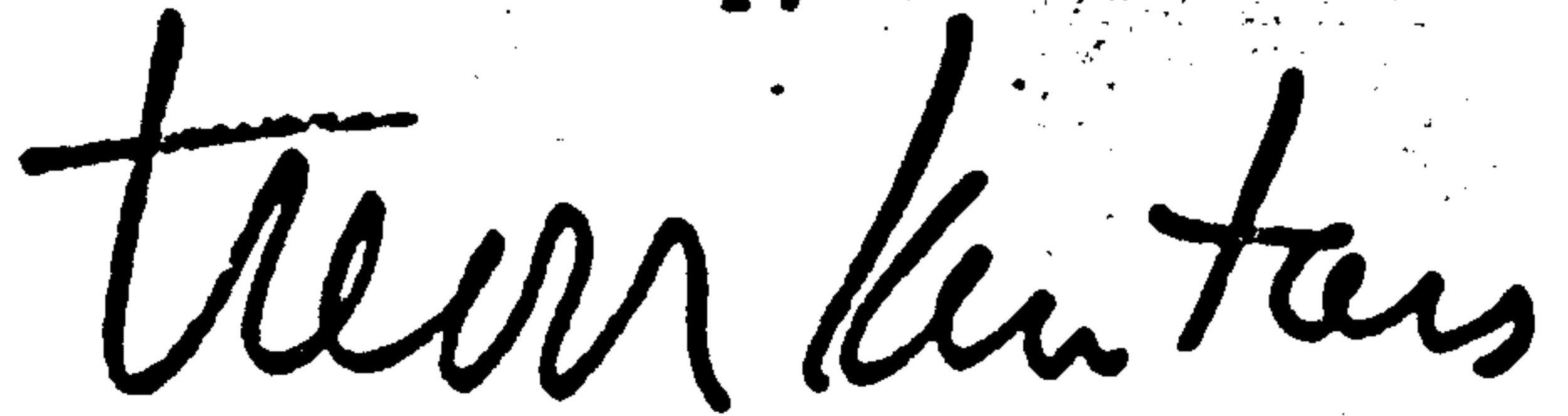
My caller seemed to be very wrought and probably neurotic. Judging from what little she told me of her background, she has had an unstable life, including an unhappy marriage and divorce in New Zealand. She has now remarried.

She said she did not want her name revealed in connection with this incident, which she agreed was a bizarre one, and when I suggested that she talk to our items columnist she declined, saying she only wanted to give the information she had in case it would somehow be of use in the investigation of the president's assassination.

No one would be more surprised than I if this story was of any worth to you in your investigation, and of course you must have had thousands of similar stories passed on to you in the wave of hysteria following the president's assassination. However, I agreed to pass this information on to the authorities.

I don't know my caller's name but we have arranged to get in touch through The Sun's personal columns if I hear anything of importance from you.

Yours truly,



Trevor Lautens.

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