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File No.

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

On March 27, 1967, Mr. Tee Dent Ponder, Staffer, United Press International (UPI), Atlanta, Georgia, advised at 9:20 p.m. he answered the telephone at UPI Office and the operator said she had a call for anyone concerning the Jim Garrison investigation, New Orleans.

Mr. Tee Dent Ponder stated he asked for caller's name and the male voice stated "No, I am not going to give my name." Ponder inquired from caller what information he had and the caller answered "Kennedy assassination was not through Jim Garrison or none of the people he has down there. President Kennedy was killed through the La Cosa Nostra. It was hired but not by Clay Shaw but by the La Cosa Nostra." The caller stated Shaw is a member of the La Cosa Nostra but was not involved in the assassination of Kennedy. The caller stated "Clay Shaw never had nothing to do with it." The caller said "Jim Garrison is strictly a liar and is tied up with the La Cosa Nostra." Ponder asked the caller if Garrison was in the La Cosa Nostra. The caller stated "That's right. He has been tied up with the La Cosa Nostra for the past two years. We don't go for what's going on down there." Ponder asked if the caller was an official in the La Cosa Nostra. The caller replied "Yes, I am an official." Ponder then asked why had they hired to have Kennedy killed. The caller answered "It was hired by the La Cosa Nostra. Let me tell you one thing, if you can get this in print, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy has been dating a member of the La Cosa Nostra for a long time." Ponder asked who this person was and the caller replied that it was Aristotle Chassis, the Greek freighter tycoon.

Ponder then asked the caller if there was anything

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else he could tell him. The caller replied "Yes, I'll tell you this. Garrison is a big mouth and if he keeps it up he is not going to live. That's all I'm going to say." The caller then hung up.

Ponder stated the caller talked in a deep voice with no pronounced accent. He stated the caller had what was perhaps a slight southern regional accent. He advised the caller did not sound intoxicated but talked like a person who was not too well educated. Ponder stated he did not believe he had ever heard this voice before. He advised he had heard no noise in the background during the conversation. Ponder advised the call was approximately four minutes in duration and that the caller had advised him not to try to trace the call as "we have asked the operator not to tell where the call was coming from." The caller stated they had connections and he was not in a phone booth. Ponder advised the call was a good connection but believes this to have been a long distance call inasmuch as there was a slight hum similar to that occurring during a long distance call.

Mr. Tee Dent Ponder stated after the caller had hung up he kept the line open and an operator came on the line. Ponder stated he asked the operator to tell him where the call had been placed and the operator advised that the party had asked that this information not be given. Ponder stated he was with the UPI and it was important. The operator asked him to wait one minute and then told him she was sorry but she could not give him the information. Ponder then asked to speak to a supervisor and another woman's voice came on the phone. Ponder stated he identified himself to this person and the woman stated to hold one minute. The woman then came back on the phone in approximately five minutes and stated she was sorry to keep him waiting and left again. He stated he waited approximately another five minutes at which time the woman returned and stated "I have checked with the officials and we are unable to give that information." Ponder stated he asked if she could give him anything that would later allow the proper authorities to trace the call. The woman answered "No." Ponder stated he asked her for her name and

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she replied "Mrs. Kennedy." Ponder then asked her initials and she advised "A. K." He then asked what office she was in and she stated that she could not give him that information without telling where the call was placed.

Mr. Ponder advised he was reporting the above telephone conversation in view of the threat to Mr. James C. Garrison, District Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana.

On March 27, 1967, [REDACTED] Bell Telephone Company, Atlanta, Georgia, caused the personnel on duty in the Atlanta, Georgia, area to be checked and could locate no Mrs. A. K. Kennedy on duty.

On March 28, 1967, [REDACTED] advised the check of the personnel files for the Atlanta Bell Telephone Company for the nine-State area including Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia, had been checked and there was no employee listed under the name, Mrs. A. K. Kennedy. He advised that there were a number of Kennedys employed by the Atlanta Bell Telephone Company, however, female employees are listed by their given names and not by their husbands' names. He stated due to the critical employment situation their company hires married women for night shifts, some of which are only for several hours' duration. [REDACTED] stated there is no way in which the caller to Mr. Tee Dent Ponder could be located without knowing the location from which the telephone call was placed.

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- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM LITTLE ROCK 62-0 1P

ALBERT HAROLD BIRCH, POLICE COOPERATION.

SUBJECT, WHITE MALE, BORN DECEMBER TWELVE, NINETEEN THIRTY,

IN GREAT FALLS, MONTANNA, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED

FIFTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, FORMERLY OF NEW ORLEANS

LOUISIANA, ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, NASHVILLE, ARK., WHILE

HIDDEN OUT IN WOODED AREA. SUBJECT'S FINGERPRINTS CLASSIFIED

BY CIRCUIT JUDGE BOBBY STEEL, SAC CONTACT AND FORMER BUREAU

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I OVER O, O OVER M, O OVER O. JUDGE STEEL REQUESTS IDENTIFICA-

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HE PREDICTED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN NINETEEN

SIXTYTHREE. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE A MENTAL PATIENT.

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TO SAC LITTLE ROCK (62-0)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI ~~37-5079~~

ALBERT HAROLD BIRCH, POLICE COOPERATION.

REURTEL THIRTEENTH INSTANT.

CAPTIONED SUBJECT MAYBE IDENTICAL ALBERT HAROLD BIRCH. ONLY ARREST, SHERIFF, TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS, NOVEMBER ONE SEVEN, SIX SIX, HOLD FOR SEATTLE WASHINGTON V. A. HOSPITAL, RELEASED TO VETERANS HOSPITAL, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.

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Mr. Michael Stanley  
8 Harmonstown Grove  
Artane  
Dublin 5, Ireland

Dear Mr. Stanley:

I have received your letter of April 12th and want to thank you for the interest which prompted you to write.

While the FBI has not issued any statement refuting all of the specific criticisms of the individual you mentioned, I am enclosing some material which does set forth certain facts concerning the assassination which I trust you will find of interest.

You may also wish to obtain a copy of the book by Charles Roberts, "The Truth about the Assassination," which was published in 1967 by Grosset and Dunlap. Should this not be available in your area, you may desire to write directly to the publishers at 51 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010, to secure this publication. Mr. Roberts' book is being sold in a paperback edition in the United States for one dollar.

I hope the above will be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- 1 - London - Enclosure
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Enclosure)

Enclosures (2)

Director's press release and accompanying statement dated 11/25/66 and 11/23/66, respectively, re Warren Commission.

NOTE: Bufiles contain no pertinent identifiable information concerning Stanley.

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8 Harmonstown Grove  
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 12th April 1967.

Dear Sir,

*ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN F. KENNEDY*

Mark Lane's book "Rush to Judgment" is now on sale, in paperback form, in Ireland. It is, as you know, very critical of the Warren Commission and also the F.B.I. Having read the Warren Commission's report it seems to me that Mark Lane's book is prejudiced, selective and quite misleading, but not having access to the 25 volumes of evidence and exhibits it is difficult for an ordinary reader, like myself, to see all the flaws and errors in Mr. Lane's book.

It occurs to me that possibly the F.B.I. have already issued a statement refuting some of Mr. Lane's criticisms, and if so I would be obliged to obtain a copy of this statement if possible.

If a detailed analysis and criticism of Mr. Lane's book has been published in the U.S.A. perhaps you can refer me to it.

I hope I am not causing too much trouble, but I fear that Mark Lane's book, and also his recent appearance on Irish Television, during a very long programme, have confused many people here about the Warren Commission's study and report.

Yours sincerely

Michael Stanley

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Date: 4/17/67

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)  
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63  
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OO: DALLAS

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are newspaper articles appearing in New Orleans newspapers concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

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

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- 1 - Dallas (89-43) (Encl. 4)
- 1 - Miami (Encl. 4)
- 1 - New Orleans

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# Andrews Posts \$1,000 Bond on New Perjury Counts

## District Attorney Aides Drop First Charge

Dean A. Andrews Jr., presently under suspension as a Jefferson Parish assistant district attorney, posted a \$1,000 bond in New Orleans Thursday in the wake of a five-count indictment charging him with perjury.

It was the second perjury indictment for Andrews handed down by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury which charged that the rotund, hip-talking attorney willfully and knowingly lied under oath while testifying in connection with District Attorney

Jim Garrison's probe into an alleged New Orleans plot to murder President John P. Kennedy.

The first indictment, leveled against Andrews last month, was not proessed Thursday by one of Garrison's assistants.

Andrews' testimony centered around his legal dealings with Lee Harvey Oswald, whom he represented on several minor matters, and his conversations with a man who called himself Clay Bertrand. Garrison says Bertrand was used as an alias by Clay L. Shaw, 54-year-old retired International Trade Mart managing director, who is

awaiting trial on a charge of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy.

### GUILT DENIED

Sam Monk Zelden, Andrews' attorney, Thursday denied that his client is guilty of perjury, and said he found nothing "contradictory or perjurious" in Andrews' statements before the grand jury.

The first indictment was not proessed by Assistant District Attorney Andrew J. Sciambra.

In another development Thursday, the case of Gordon Novel, former New Orleans bar owner who is free on bond in Columbus, Ohio, was allotted to Criminal District Court Judge Rudolph E. Becker.

Novel, 29, was called an important material witness by Garrison. In an expanded effort to have Novel returned to New Orleans, Garrison leveled two charges of theft against him. Novel also was charged with conspiring to commit simple burglary of a Houma munitions bunker in August of 1961.

Novel stated in Ohio that he will fight extradition proceedings to the U. S. Supreme Court.

On Andrews' perjury indictment, Zelden told newsmen Thursday that the new indictment "just means I'm going to have to start all over from scratch."

A lengthy report of the alleged perjurious testimony was released Wednesday. Zelden said, however, that portions of the testimony which may not have been revealed could hold the answer to Garrison's charges against Andrews.

"Is that the complete testimony," Zelden asked of the transcript released by the jury. "I don't think so."

After the original indictment was dismissed Thursday, Andrews predicted to newsmen

that "some startling new development in the case will occur soon."

### REFERS TO 'GIANT'

"There's some guys not involved down here who's been keeping a clock on the whole thing," said Andrews. "And when it comes out they're going to put the hat on the giant."

The last comment was a reference to Garrison, often called the "Green Giant" by Andrews.

While at the Criminal Courts Building Thursday, Andrews posted a \$1,000 bond brought about by his reindictment.

Questioned further on the predicted new developments, Andrews commented: "I don't have nothing to do with it. I just met these two guys in a bar last week, and I ask them what they're doing down here because I know what kind of business they're in."

"They ask me what do I know about Big Jim, and I say, ho, ho, ho, what can I do for you?"

In his testimony before the grand jury, Andrews said that he could not positively identify Shaw and Bertrand as being the same man. He said that Shaw appeared to be taller than the man he knew as Bertrand.

## Friend of Russo Dropped from LSU

BATON ROUGE (AP) — Steve Derby, a close friend of Perry Raymond Russo, has been dropped from the rolls of Louisiana State University, it was disclosed today.

Russo was the star witness in New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's investigation into the Kennedy Assassination. He testified in a hearing against Clay Shaw, who is charged with conspiring to kill Kennedy.

Derby, 20, a sophomore, lived in an athletic dormitory but he also said he spent considerable time at Russo's apartment near the LSU campus.

A university spokesman declined to say why Derby had been dropped from school. He had been removed from the baseball team about a week ago.

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# Arraigning Of Martens Scheduled

A 24-year-old music student who once roomed with key Kennedy assassination probe figure David W. Ferrie was scheduled for arraignment today on charges that he lied about the mysterious burglary of a Houma munitions dump.

Layton-Patrick Martens, a handsome, well-groomed cello major at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, was to face Criminal District Court Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp.

His attorney, Milton Brener, said the college senior would plead not guilty to charges that he lied in testimony before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER he was indicted April 5, Martens denied the accusation by asserting: "The allegation in the indictment that I testified untruthfully is, in itself, untrue."

Martens was indicted in connection with the same 1961 munitions theft with which two other figures in the Kennedy murder plot inquiry have been charged.

A 29-year-old former New Orleans tavern owner, Gordon Novel, has been arrested in Ohio, and 44-year-old onetime anti-Castro leader Sergio Arcacha Smith has been charged in Dallas. Both are free on bond.

DIST. ATTY. Jim Garrison contends Novel, Arcacha and the late Ferrie conspired to steal explosives from the Schlumberger Well Service Co. dump in August, 1961. Both have been charged with simple burglary by Terrebonne Parish authorities.

Martens, who roomed with Ferrie when President Kennedy was killed at Dallas in 1963, told the grand jury he did not recall "ever hearing of or meeting" Novel.

Asked by a questioning assistant district attorney, "Do you remember Sergio Arcacha Smith being on the trip?" Martens replied: "No, I don't."

FERRIE, A pilot who was arrested and questioned by Garrison immediately after Kennedy's death, died five days after the DA's current investigation became public. The Orleans coroner called it natural causes. Garrison said it was suicide.

Only one man, retired New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw, 54, has been charged directly in Kennedy's death. Shaw was indicted for conspiring with Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald to kill the chief executive. The longtime International Trade Mart director, who has stoutly denied the accusation, is free on \$10,000 bond.



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# Omaha Halts Try to Return Plot Witness

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Authorities at Omaha, Neb., today abandoned attempts to enforce a New Orleans court order to return Sandra Moffett McMaines here for questioning before the Grand Jury Tuesday.

Arthur O'Leary, a deputy Douglas County attorney at Omaha, said his office could not find the witness wanted in Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's Kennedy death plot investigation.

HE SAID NO active search was being made for the 22-year-old former New Orleans girl who says she was once in love with star Garrison witness Perry R. Russo of Baton Rouge.

"The only thing we could do is subpoena her," O'Leary told reporters today, adding:

"A subpoena is no good across state lines, and I assume now she is no longer in Nebraska."

Mrs. McMaines was reported staying with friends in Iowa, a state which does not honor the interstate criminal witness compact under which Judge Bernard J. Bagert ordered her return.

SHE IS SCHEDULED to appear at a hearing April 25 at Omaha on an earlier fugitive witness warrant sworn out by Garrison's office. Mrs. McMaines is free on \$1,000 bond which permits her to travel outside the jurisdiction of Nebraska courts.

A spokesman for her attorney's office at Omaha said today she will not return to the Nebraska city until the April 25 hearing date.

Judge Bagert issued a certificate of attendance last week, seeking her appearance for questioning here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

In developments here, a 24-year-old music student who once roomed with key assassination probe figure David W. Ferrie entered a plea of not guilty today as he was arraigned on charges that he lied about the mysterious burglary of a Houma munitions dump.

Layton Patrick Martens, a handsome, well-groomed cello major at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, faced Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp, accompanied by his attorney, Milton Bren-

"We will waive the reading of the indictment and plead not guilty," Brenner told the judge.

SCHULINGKAMP granted Brener's request for 30 days in which to file special pleadings and continued Martens' bond at \$2,500.

Martens, dressed in blue blazer and slacks, hurried from the Criminal Court Building after the brief arraignment. He said he was returning to Lafayette to teach a class there this afternoon.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and 3 copies of LHM setting forth information furnished by Reverend ROBERT JOHNSON, Pastor, Church of God, 919 W. Peachtree St, Cocoa, Fla., on 4/12/67 by SA DONALD E. RITCHEY.

Rev. JOHNSON advised he felt WARREN HUGHES would cooperate with the FBI if he were to be contacted and would furnish any and all information concerning his knowledge of crime in the New Orleans, Houston and Little Rock areas.

Pursuant to current Bureau instructions, no further inquiry is being conducted in this matter until requested to do so by the Bureau.

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*cc LHM BUSSS + DEPT. (RAO-CRIM DIV.) 4/18/67*

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NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

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[redacted] advised that WARREN HUGHES, age 28, who resides at 6042 Chef Menteur, New Orleans, Louisiana, was a former member of his church at Cocoa, Florida. JOHNSON said that approximately two years ago in March, 1965, HUGHES advised him in confidence as his minister that one WESLEY SELLERS, Houston, Texas, allegedly called HUGHES while HUGHES was in Houston and indicated a desire to talk to him in private. HUGHES allegedly walked with SELLERS to the crest of a bridge in Houston where they could see in all directions and know they were not being followed. SELLERS indicated he was disturbed because "they" were going to kill the President in Dallas. [redacted] said this conversation allegedly took place just a short time before the assassination. [redacted] said he had no further details concerning this meeting. He said he put little faith in the information when he first heard it, however, since the District Attorney's Office in New Orleans has opened an investigation in that city concerning an alleged conspiracy to kill President KENNEDY, it has bothered him to the point where he wanted to make available the information for whatever action is deemed necessary.

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[redacted] described SELLERS as a habitual criminal who participated in serious burglaries a number of times with HUGHES and one JIMMY BRYAN in the Houston area. He said SELLERS has jet black full head of hair, 5'8", round face, early or middle thirties and is a well-groomed, handsome individual. He said SELLERS was tried in Houston court for robbery, in which trial HUGHES testified for the prosecution. SELLERS was found guilty.

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NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

[redacted] continued that HUGHES allegedly has information concerning District Attorney FRANK BRISCO at Houston <sup>TEXAS</sup> who prosecuted SELLERS relating to BRISCO's ties with La Cosa Nostra and his involvement with crime in the Houston area. For this reason HUGHES allegedly was not tried for the crime of robbery with SELLERS but was instead used as a prosecution witness.

[redacted] said HUGHES had as his attorney (FNU) BAKER at Houston, who was supposed to be involved in a multi-million dollar gold mining swindle in Mexico. He said HUGHES is very knowledgeable concerning organized crime between Houston, New Orleans and Little Rock. He said HUGHES alleged that SAM HOOVER, former Mayor of Pasadena, Texas, a suburb of Houston, controlled the rackets in Houston. He said HOOVER before being sent up for life, was the exchange agent for hot money in this country and ran the hot money to somewhere in Mexico.

He said HUGHES also alleged that the La Cosa Nostra ran the liquor stores in Dallas.

<sup>TEXAS</sup> HUGHES alleged further that he lived at one time with one GENE SHELTON, also known as BEN F. OLIVER, Room 927 Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel, or possibly the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Houston. SHELTON was associated with Inland Pipe and Specialty Company. SHELTON was supposed to be a gambler and card shark and HUGHES was also a gambler. SHELTON was known as an "evil eye man." HUGHES thought SHELTON might be working for the FBI and [redacted] terminology. HUGHES spoke very cautiously of SHELTON and said if SHELTON was not an FBI plant, there were plenty of things he could tell. [redacted] said he was impressed with HUGHES' knowledge of crime in the Houston area, and he felt HUGHES knew of this only through his own participation in crime up to the time he became a true Christian.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

April 18, 1967

Mr. Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Lonihan

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

*La Calif*

Pursuant to your request on April 17, 1967, a check of our files disclosed no information indicating there was a telephone call between Clay Shaw and David William Ferrie on November 22 or November 23, 1963, between the cities of Houston, Texas, and San Francisco, California. In addition, our files contain no information relating to a book written by Clay Shaw wherein the main character is depicted as Clay Bertrand.

*Texas La*

Our inquiries in this matter have been restricted to a check of our files. As you are aware, this Bureau has not investigated Clay Shaw.

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**NOTE:** Mr. DeLoach received telephonic request from Department. We do not know the purpose of Assistant Attorney General Sanders' request in this matter. We, of course, did not investigate Clay Shaw. Newspaper accounts indicate he was in San Francisco on 11-22-63. Our inquiries of David William Ferrie at the time of the assassination revealed he was in New Orleans on 11-22-63 and drove to Houston, Texas, that evening, arriving in Houston 11-23-63. Clay Shaw, according to newspaper accounts, has written some plays. We do not know the names of the plays or the characters depicted therein.

- Tolson
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- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. DeLoach ✓
- Mr. Mohr ✓
- Mr. Wick ✓
- Mr. Casper ✓
- Mr. Callahan ✓
- Mr. Conrad ✓
- Mr. Felt ✓
- Mr. Gale ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

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

Re New Orleans <sup>teletype</sup> to Bureau and Dallas, 4/6/67 and New Orleans tel to Bureau, 4/6/67 Law D.C.

CHARLES R. CARSON, former SA, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office late afternoon 4/11/67 inquiring as to whether any reply had been received from the Bureau regarding the request he had previously made for information concerning investigation conducted relative to CLAY SHAW in connection with the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and how SHAW was cleared. CARSON was advised that no reply had been received regarding his request and no comment could be made regarding this matter.

DEAN ANDREWS, Attorney who has been indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for perjury in connection with GARRISON's probe into the assassination, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office today desiring to know whether any reply had been received from the Bureau regarding his request for information contained in the files of the FBI. ANDREWS was advised that no reply was received and no comment could be made regarding this matter.

On the afternoon of 4/11/67, Special Agents of the New Orleans Office contacted Mr. [redacted] WDSU-TV

2-Bureau  
2-Dallas (89-43)  
2-New Orleans

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[newscaster] in regard to a Selective Service matter. During conversation with [redacted] he voluntarily mentioned that perhaps WDSU-TV and the FBI should trade information concerning the GARRISON probe into the assassination of President KENNEDY. Contacting Agents explained that they could make no comment concerning GARRISON's probe. [redacted] then remarked that WDSU is 99% sure that the GARRISON investigation is a complete fraud but that "they" have been unable to find the "right key" which will show the investigation to be a complete fraud. [redacted] stated that they have continuing hopes that they will find no truth to the GARRISON investigation. The above is being furnished for the information of Dallas and the Bureau and no investigation being conducted by this office.

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/14/67

The Attorney General told newsmen that the FBI had previously investigated and cleared Clay L. Shaw of complicity in the Kennedy assassination. This is not true and we so informed the Attorney General. However, as a result of the publicity, the New Orleans Office received requests, as indicated in attached, to furnish information the FBI had developed which would clear Shaw of the charges now pending against him.

New Orleans told Charles R. Carson, a Wackenhut Corporation investigator, and Dean Andrews, who is also a defendant in connection with charges brought by Jim Garrison, that the FBI has no comment to make concerning the publicized statement of the Attorney General, but that their request would be relayed to FBI Headquarters. As indicated in attached, both individuals are now making inquiries of New Orleans as to what reply Bureau headquarters had made in response to their request.

Since the Bureau has no intention of telling these or any other individuals that the Attorney General's statement is incorrect, we will, if approved, instruct New Orleans to refer any future requests for such information to the Attorney General and indicate that the Bureau has no comment to make in the matter.

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*L. J. ...* *Tring West*

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- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 4/18/67
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

TO SAC NEW ORLEANS (89-89) EX 106

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (62-109080) - 5090

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- 1 - Mr. Branigan
  - 1 - Mr. Raupach
  - 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- PERSONAL ATTENTION

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

REURAIRTEL APRIL TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN SETTING FORTH CONTACTS OF YOUR OFFICE BY CHARLES R. CARSON AND DEAN ANDREWS BOTH OF WHOM REQUESTED INFORMATION IN FBI FILES RELATING TO CAPTIONED MATTER, SHOULD MR. CARSON RECONTACT YOUR OFFICE IN THIS MATTER, YOU SHOULD INFORM HIM THAT THIS BUREAU HAS NO COMMENT TO MAKE CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES C. GARRISON IN CAPTIONED MATTER. YOU SHOULD INFORM MR. CARSON THAT HIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DEALING WITH STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING FBI INVESTIGATION OF CLAY SHAW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

SHOULD MR. ANDREWS AGAIN CONTACT YOUR OFFICE IN THIS MATTER, YOU SHOULD IMPRESS UPON HIM THAT THE FILES OF THE FBI ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND THAT THIS BUREAU HAS NO COMMENT TO MAKE CONCERNING INVESTIGATION OF NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES C. GARRISON

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
IN CAPTIONED MATTER, YOU MAY INFORM MR. ANDREWS THAT ALL  
MATERIAL DEVELOPED BY THE FBI IN CONNECTION WITH OUR  
INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
WAS TURNED OVER TO THE WARREN COMMISSION FOR ITS CONSIDERATION  
AND RESULTS OF OUR INQUIRIES INTO THIS MATTER WERE SUBSEQUENTLY  
MADE AVAILABLE TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES BY THE WARREN COMMISSION.

IN THE FUTURE IF YOUR OFFICE RECEIVES INQUIRIES RELATING  
TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REMARKS REGARDING CLAY SHAW, DO NOT  
INFORM THE PARTY MAKING THE INQUIRY THAT YOU WILL REFER HIS  
INQUIRY TO THE BUREAU. INSTEAD, REFER SUCH INDIVIDUAL TO THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND INFORM HIM THAT THIS BUREAU HAS NO  
COMMENT TO MAKE IN THE MATTER.

NOTE:

Carson is an employee of a private investigative firm in  
New Orleans which has been retained by Clay Shaw's attorney to  
assist in Shaw's defense. Dean Andrews is the attorney in  
New Orleans who was recently indicted for perjury on basis of  
information he furnished a grand jury in New Orleans in connection  
with Garrison's investigation of the assassination. Andrews  
requested to be furnished results of our investigation of the  
assassination dealing with a number of individuals. The Director  
has approved that we inform Carson and Andrews that we have no  
comment to make in this matter and that we refer Carson's request  
for data regarding Shaw to the Attorney General.

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Mr. Wick	✓
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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, <sup>office of origin</sup> DALLAS.

*M. DeLoach*  
*B. Casper*  
*J. Mohr*

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM EDITION, APRIL EIGHTEEN  
INSTANT, REPORTED THAT DEAN ANDREWS, JR. WAS ARRAIGNED  
BEFORE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FRANK SHAY, TODAY, AND  
THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY WAIVED THE READING OF THE INDICTMENT,  
PLEADED INNOCENT AND ASKED FOR TEN DAYS IN WHICH TO FILE  
SPECIAL PLEADINGS. THE ARTICLE QUOTED MONK ZELDEN,  
ANDREWS' ATTORNEY, AS STATING THEY WERE THINKING ABOUT  
GOING INTO FEDERAL COURT. ZELDEN SAID POSSIBLE ACTION  
THERE MIGHT CONCERN "VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND OTHER  
MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO".

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*L. DeLoach*

*J. DeLoach*

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THE ARTICLE FURTHER REPORTED THAT ACTING GOVERNOR  
C.C. "TADDY" LAYCOCK SIGNED EXTRADITION PAPERS FOR THE  
RETURN OF GORDON NOVEL TO NEW ORLEANS ON THE LATE AFTERNOON  
OF APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

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LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM  
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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FBI WASH DC

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CC MR. SULLIVAN

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/18/67

Dean Andrews is the attorney who once told the Warren Commission that while under heavy sedation he got a call from a Clay Bertrand requesting that Andrews represent Lee Harvey Oswald. So far as we know, Bertrand never existed and Andrews later told the Commission that he must have dreamed the incident.

However, Garrison, apparently out of context, is attempting to prove that Clay L. Shaw is identical to Clay Bertrand, previously mentioned by Andrews. Andrews has denied actually knowing Bertrand and apparently has told a New Orleans grand jury that he does not know either Shaw or Bertrand.

News items later reported that Dean Andrews has filed a \$100,000 damage suit against Garrison in connection with this matter.

Gordon Novel, referred to in attached, has been sought as a witness by Garrison, although Novel has publicly accused him of being a fraud. Novel's return to New Orleans to testify has been eagerly sought by Garrison.

Since the attached is taken from news articles, it will not be disseminated.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
April 21, 1967

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Branigan  
1 - Mr. Lenihan

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

I have previously furnished to you information this Bureau has received in connection with the investigation of the assassination of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, which is being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison.

In my letter of April 7, 1967, I reported information that this Bureau had received on a highly confidential basis from [redacted] who had been in recent contact with New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison. I enclosed a copy of an interview of Perry Raymond Russo by Andrew J. Sciambra, an investigator on the staff of New Orleans District Attorney Garrison.

On April 18, 1967, our source made available to us a three-page memorandum prepared by Andrew J. Sciambra which sets forth results of an interview of Perry Raymond Russo at Mercy Hospital in New Orleans when Russo allegedly had undergone an injection of sodium pentothal. Our source also made available to us a thirteen-page memorandum which sets forth questions by Dr. Esmond A. Fatter, private physician associated with the New Orleans Coroner's Office (Dr. F), and answers by Perry Raymond Russo (PR), at which time Russo allegedly was under hypnosis by Dr. Fatter. A copy of each of these memoranda is enclosed.

Additional pertinent information concerning this matter that comes to our attention will be furnished to you.

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The Attorney General

This data is also being furnished to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House.

Enclosures - 2

- 1 - Mr. Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr. (Enclosures - 2)  
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. (Enclosures - 2)  
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley (Enclosures - 2)  
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE:

See memorandum Mr. Wick to Mr. DeLoach dated April 18, 1967, captioned "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas." The source mentioned herein is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who made data described herein available to Supervisor H. P. Leinbaugh. The enclosures give further evidence that the testimony of Russo at Clay Shaw's hearing was largely based upon data furnished him by members of Garrison's staff.

4/21/67

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To: SACs, New Orleans (89-69) (Enclosures - 2) (PERSONAL ATTENTION)  
Dallas (89-43) (Enclosures - 2) (PERSONAL ATTENTION)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

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

ReBuairtel 4/12/67 which advised you that [redacted]

[redacted] made available to a Bureau Official data he had received in connection with his inquiries of the investigation of the assassination being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison.

On April 18, 1967, [redacted] contacted the Bureau and made available a three-page memorandum prepared by Andrew J. Sciambra which set forth results of an interview of Perry Raymond Russo at Mercy Hospital in New Orleans when Russo allegedly had undergone an injection of sodium pentothal. [redacted] also made available a thirteen-page memorandum which sets forth questions by Dr. Esmond A. Fatter, private physician associated with the New Orleans Coroner's Office (Dr. F) and answers by Perry Raymond Russo (PR) at which time Russo allegedly was under hypnosis by Dr. Fatter. A copy of each of these memoranda is enclosed for each the New Orleans and Dallas Office.

The information furnished by [redacted] should be closely held in each office and must not be disseminated outside the Bureau. You have previously been informed that [redacted]

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NOTE: Memorandum Mr. Wick to Mr. DeLoach dated 4-18-67 reported that [redacted] furnished the data being sent herewith to New Orleans and Dallas to Supervisor H. P. Leinbaugh. The enclosures give further indication that Garrison's key witness Russo is a fraud. Copies of the enclosures have been disseminated to the White House and the Attorney General by separate communication.

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Via AIRTEL

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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

*Bushigan*  
*to [unclear]*

Re New Orleans telephone call, 2:40 PM, 4/20/67, and New Orleans teletype, 4/20/67, containing information relative to GORDON DWANE NOVEL being employed by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and that burglary of munitions bunker at Houma, La. was not an actual burglary.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum and for Dallas, two copies of an LHM containing information furnished by [redacted] who specifically requested that his identity be protected.

[redacted] advised that the information contained in the enclosed LHM may be utilized in a newspaper article appearing in the New Orleans States Item.

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 6)
- 2 - Dallas (89-43) (Encl. 2)
- 2 - New Orleans

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C. G. Wick

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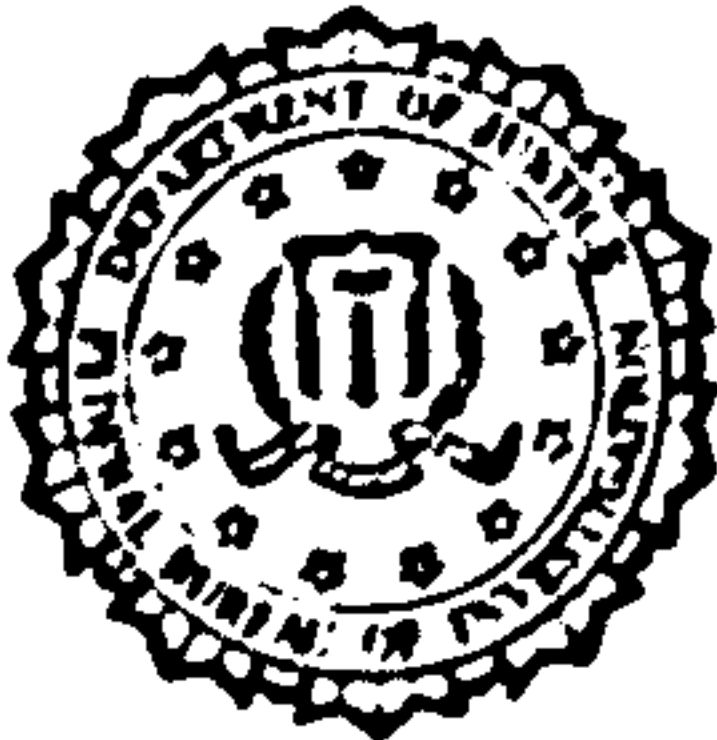
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Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana  
April 20, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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

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A confidential source, who is a representative of a well known news media, advised on April 20, 1967, that Gordon Dwane ~~Novel~~, fugitive witness in District Attorney James Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, has reportedly stated that he was employed by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and that the burglary of the munitions bunker at Houma, Louisiana, was not an actual burglary. According to the source, Novel contends that CIA had an arrangement with Schlumberger to keep ammunition, bomb casings and other material in the ammunition bunker leased by Schlumberger Well Service. According to Novel, this material was to be shipped out of the country marked as machinery in ~~Schlumberger~~ "boxes". Novel has allegedly supplied the names of other persons involved in the burglary of the munitions bunker and has indicated that he (Novel) and ~~Sergio Escacha Smith~~ are still employed by CIA.

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The source advised that according to information developed to date Schlumberger became upset over the Bay of Pigs invasion and wanted to get out of their contract with CIA. Arrangements were made about three months after the Bay of Pigs invasion for the bomb casings and other material stored in the bunker to be taken out by Novel and his group. At the time this material was removed from the bunker the individual involved took some of Schlumberger's low grade powder and fuses, as well as the other material.

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

The source advised that Novel has stated that in the event he is returned to New Orleans to face charges of burglary at munitions bunker at Houma, Louisiana, the above information will be his defense. Source advised that he had received information that Novel will not be returned to New Orleans and that the Governor of Ohio will not sign the extradition papers.

April 18, 1967

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Miss Jean McLaughlin  
Saint Mary's College  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Miss McLaughlin:

Your communication of April 11th, with enclosure, has been received. I very much appreciate your sending me a copy of your short story,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John F.

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COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles reflect nothing identifiable regarding Miss McLaughlin. Her story is, as she says, a mythical version of the assassination of President Kennedy. It starts with the President making a television address to the country and with the Director making the introductory remarks. Her story then switches to a group of twelve men and one woman in "hell" who plot the destruction of the President. In this group are such people as Benedict Arnold, Adolph Hitler, Karl Marx, Nero, and Al Capone. The remarks attributed to the Director are typical complimentary introductory remarks.

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April 11, 1967.

From the Desk of....

Jean McLaughlin

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*by  
 12/11/1966*

On page 116 is the beginning of a short story on the assassination of President Kennedy.

I realize you already must have read many versions of how and why this terrible, terrible thing happened.

Mine is a mythical version---but the reason why I bring this particular story to your attention is because YOU are in the first paragraph. I do so hope that I had you say what you would have said, had you been saying it.

I do trust you will find it pleasing.

Respectfully,

*Jean McLaughlin*  
 Jean McLaughlin

*Oct. 4-18-67*

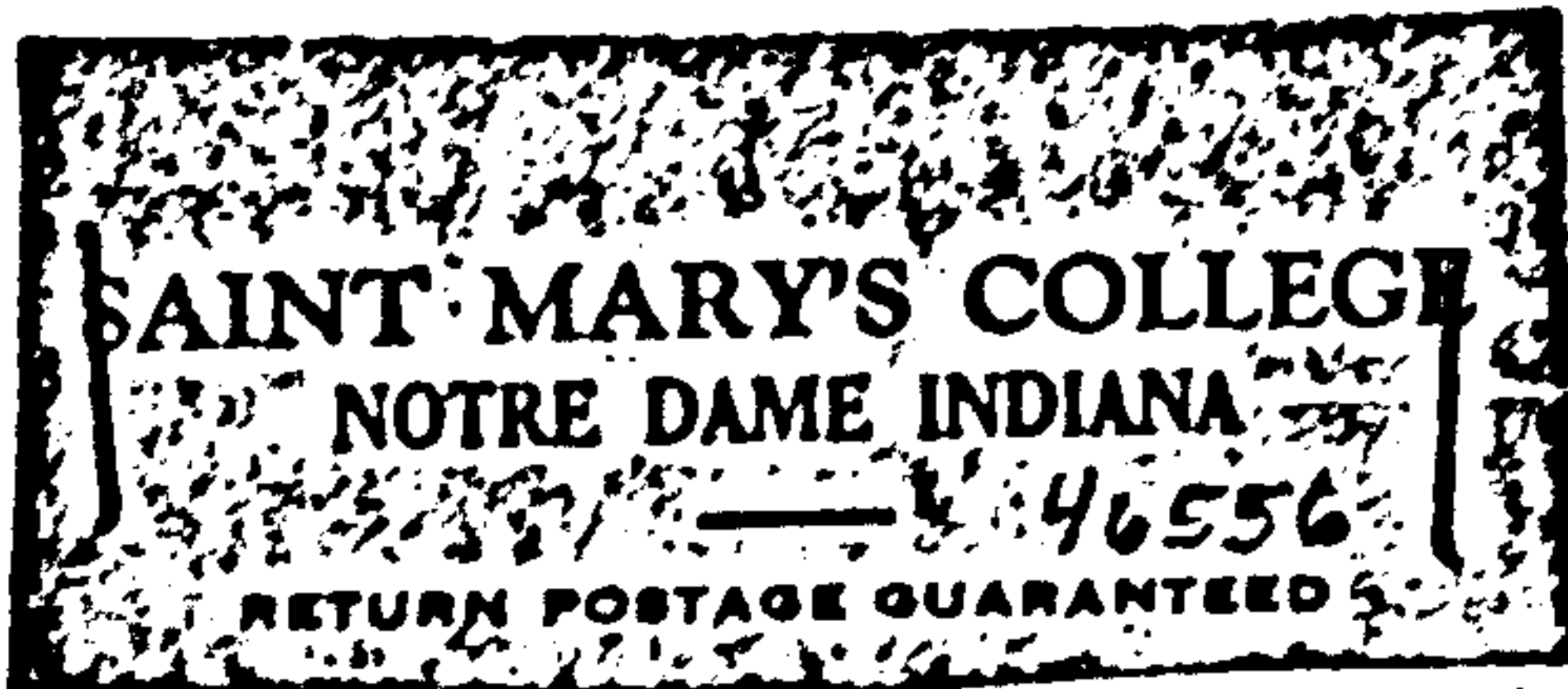
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