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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 1P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Wick	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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DALLAS TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -  
INFORMATION OFFICE OF ORIGIN  
INFO CONCERNING, 89: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, JULY THREE  
INSTANT REPORTED THAT COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL JUDGE WILLIAM GILLIE  
DISMISSED EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST GORDON NOVEL  
ON THE BASIS THAT LOUISIANA HAS NOT FILED THE NECESSARY  
LEGAL DOCUMENTS. THE <sup>ARTICLE</sup> ~~ARTICLE~~ REPORTED THAT JUDGE GILLIE  
DISMISSED THREE CHARGES AGAINST NOVEL SAYING HE SAW NO  
REASON TO HOLD NOVEL ANY LONGER.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT JERRY WEINER, NOVEL'S ATTORNEY  
SAID HE WILL RETURN NOVEL TO NEW ORLEANS FOR QUESTIONING  
WITHOUT EXTRADITION IF GARRISON AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING  
THREE CONDITIONS: THAT GARRISON DROP CHARGES PENDING AGAINST  
NOVEL, THAT NOVEL BE GRANTED IMMUNITY FROM ARREST IF HE  
RETURNED AND THAT NOVEL BE QUESTIONED AT AN OPEN SESSION OF  
THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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L. ...  
S. ...

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date July 3, 1967

Gordon Novel is the former New Orleans bar operator who fled Louisiana for Ohio when District Attorney Garrison sought to question him in his investigation. Novel has publicly been highly critical of Garrison's investigation. Since attached is from news media, no dissemination is being made.

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FBI

Date: 6-23-67

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Wick	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_ (Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: LEGAT, BONN (62-36) (RUC)

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

Enclosed are six copies of a self-explanatory LHM dated 6-23-67, setting forth information received from Mr. Edward J. Joyce, Cultural Attache in the Embassy, on 6-19-67. Also enclosed is the original of Fleissman's letter translated in the LHM, the pertinent page from the June 2, 1967 issue of "Echo" referred to therein, as well as page 4 from the May 19, 1967 issue containing an article on Vietnam which was also attached to Fleissman's letter.

Mr. Joyce said that Fleissman wanted to give the information to the FBI and thought that it might get more attention if he passed it through someone like Mr. Joyce. As pointed out in the LHM, Joyce does not know Fleissman, but he said he outwardly appeared to be a stable person. "Echo" is regarded by the Nuernberg office of USIS as tending to be inaccurate, a bit sensational, rightist, and having a small circulation. Its articles on the United States have been generally favorable. It attributes progress on civil rights to President Kennedy rather than to President Johnson.

Fleissman marked his letter "Top Secret," but the matter does not appear to warrant security classification on the LHM.

No action is being taken here in this matter UACB. It is my suggestion that if a reply to Fleissman's letter is deemed appropriate, either directly from the Bureau or from here, it be

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- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Bonn
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Mr. Sullivan  
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along the lines suggesting he furnish any information he has to appropriate German police authorities because of the Bureau's lack of jurisdiction in foreign countries.

Fleissman's motives appear to be such that I believe contact with him, if any, should be most guarded and through established police sources.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

June 23, 1967

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

Mr. Edward J. Joyce, Cultural Attache at the American Embassy, Bonn/Bad Godesberg, Federal Republic of Germany (FRG), advised that on June 15, 1967, Mr. Georg Fleissman called on him in his office and turned over to him a letter written by Mr. Fleissman addressed to the Headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. Fleissman asked Mr. Joyce to arrange to see that the letter is forwarded. Mr. Fleissman is the editor of the weekly newspaper, "Echo," published at Nuernberg, FRG, by the Echo-Verlag GmbH and Company, 20 Kriemhildstrasse, Nuernberg, FRG. The letter is on the letterhead of that firm and carries the following notation at the top: "Streng Geheim/Top Secret." The letter, which is written in German, may be translated as follows:

"Federal Board of Investigation  
FBI  
Headquarters  
Washington, D.C.  
USA

"10 June 1967

"Subject: Echo-Series  
"Amerika Heute"  
hier: Murder of JFK/Actions of  
Jim Garrison

"Dear Sirs:

"Enclosed you will find a copy of the June 2, 1967 issue of our weekly newspaper, "Echo," on page 4 of which there appears an article summarizing the background of

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of the murder in Dallas. We believe that you are interested in the definite clarification of this affair, as well as in revelations regarding the actions of Mr. Garrison in New Orleans.

"We are prepared to work with you provided you declare yourself ready to support our work in this matter - which must be of not insignificant interest to the people of North America - and to be of help to us in the acquisition of information.

"The undersigned is about to establish here a special news bureau (NBI - News Bureau International) whose purpose will be to carry out all inquiries and gather together necessary material for publication.

"At the moment we are interested in three questions that pertain to District Attorney Garrison: When and where was he discharged from the U. S. Army? What was the basis of this discharge? (Allegedly because of 'feeble-mindedness'??)

"Was Garrison in Europe during or after World War II?

"Is it correct that Garrison was formerly an FBI Agent? (He claims this)

"The undersigned would be thankful if you could give him information soon.

"We ask that this contact be held top secret in order to protect the security of the undersigned and his associates.

"Awaiting your early information with interest, I am,

With friendly greetings,

(Signed) "Georg Fleissman" *GFV*

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*LA*  
*newspaper "Echo"*

The article on page 4 of the "Echo" enclosed with the letter is the third article in the series entitled, "America Heute" (America Today). The article begins with a general summary of the previous two articles in the series. It then sets forth a rather brief statement regarding the assassination and the circumstances surrounding the investigation by District Attorney Garrison. It states that the paper has carried out inquiries in the matter "not only in America but also in Europe where the murder of Kennedy was planned." It is well established today that: (a) the murderer of Dallas was no American, (b) the persons accused in New Orleans by Jim Garrison are innocent, (c) there were two "Oswalds," Lee Oswald covered the escape of the real murderer. He never fired a shot from the carbine found in his home.

Mr. Joyce stated that he does not know Fleissman, having met him only briefly on one occasion during a public reception about two years ago. Fleissman's paper has a circulation of about 157,000. During the visit he told Mr. Joyce that he had recently been in New Orleans to visit the grave of his daughter who had been killed in an automobile accident not long ago while on her honeymoon following her marriage to an American soldier. While in New Orleans, Fleissman said he concluded that Mr. Garrison is a humbug. He claimed to have come upon a "hot tip" in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. He said to Mr. Joyce that Oswald was simply used as a front and did not in fact kill the President, but that a foreigner from an unnamed country did it. He said that he picked up some more information in this unnamed country. From Fleissman's remarks Mr. Joyce concluded that he meant France. He said that the government of the unnamed country probably knew nothing of the plot, but that it would strain already strained relations if the story came out. He stressed that the country in question is a West European country. He spoke of large sums of money having been passed around, the total being about 1.6 million dollars in connection with payments for the death of the President.

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To: Legat, Bonn (62-36)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060) 5498

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Goble

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

Re Bonn airtel 6/23/67.

Bureau does not desire that a reply be made to Fleissman's letter. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with him.

Legat, Bonn, is instructed to have Fleissman contacted through established police sources so that he may be advised that his letter has been received at Bureau Headquarters but that the Bureau is unable to cooperate with him in this matter. It should be suggested to Fleissman that in the future he furnish to appropriate German police authorities information which he believes of possible interest to U. S. law enforcement and which he desires should be transmitted to the Bureau.

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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NOTE:

See memorandum W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 6/30/67, same caption, prepared by TNG:jmk:cls.

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# Memorandum

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

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 7/5/67

FROM : W. A. Branigan

- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Goble

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

*Handwritten notes:*  
DeLoach  
Sullivan  
Branigan

PURPOSE:

This recommends we authorize New Orleans to recontact telephone company security manager to obtain from him identity of subscriber to unlisted telephone number allegedly in the name of Bertrand.

BACKGROUND:

Layton Martens, who was at one time a roommate of David Ferrie, deceased, and who has been indicted for perjury in New Orleans in connection with District Attorney Garrison's investigation, furnished the New Orleans Office and the telephone company, New Orleans, his belief the telephone at the home of his father was being tapped because he detected sounds on the line. [redacted] Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, voluntarily advised the New Orleans Office of the allegations made by Martens and indicated that one of the telephones at the home of Martens' father had been checked without locating a tap and the other telephone at the residence had not been checked by the telephone company because no one was available at the residence.

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At the same time that [redacted] furnished this information, [redacted] voluntarily advised that [redacted] had learned that members of Garrison's staff had determined, by calling information service of the telephone company, that there was an unlisted, unpublished telephone number listed in the name of Bertrand. [redacted] stated [redacted] did not know whether the first name of this individual was Clay, or Clem or any variation of that name.

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Enclosure *sent* 7-6-67

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

New Orleans recommended recontacting [redacted] to identify subscriber. New Orleans advised [redacted] has been cooperative in the past and is in an excellent position to obtain this information.

OBSERVATIONS:

[redacted] volunteered this piece of information and [redacted] has been cooperative with the New Orleans Office in the past. [redacted] is in a position to obtain the information concerning Bertrand. The name Clay Bertrand came up right after the assassination as a person associated with Lee Harvey Oswald. This individual was never located, and Garrison claims Bertrand is a name used by Clay Shaw, the man Garrison has charged with conspiracy. We should pursue the information volunteered by [redacted] by going back to [redacted] and asking [redacted] for full details concerning the Bertrand who had the unlisted telephone number.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is teletype to New Orleans instructing it to recontact [redacted] for further information about the subscriber to the unlisted telephone number.

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*GK.  
[initials]*

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Date: 7/7/67

PLAIN TEXT

Transmit the following in

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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 airtel 6/28/67 and Bureau airtel  
7/6/67.

Enclosed herewith are six copies of amended  
page 2 of letterhead memorandum dated 6/23/67.

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 6)
- 2 - New Orleans

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 7/3/67

Central Intelligence Agency has consistently denied ever having contacted or been in contact with Lee Harvey Oswald. It has also denied having any connection in any way with any conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

Since information in attached is from news media, no dissemination being made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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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> OO: DALLAS.

THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES PICAYUNE, JULY TWO LAST, REPORTED

THAT ~~Tom~~ BETHELL, A FORMER LONDON SCHOOL TEACHER, WHO

ORIGINALLY CAME TO NEW ORLEANS TO STUDY JAZZ AND NOW AN

AIDE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON, SAID SATURDAY

THAT THE <sup>US</sup> CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) HAS CONCEALED

FIFTYONE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS VITAL TO AN INVESTIGATION OF

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. BETHELL,

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE CHECKED THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

AND SAID THAT FROM THE <sup>EX-115</sup> LIST OF HIDDEN INFORMATION IT IS

APPARENT THAT THE CIA KNEW "A GREAT DEAL" ABOUT LEE HARVEY

OSWALD BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT

BETHELL FEELS THERE ARE TWENTYNINE COMMISSION DOCUMENTS

WHICH SHOULD BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GARRISON, AMONG THE

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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MOST SIGNIFICANT WERE DOCUMENTS WHOSE TITLES INDICATE THAT THE CIA HAD EXTENSIVE INFORMATION ON OSWALD BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION, THAT OSWALD MAY HAVE HAD ACCESS TO SECRET U-TWO AIRCRAFT FILES, THAT THE CIA KNEW MORE ABOUT JACK RUBY THAN IT REVEALED PUBLICLY, AND THE CIA FAILED TO TURN OVER SOME INFORMATION TO THE WARREN COMMISSION. NO LHM *Letterhead memorandum.* BEING SUBMITTED.

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FBI WASH DC

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CC MR. SULLIVAN