

PH 157-916

He ordered it by mail from a dealer at Louisville, Ky., and purchased ammunition at the same time receiving a box which contained 14 or 15 cartridges. He did not know OSWALD or JACK RUBY. [redacted] left the weapon after he assassinated the President. Fleeing from the building by the front door he went to his automobile which was parked nearby and left the area. [redacted] advised that he was hospitalized for schizophrenia and has been in and out of mental hospitals since 1957, having first been treated for mental illness prior to his discharge from USAF.

LESTER COONS, Supervisor of Patients Service, VA Hospital, Bedford, Pa., on 1/15/68 advised the Boston Office that [redacted] was a voluntary patient and who eloped on 1/10/68. He was rated [incompetent] and has a 100% disability service connected. [redacted] said that he has read about the assassination in the Warren Commission reports and the newspapers, and read at least one other book re the assassination but is unable to recall the name of the author. [redacted] volunteered to return to the care of the VA and was examined 1/15/68 at the VA Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., and it is anticipated that he will be transferred from Philadelphia, Pa., to the VA Hospital in Coatesville, Pa., which handles cases involving mental illness. [redacted] mother, [redacted] resides [redacted] Crystal River, Fla. [redacted] has been staying at the YMCA in Philadelphia. He came to Philadelphia to surrender because he liked Philadelphia when he was in that city while in the U.S. Navy. [redacted] said he was considering [suicide and while still in the USN attempted suicide by cutting his wrists]. He has two faint scars on his left wrist. [redacted] is described as white male, 5'10", 150 lbs., eyes hazel, hair brown. Info re [redacted] was furnished by SA FRANK W. MULDERIG to MICHAEL A. KELLY, U.S. Secret Service, Philadelphia, Pa., at 11:40 a.m. 1/15/68. No further action will be taken by Philadelphia. UACB. Info copy to Boston. LHM being submitted to Secret Service.

[SUICIDAL TENDENCIES]

1/16/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Raupach

To: SAC, Philadelphia
From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

REC-35

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

RePHairtel 1/15/68.

Referenced airtel set forth information concerning [redacted] and concerns his mental instability.

Although the information concerning [redacted] was furnished to U. S. Secret Service in Philadelphia, immediately incorporate information set forth in referenced airtel into an appropriate letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination by the Bureau.

This matter should be handled expeditiously.

KMR:dcs
(4) dcs

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO....

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

Handwritten initials and signatures: 32, [unclear], [unclear]

NOTE:

[redacted] appeared at the Philadelphia Office 1/15/68 stating that he wanted to confess he was the person that assassinated President Kennedy. It was determined [redacted] had previously been hospitalized for schizophrenia and an inquiry with the VA Hospital, Bedford, Massachusetts, determined [redacted] a voluntary patient "eloped" on 1/10/68. He volunteered to return to the VA Hospital which he did. U. S. Secret Service, Philadelphia was advised; however, the information regarding [redacted] should be incorporated into an LHM for dissemination by the Bureau.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1/15/68

Clay L. Shaw has been charged by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison with conspiring to assassinate President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and an indictment was obtained.

The attached states that Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty, Jr., has stated he intends to bring the case of Clay L. Shaw to trial 2/13/68. According to Haggerty, the only legal way to delay the trial is for the defense to request a change of venue.

Inasmuch as the attached information was obtained from news media, it is not being disseminated.

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

4:45PM URGENT 1/15 CJM

JAN 15 1968

REC 67

TO DIRECTOR 62-109060 AND DALLAS 89-43

FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

TELETYPE

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

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

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, FINAL EDITION, JAN. FIFTEEN
INSTANT, REPORTED THAT CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE EDWARD A.
HAGGERTY, JR. SAID TODAY HE INTENDS TO BRING THE CASE OF
CLAY L. SHAW TO TRIAL FEB. THIRTEEN NEXT. ACCORDING TO
THE ARTICLE JUDGE HAGGERTY SAID THE ONLY LEGAL WAY HE KNOWS
TO DELAY THE TRIAL PAST THE FEB. DATE IS FOR THE DEFENSE
TO REQUEST A CHANGE OF VENUE. THE JUDGE SAID HE HAS NO
INDICATION DEFENSE ATTORNEYS PLAN SUCH A MOVE THOUGH THEY
HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO SO ANYTIME BEFORE FEB. THIRTEEN. THE
ARTICLE REPORTED THAT HAGGERTY SAID EVEN IF SUCH A REQUEST
IS MADE IT WOULD NOT DELAY THE TRIAL IF THE REQUEST WAS
DENIED.

Brody
Rosen
W.C.

MEMO
NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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22 JAN 17 1968

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FBI WASH DC
CC MR. SULLIVAN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

FBI

Date: 1/30/68

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AIRTEL

Via _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
(ATT: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIV.)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (89-75) (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63,
Dallas, Texas
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

ReNYairtel to Bureau, 1/19/68; and Bureau airtel
to NY, 1/22/68.

On 1/19/68, the records of the NYCPD were checked
by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, but contained no record which could
be identified with ROBERT E. SPRAGUE.

On 1/26/68, the records of the Credit Bureau of
Greater NY were checked by IC JOHN L. KAPP, but contained
no record which could be identified with ROBERT E. SPRAGUE.

EDWARD A. GOULET, 87-19 57th Avenue, Elmhurst,
New York, will be interviewed as instructed by the Bureau.

3 - Bureau
1 - New York
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REC 11
EX 110

62-109060-6139

12 JAN 31 1968

C. C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

57 FEB 1968

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/2/68

Walter is a former Security Patrol Clerk of the New Orleans Office whose name was mentioned by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison several nights ago on the Johnny Carson television program. Garrison said Walter had told Mark Lane of a message received in the New Orleans Office shortly before the assassination that President Kennedy was to be assassinated in Dallas. The next day Walter advised our Jacksonville Office that he never told Mark Lane anything of the sort. This information has been prepared and is now in the process of being furnished to the White House and Attorney General.

The attached reflects the unethical and scurrilous methods being used by Mark Lane and Garrison in their so-called investigation.

The attached will be furnished to the White House and Attorney General.

TNG:chs

WCS/W
1/2/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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| Mr. Gale | ✓ |
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| Mr. Sullivan | ✓ |
| Mr. Tavel | ✓ |
| Mr. Trotter | ✓ |
| Tele. Room | ✓ |
| Miss Holmes | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy | ✓ |

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731PM URGENT 2/2/68 OLP

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

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 6P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS

INFO CONCERNING, OO- DALLAS.

Former FBI employee La Fla District Attorney

WILLIAM S. WALTER, MENTIONED BY DA JAMES GARRISON ON

THE "TONIGHT SHOW" AS BEING SOURCE OF INFORMATION REGARDING

TX MESSAGE TO FBI OFFICES, VOLUNTARILY APPEARED THIS OFFICE

TODAY AND ADVISED HE HAD FURNISHED COMPLETE INFORMATION

CONCERNING HIS CONTACTS WITH MARK LANE TO SAC, JACKSONVILLE.

WALTER STATED UPON RETURN TO HIS APARTMENT LOCATED ONE FIVE

1533 THREE THREE JACKSON AVE., NEW ORLEANS, APPROXIMATELY

TWELVE THIRTY PM TODAY, HE FOUND A LETTER FROM MARK LANE

WHICH HAD BEEN SLIPPED UNDER THE DOOR OF HIS APARTMENT.

WALTER MADE AVAILABLE LETTER FROM LANE WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME HAS PASSED SINCE YOU INFORMED ME THAT YOU WOULD CONTACT ME. I HAVE CALLED THE

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

FEB 12 1968

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FEB 13 1968

Handwritten notes and signatures:
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personnel file
W.S. Walter
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Walter

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TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT YOU GAVE TO ME AND THERE HAS BEEN NO ANSWER. I HAVE VISITED YOUR APARTMENT AND NO ONE HAS BEEN HOME.

"IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES I FEEL THAT I SHOULD REPEAT MY STATEMENT TO YOU. THERE ARE TWO WAYS THAT THE MATERIAL THAT YOU REFERRED TO MAY BE USED. EITHER YOU MAY GIVE TO ME THE TELEGRAM WHICH SPEAKS FOR ITSELF AND I GIVE TO YOU THE ASSURANCE AGAIN THAT YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH IT OR I RECOMMEND TO MR. GARRISON THAT HE USE ALL OF THE OTHER DATA AVAILABLE INCLUDING A SWORN STATEMENT BY ME AS TO OUR CONVERSATION. MR. GARRISON IS MOST RELUCTANT TO UTILIZE A STATEMENT WHICH REFERS TO YOU BY NAME BUT IF NO OTHER PROOF IS AVAILABLE I DO NOT SEE HOW HE CAN DO ANYTHING ELSE. THIS STEP WOULD BE OBTIATED BY YOUR DELIVERING THE TELEGRAM OR A COPY OF IT TO ME.

"THE PRESIDENT IS DEAD. HIS MURDERERS ~~REMAIN~~ *REMAIN* UNPUNISHED AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE UNINFORMED AS TO THE DETAILS OF HIS DEATH. YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO BRING ABOUT A DRAMATIC CHANGE IN THAT VERY UNSATISFACTORY STATE

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OF AFFAIRS. I HOPE YOU WILL DO SO VOLUNTARILY. SHOULD YOU REFUSE TO DO SO THEN I WILL ADVISE MR. GARRISON THAT IT IS MY VERY STRONG OPINION THAT A STATEMENT FROM ME, REFERRING IN DETAIL TO OUR CONVERSATION, SHOULD BE PUBLICLY RELEASED WITHIN THE NEXT FORTYEIGHT TO SEVENTYTWO HOURS.

WALTER STATED APPROXIMATELY TWO PM TODAY HE CALLED THE PHONE NUMBER LISTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS LETTER AND A MAID WHO ANSWERED PHONE FURNISHED A PHONE NUMBER WHERE MARK LANE COULD BE REACHED. HE CALLED THIS NUMBER WHICH WAS THE PHONE NUMBER OF DA GARRISON'S OFFICE AND ASKED TO SPEAK TO MARK LANE. WALTER SAID HE TOLD LANE WHO HE WAS AND LANE SAID HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND HAD WRITTEN LETTERS TO HIM, CALLED HIM AT HIS APARTMENT AND CONTACTED HIS APARTMENT, BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH HIM. WALTER SAID HE TOLD LANE HE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAD MADE THE NEWS AND THAT HE HAD SEEN THE TELEVISION PROGRAM.

WALTER CLAIMS HE TOLD LANE HE DID NOT APPROVE OF WHAT THEY
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WERE DOING AND THE INFORMATION ATTRIBUTED TO HIM ON THE TELEVISION PROGRAM WAS TOTALLY FALSE AND THAT HE EMPHATICALLY DENIED THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM AT ANY TIME.

LANE INFORMED WALTER THAT THEY BELIEVED HE HAD VALUABLE INFORMATION AND THEY THOUGHT THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION ON TELEVISION THE BEST THING TO DO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE WALTER COULD NOT BE CONTACTED.

WALTER SAID HE TOLD LANE "YOU MEAN THE ONLY THING YOU COULD DO WAS TO ATTRIBUTE STATEMENTS TO ME ON NATIONAL TELEVISION THAT WERE TOTALLY FALSE. I DID NOT SAY THESE THINGS TO YOU OR ANYONE ELSE."

WALTER SAID LANE TOLD HIM THAT THE BEST THING THEY COULD DO WOULD BE TO TAKE HIM BEFORE THE GRAND JURY AND FIND OUT WHETHER HE HAD ANY INFORMATION. WALTER SAID HE TOLD LANE TO GO AHEAD AND BRING HIM BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO HIDE AND COULD ONLY TELL THE TRUTH.

WALTER SAID HE TOLD LANE THAT HE WANTED LANE TO KNOW THAT HE THOUGHT THE BUREAU WAS A FINE ORGANIZATION AND THAT HE DID NOT APPROVE OF WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO DO BY INVOLVING HIM IN THE INVESTIGATION AND THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION

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OF VALUE CONCERNING THEIR INVESTIGATION. LANE TOLD WALTER THAT HE KNEW WHAT THEY COULD DO AND THAT HE COULD NOT HIDE FROM THEM. LANE SUGGESTED THAT IF A TWX MESSAGE EXISTED WALTER SHOULD CONTACT HIS FRIENDS WHO WERE FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY THE FBI AND SEND LANE A COPY OF IT.

WALTER CLAIMS THAT ABOVE PHONE CONVERSATION WITH LANE LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES. HE SAID HE HAS CONTACTED ATTORNEY GUY WOOTEN IN NEW ORLEANS, WITH WHOM HE INTENDS TO CONFERENCE IN DETAIL IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. WALTER SAID HE DOES NOT PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

WALTER STATED THAT HE HAD RECALLED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH HE DID NOT FURNISH DURING INTERVIEW WITH THE SAC AT JACKSONVILLE. HE STATED THAT DURING HIS FIRST CONVERSATION WITH LANE, LANE MENTIONED TO HIM THAT THEY ALREADY HAD INFORMATION ABOUT THE TWX MESSAGE AND THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE PUTTING THEIR JOBS ON THE LINE AND THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE AND ARE COOPERATING WITH THEM. WALTER SAID LANE

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DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT THESE PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYEES OF THE
FBI AND DID NOT FURNISH ANY INFORMATION AS TO THEIR IDENTITY.

WALTER SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT LANE WAS
ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE DISGRUNTLED FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE
FBI WHO MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO COOPERATE WITH THEM IN THEIR
INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

MEMO
LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

END

BGM

FBI WASH DC

*LHM disseminated to A & G Welch,
Vinson & Gray, also to CIA
and Secret Service by R/S 2/6/68.
RL*

CC MR SULLIVAN

FBI

Date: 2/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (89-75)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF JOHN
FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISC - INFO CONCERNING

Re NY airtel to the Bureau, 1/30/68.

There is enclosed for the Bureau the original
and four copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning
the interview of [redacted]
Elmhurst, NY. [redacted] was interviewed by SAs JOHN J.
AHERNE and HENRY C. LARSEN.

Local dissemination is being made to US Secret
Service, NYC.

cc LHM to
AAG VINSON +
USSS 2/12/68

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1-New York

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ENCLOSURE
C. C. Bishop

Approved: 331 _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile 62-109060

Director NYfile 89-75

United States Secret Service

Department of the Treasury

Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Assassination of John
Fitzgerald Kennedy

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available
 may be available through _____

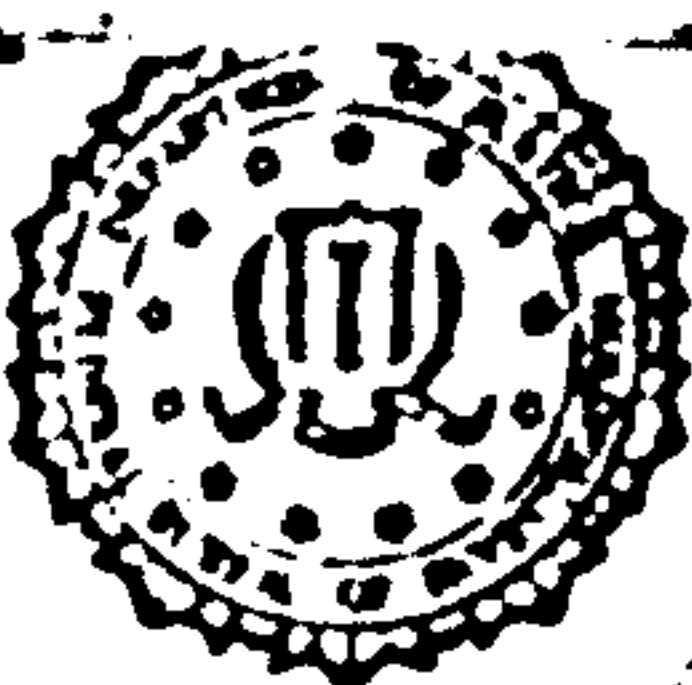
Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)
U. S. Secret Service, NYC

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form
becomes UNCLASSIFIED)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
February 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

BUfile 62-109060

NYfile 89-75

Assassination of John Fitzgerald
Kennedy November 22, 1963,
Dallas, Texas

[REDACTED], Elmhurst,
New York, was interviewed on February 7, 1968, concerning a
letter he had previously sent to the Department of Justice,
Washington D.C., in which he stated he had evidence concerning
bombings, shootings and assaults and "eye witness testimony"
concerning the death of President Kennedy.

[REDACTED] was entirely incoherent during this
interview and when specifically questioned concerning President
Kennedy, stated he had known Mr. Kennedy when he, Kennedy,
was a policeman in New York City.

[REDACTED] stated he was born on October 18, 1930,
Bronx, New York, is 5'4", weighs 180 pounds, brown hair and
wears glasses. He stated his stepfather [REDACTED] lives
in the apartment above him, telephone number [REDACTED]

This document contains neither recommendations nor
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FBI

Date: 2/2/68

Transmit the following in

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (89-10)

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

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a Letterhead Memorandum captioned as above pertaining to WILLIAM S. WALTER. One copy of LHM is being furnished to the recipient offices.

Mr. WALTER advised that if further contact with him is necessary, he can be contacted at 1533 Jackson Avenue, New Orleans, La., telephone 529-7419.

former clerk, New Orleans office

W. Walter
6142
Chairman
Thompson

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5) (RM)
- 1 - Dallas (89-43) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (89-69) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville

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EX 110
*Please copy of memo
in out of name file
of William S. Walter
has
2/12/68*

FEB 5 1968

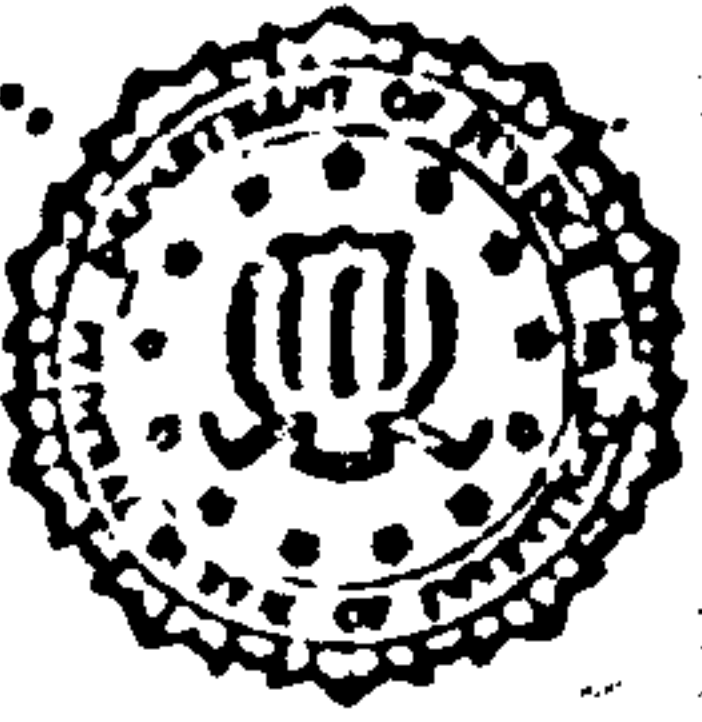
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C. E. [Signature]

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Special Agent in Charge
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Jacksonville, Florida
February 2, 1968

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

On the morning of February 1, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM S. WALTER, 1533 Jackson Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, contacted Special Agent in Charge D. K. BROWN by telephone and furnished the following information:

- Mr. WALTER stated he was in Jacksonville for a short period of time, and on the night of January 31, 1968, he had seen the Johnny Carson Show on television and that certain representations were made by District Attorney JIM GARRISON which were inaccurate and untrue. Mr. WALTER made an appointment to appear at the Jacksonville Office during the afternoon of February 1, 1968, and furnish the facts concerning his contacts with people concerned in the GARRISON investigation of the death of President KENNEDY.

On the afternoon of February 1, 1968, Mr. WALTER came to the office and advised that the Johnny Carson Show, supra, consisted of an interview with JIM GARRISON. Near the end of the show, JOHNNY CARSON was pressing GARRISON for new evidence he allegedly had to offer and GARRISON referred to MARK LANE who had been helping GARRISON in the investigation. GARRISON, according to Mr. WALTER's recollection, said that MARK LANE had obtained from Mr. WALTER a sworn statement which reflected that on the morning of November 17, 1963, Mr. WALTER had received a "TWX message" directed to all Southern Regional Offices of the FBI. The message advised that an attempt to assassinate President KENNEDY would be made in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Further, that WALTER, who was working alone on the midnight to 8 a.m., shift, called the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office and was instructed to call a number

W.M.S. WALTER
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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

of Agents in New Orleans and tell them to maintain contact with various informants. GARRISON further alleged that this affidavit quoted Mr. WALTER as saying that a FBI directive ordered the New Orleans Office to have various Agents who had conducted interviews concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY examine these interview reports to make sure there were no conflicts contained within them. The Agents were ordered to resolve the conflicts, prepare new reports and destroy the old reports.

Mr. WALTER advised that the following series of events detail his entire relationship with members of the GARRISON group:

While a student at Tulane University and in December 1967 (believed to be the first week of December), he attended a speech made by MARK LANE at Tulane University. LANE's speech concerned the Warren Commission Report, his findings from investigation of President KENNEDY's assassination and the new book which MARK LANE was publishing.

Following the speech, MARK LANE held a question and answer period at the University Center at Tulane University. About two hundred people attended. WALTER attended the question and answer session and observed MARK LANE answer a number of questions. MARK LANE indicated to the audience that in the past he had been under surveillance by FBI Agents during all of his speaking activities and investigative activities.

At that time Mr. WALTER was standing in the rear of the meeting room and a friend of Mr. WALTER, whose identity he does not recall, but whose identity he can determine if necessary, asked if Mr. WALTER was the FBI employee surveilling Mr. LANE at this time. Mr. WALTER answered that he was not employed by the Bureau any longer and had no interest in Mr. LANE whatsoever. A woman who was standing near-by obviously overheard this conversation and approached Mr. WALTER, identifying herself as Mrs. MARK LANE. She asked whether he had ever been employed by the FBI. Mr. WALTER told Mrs. LANE that he had formerly

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

been employed by the FBI as a clerical employee while going to Tulane University in his spare time. Mrs. LANE asked if Mr. WALTER would like to talk to her husband, MARK LANE. Mr. WALTER replied he had no reason to talk with Mr. LANE and that he was preparing to leave. She then asked if Mr. WALTER was employed during the time of the assassination investigation and Mr. WALTER replied in the affirmative. She then asked if he could give her the identity of any former FBI employees who were involved in the investigation of the assassination. Mr. WALTER advises he gained the impression from this conversation that Mrs. MARK LANE was interested in making contact with any former FBI employees whom she could interview concerning the investigation.

Mr. WALTER told Mrs. LANE that he had resigned his position with the FBI about a year prior to the conversation; that he was not aware of the identity of any employees who participated in the investigation; and that had he such information, he would not be at liberty to disclose it to her.

Mrs. LANE then rather bluntly stated that "we have some information indicating that the FBI knew the assassination was going to take place." She then made a little speech to the effect that if he were aware of any information along the lines that the Bureau knew President KENNEDY was to be assassinated in Dallas, it was his patriotic duty, regardless of his feeling for the FBI, to bring this information to their attention.

Mr. WALTER told her he did not wish to talk to Mr. LANE and did not wish to get involved in any type of investigation of who killed the President. Mrs. LANE told him that if he ever wanted to talk to MARK LANE, he could make a contact through their residence on Charter Street in New Orleans and that the LANES were listed in the telephone directory. Mr. WALTER then left the meeting.

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Shortly after this incident, Mr. WALTER left New Orleans to go to Atlanta where he spent two weeks in a training course for Permacol, the industrial tape division of Johnson and Johnson. He returned to New Orleans the Friday before Christmas 1967. Shortly after his return to New Orleans, he heard a news bulletin on the radio to the effect that JIM GARRISON was in possession of a copy of a TWX message which indicated that the FBI had prior knowledge that President KENNEDY was going to be assassinated. Mr. WALTER thereafter was in constant travel status until 1/16/68 at which time he returned to New Orleans.

The following morning his landlord, BOYD ALLISON, 1531 Jackson Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, told Mr. WALTER that a group of men with the Detective Division of the New Orleans Police Department had been trying to locate him and Mr. ALLISON gave Mr. WALTER a telephone number and the name - Mr. BRITAL. Mr. ALLISON told Mr. WALTER that this man BRITAL had stated Mr. WALTER was an important witness and should call the telephone number immediately upon arriving in New Orleans. Mr. WALTER made contact with BRITAL by telephone. BRITAL identified himself as being an employee of the New Orleans District Attorney's Office and said it was important to make contact with WALTER immediately.

Mr. WALTER had placed his call to BRITAL from a telephone booth at the Burger King Drive-in at the corner of Clairborne and Carrollton Avenue, and he agreed to wait at that location for Mr. BRITAL. BRITAL shortly drove up to the drive-in with another individual who was identified as an employee of the District Attorney's Office but whose name WALTER does not recall. Within a moment or two a third individual, name unknown, but a member of the District Attorney's Office, arrived in a second car and almost immediately thereafter Mr. and Mrs. MARK LANE arrived at the drive-in. Upon seeing the LANES, WALTER immediately knew that they wished to talk about the KENNEDY assassination, so he said to them, "You are teaming up on me and I refuse to talk about my activity in the Bureau or about President KENNEDY's assassination investigation."

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BRITAL asked if WALTER had not indicated to Mrs. LANE that he wished to talk to MARK LANE. WALTER denied having made any such indication and left to get into his car. He was followed to his automobile by Mr. and Mrs. MARK LANE. There they engaged him in conversation apart from the rest of the group. LANE asked whether WALTER was employed by the Bureau during the time of the investigation of the President's assassination. WALTER replied to the affirmative, but said that he had no information concerning the investigation.

At this point MARK LANE asked, "Did you receive a TWX from FBI headquarters the Sunday before the assassination that KENNEDY was to be assassinated in Dallas, Texas?" WALTER replied to LANE that he was not sure that he was even on duty on that particular date, that as part of his duties he was required to receive and send numerous teletypes. LANE then told WALTER that the American people had a right to know the full truth about what happened in Dallas and that LANE felt it was everyone's obligation to contribute to finding out the truth and if WALTER had any knowledge that the FBI was concealing information or that the FBI was aware that an assassination attempt was to be made, that WALTER had the duty to make it known.

LANE then asked if WALTER had a copy of a "TWX" to this effect. WALTER told LANE he had no copies of any Bureau communications and that he knew of no one who did.

At this point WALTER insisted that he had to leave to go to Biloxi, Mississippi, and LANE said, "I want you to know that all of your expenses are covered." WALTER replied that he had done nothing for LANE to earn expenses. LANE asked whether WALTER would like to come to work for JIM GARRISON. Upon receipt of a negative reply, LANE said that JIM GARRISON was backed by a group of people and he had access to a lot of money and would be willing to pay a lump sum for any information WALTER

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might be able to furnish MARK LANE. WALTER told LANE he had a job and had done nothing that would merit a lump sum payment.

LANE was most persistent and again queried WALTER about the existence of the "TWX" mentioned above and in parting LANE asked that WALTER do him the favor of calling LANE when he was next in New Orleans. WALTER replied he would not be back for-sometime and then left.

Mr. WALTER advised that he never received or saw a teletype or other message containing the information being sought by LANE. He further emphatically denies that he ever received any payment of any sort from LANE or GARRISON or persons associated with this investigation and also emphatically denies that he has ever furnished an affidavit or signed statement of any kind to these people.

Mr. WALTER further said that he had had no conversation with MARK LANE or any other persons concerning an alleged FBI directive to the FBI New Orleans Office instructing Agents who had conducted interviews concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY to examine these interview reports and make sure there were no conflicts contained therein. He could recall no conversation concerning orders to resolve the conflicts, prepare new reports, and destroy old ones.

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On 1/31 - 2/1/68, Johnny Carson had, as his guest on his television show, New Orleans District Attorney Garrison. During show, Garrison alleged that Mark Lane, who is assisting Garrison, had interviewed William Walter, a former Security Patrol Clerk of the New Orleans FBI Office at which time Walter allegedly told Lane that he was aware of an FBI teletype dated 11/17/63, advising there was to be an assassination attempt of President Kennedy in Dallas 11/22/63.

On 2/1/68, William Walter contacted Jacksonville Office and requested to be interviewed since he wanted to set the record straight. Attached teletype sets forth details of interview with Walter. It is to be noted that Walter denies ever possessing any knowledge of an FBI teletype 11/17/63, as reported by Garrison. Walter also stated he possessed no information indicating an FBI instruction to all offices in connection with the report writing procedures.

Data set forth herein will be disseminated to the White House and Attorney General, along with the other highlights of Garrison's appearance on the Johnny Carson show.

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TELETYPE

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM JACKSONVILLE /89-10/ 3P

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| Mr. DeLoach | ✓ |
| Mr. Mohr | ✓ |
| Mr. Bishop | ✓ |
| Mr. Casper | ✓ |
| Mr. Callahan | ✓ |
| Mr. Conrad | ✓ |
| Mr. Felt | ✓ |
| Mr. Gale | ✓ |
| Mr. Rosen | ✓ |
| Mr. Sullivan | ✓ |
| Mr. Tavel | ✓ |
| Mr. Trotter | ✓ |
| Tele. Room | ✓ |
| Miss Holmes | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy | ✓ |

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

Former FBI Security Patrol Clerk

ON FEB. ONE INSTANT, WILLIAM S. WALTER CONTACTED ME BY TELEPHONE AND ADVISED HE HAD SEEN THE JOHNNY CARSON SHOW ON TV THE NIGHT OF JAN. THIRTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT. HE SAID HE WISHED TO FURNISH INFO-RE CERTAIN STATEMENTS MADE BY JIM GARRISON AT THAT TIME.

WALTER SUBSEQUENTLY VOLUNTARILY APPEARED JACKSONVILLE FBI OFFICE AND ADVISED HE HAD FORMERLY BEEN EMPLOYED AS A SECURITY PATROL CLERK BY THE FBI AT NEW ORLEANS. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS RESIGNATION AND ON AN EVENING DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF DEC. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, WALTER ATTENDED A SPEECH AT TULANE UNIVERSITY BY MARK LANE DURING WHICH LANE DISCUSSED HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION, WARREN COMMISSION REPORT, AND LANE'S BOOK ON ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. THEREAFTER WALTER ATTENDED A RECEPTION AND QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WITH ABOUT TWO HUNDRED PERSONS DURING WHICH LANE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY FBI DURING HIS INVESTIGATION AND DURING HIS

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SPEECHES. FRIEND OF WALTER ASKED WHETHER WALTER WAS THE FBI EMPLOYEE CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE OF THIS PARTICULAR MEETING AND WALTER EXPLAINED HE HAD SEVERED HIS CONNECTION WITH FBI. MRS. LANE, WHO OBVIOUSLY OVERHEARD THE CONVERSATION, APPROACHED WALTER CONCERNING HIS FORMER EMPLOYMENT WITH THE FBI. SHE THEN INVITED HIM TO TALK WITH MARK LANE, STATING IT WAS WALTER'S PATRIOTIC DUTY TO DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION HE MIGHT HAVE. WALTER DECLINED THE INVITATION.

HE WAS ABSENT FROM NEW ORLEANS MOST OF THE TIME UNTIL JAN. SIXTEEN LAST, WHEN HE RETURNED TO HIS APARTMENT AND LEARNED THAT A MEMBER OF THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S STAFF WAS ENDEAVORING TO CONTACT HIM. HE MADE CONTACT WITH THIS PERSON AND WAS SHORTLY APPROACHED BY THREE DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS AND MR. AND MRS. LANE. THESE PERSONS ENDEAVORED TO PERSUADE HIM TO ADMIT HE HAD KNOWLEDGE OF A TELETYPE MESSAGE FROM BUREAU HEADQUARTERS TO ALL SOUTHERN REGIONAL OFFICES ADVISING THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WOULD BE ASSASSINATED IN DALLAS. HE DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A MESSAGE, ALSO ASSERTING IF HE HAD SUCH KNOWLEDGE HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO DIVULGE SAME.

WALTER EMPHATICALLY DENIES HE GAVE AN AFFIDAVIT OR SIGNED STATEMENT TO ANYONE STATING HE HAD RECEIVED SUCH A MESSAGE WHILE EMPLOYED BY THE FBI OR THAT HE HAD EVER TOLD ANYONE OF A FBI DIRECTIVE INSTRUCTING AGENTS WHO INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION TO EXAMINE INTERVIEW

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REPORTS AND TO DESTROY OLD REPORTS WHERE CONFLICTS WERE LOCATED. HE STATES HE WAS PERSISTENTLY URGED TO FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION, OFFERED INDUCEMENTS SUCH AS EXPENSES, LUMP SUM PAYMENTS /NO SPECIFIC AMOUNTS MENTIONED/ AND EMPLOYMENT WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON, BUT EMPHATICALLY MADE NO SUCH STATEMENTS TO MARK LANE, HIS WIFE OR ANY OTHER PERSONS AT ANY TIME. ^{MEMO} LHM FOLLOWS.

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CC MR SULLIVAN

TO ALL THE BUREAUS AND FIELD OFFICES
FROM THE DIRECTOR, FBI
SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; PRESIDENTIAL
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OF THE WAY OF THE MILWAUKEE DEFENSE BAR. RE: STANLEY
WALTON OF THE FBI, NOW STAYS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
STAYS OF BY TURNING UP THE 8 RESPECTIVE HOSES AT
THE TELEPHONE ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. THE
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REASON IF FOR NO OTHER SET CLASS PHONE

[REDACTED] TURNERS FALLS, MASS.

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THE COMPLAINANT WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS DIVISION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

W.A. R. 100
Worcester, Massachusetts
(5/1/53)

Enclaves reflect several letters from Wagner mostly about administrative matters in the Northampton State Hospital, and in incoming dated 3/30/53, he identified himself as being a "cop." Boston letter dated 3/10/53 informed that local law enforcement authorities described him as being a completely erratic, unreliable and unstable person. It went on to walk the streets muttering to himself and threatening passersby.

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Copy 5/1/53
Wagner, W.A. R. 100
Worcester, Massachusetts

Wagner, W.A. R. 100

Wagner sent telegram 1-22-53 to the Bureau from Springfield, Massachusetts, no street address given, implying he might attempt suicide. Local authorities informed through BU airtel 1/23/53.
BU inc. 2-1-53, report seized of "another association attempt." U. S. Secret Service notified through BU airtel 2-7-53 to SAC, Boston.

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ENCLOSURE

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/7/68

Gordon Dwane Novel is a former New Orleans night club owner, who has frequently and publicly denounced Garrison's probe of the Kennedy assassination as a fraud. Novel left New Orleans to reside in Ohio; in order to avoid appearance before the New Orleans grand jury. He has frequently contacted the FBI to volunteer information relative to the Garrison probe. The reliability of the attached is unknown.

The attached will be furnished to the Department for information.

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Handwritten: JFM, 2/15/68

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
February 9, 1968

The Attorney General

Director, FBI 62-109060-6146

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NOVEMBER 22, 1963
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