

Sen.Robert Rennedy U.S.Congress Washington, D.C.

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19060-6220 February 29, 1968

Miss Polly Busselle Office of Senator Robert F. Kennedy United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Miss Busselle:

· I have received your, communication of February 27th, together with the letter from Rose LaChapelle of Manistique, Michigan, which she addressed to Senator Kennedy, the letter she received from "Life" magazine, and her self-addressed, stamped envelope.

In response to her comments, the FBI, at the direction of President Johnson, conducted a prompt, intensive, objective and thorough investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. The results of this investigation were accurately reported to the Warren Commission, and not one shred of evidence has been developed to link any other person in a conspiracy with Lee Harvey Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy. All available evidence and facts point to one conclusign--that Oswald acted alone in his crime.

Her letter and its enclosures are being returned.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

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# Testimony\_ Is Praised By Garrison

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District Attorney Jim Garrison says that testimony given him by Lawrence Howard Jr. of El Monte, Call, early this week was "honest and complete."

Garrison said the 32-year-old unemployed welder is not implicated in any way in his probe of the Kennedy assassination but that Howard had useful background information of interest to his office.

Howard was successful at preventing his extradition from California as a witness by Garrison, then volunteered to come here and testify.

Garrison said the importance of Howard's testimony grew primarily out of his experience as an anti-Castro leader in Florida in 1963.

The DA said his office has had many difficulties in getting witnesses to come here for fuestioning and that Howard's cooperation was unusual choogh to warrant public acknowledgement by his office.

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STATES-ITEM

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30 Witnesses Wanted for office March 1 last year. Motion Hearing;

Wednesday singled out some 30 prospective jurors. Defense at termine whether or not Shaw's 100 miles away. conspiracy trial will be moved Subpenaes will probably be out of New Orleans.

presented the list of names to office. Haggerty said names of the office of the clerk of crim-witnesses cannot be released inal district court and requested until they are made a part of that subpenas be issued for ap- the official record, and that will pearances Tuesday at the hear- not take place until Judge Eding on Shaw's change-of-venue ward A. Haggerty motion.

Shaw, former managing difector of the International Trade Mart, is charged by District At-

JHAWILAWILRO Horney Jim Garrison With gonspiring to murder President SEEK SUBPENAS John F. Kennedy in a case that will be one year old Friday. Shaw was arrested in Garrison's

The change-of-venue motion in turn accuses Garrison of a "well Attorneys for Clay Lisshaw planned conspiracy" to prejudice torneys claim a fair trial is imwitnesses they want to testify possible in New Orleans. They in a court hearing that will de-want the trial moved at least

issued Thursday, stated Dan Attorney Salvatore Panzeca Haggerty of the clerk of court's Thursday.

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# TESTIMONY OK, SAYS GARRISON

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Howard's Talk Called Honest, Complete

Dist. Alty, Jim Garrison said Wednesday that testimony given him by Lawrence Howard Jr. of El Monte, Calif., during his visit here early this week was honest and complete.

year-old unemployed welder is not connected in any way with his probe into the assassination of President Kennedy, Howard had a useful background of knowledge concerning areas of interest to his office.

The importance of Howard's testimony, Garrison added, grew largely out of his experience as an anti-Castro leader in Florida in 1963.

It was apparent, the DA said, that Howard was interested in helping as much as possible with regard to the probe.

After successfully fighting extradition from California to Louisiana in January, Howard last week volunteered to come any-

Garrison said his office has had a difficult problem in getting many witnesses back into Louisiana so they can be questioned.

He said Howard's cooperation was unusual enough to warrant public ecknowledgment by his office.

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ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES O Memorandum \_\_Jach - Mr. Bishop : Mr. W. C. Sullivan - Mr. Rosen DATE: 2/29/68 - Mr. Sullivan - Mr. Malley : D. J. Brennan, Jr. - Mr. Branigan - Mr. Wannall - Liaison ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT - Mr. Putnam JOHN F. KENNEDY 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS This is to advise of allegation obtained by an Army representative from a reporter for the "Toronto Star", Y I newspaper, Toronto, Canada, that President Kennedy's assassination was triggered by an offer by Senator Ted Kennedy (Democrat-Massachusetts) to pay \$500,000 for the " - dassassination of Fidel Castro. On 2/23/68 Mr. Reis Kash (NA), Office of the Provost Marshal General, Department of the Army, volunteered that he had recently received a phone call from one Earl McRae of the "Toronto Star" and that, according to McRae, he and his newspaper are conducting an investigation of the President Kennedy assassination. In this connection, McRae stated that he was following through on an allegation that Senator Ted/Kennedy had made an offer to pay \$500,000 for the assassination of Fidel Castro and that this is what triggered the assassination of President Kennedy. According to McRae, Mr. Homme, Assistant Counsel for the Senate Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure had knowledge concerning this offer. McRae explained that the reason he had called Kash was because he understood that Kash had "a means of access" to Homme. When Kash informed McRae that he did not know Homme, McRae said Bureau files show that in 1965, we investigated.

Herbert Gordon Homme for Senator James O. Eastland, Democrat-Mississippi of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Hemse was employed at the time as an assistant counsel for the

Senate Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure of the Committee on the Judiciary. Investigation of Homme was favorable with the exception of information received concerning

problem"

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Memo D. J. Brennan to Mr. Sullivan Re: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas

This matter has been discussed with the General Investigative Division. Allegations involving anti-Castro elements as being connected with the assassination of President Kennedy have come to our attention before. This has been a favorite ploy of New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison. It is felt we should not get involved in this latest allegation.

# ACTION:

For information,

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February 1968

Dear Sirs

I over heard a conversation. About the years ago. some one mentioned of A MAII HAMED + heshovaka Helmansky Some Kind of A Russian Agent thying to Escape to cuba the WAS supposedly Linked with the Killing of President Kennedy ALSO OF AN AMERICAN F.B.I Agent. N'AMED FRANK MALTIN Supposetly CHASING him. Nothing was ever mentioned About this in the Newspapers of on RADIO. VIIII Recently I meet someone who ALSO KNEW Aboy-t it tyrew their cousin who was An Agent of yours. they told me ME: 2:28-88 that I was not suppose to know Anyming about mis. well it's pisethy 18/26 Soutely F do. what I would likely or is every ming I have

Suzie Sherman
Frye Hall #216
Fryeburg Academy
Fryeburg Maine

February 1968

Dear Sirs

Some one mentioned of a man named treshovaka Helmansky some kind of a Russian Agent trying to escape to Cuba the was supposetly linked with the killing of President Kennedy also of an American FBI Agent named Frank Martin supposetly chasing him. Nothing was ever mentioned about this in the newspapers or on radfo. Until recently I meet someone who also knew about it threw their cousin who was an Agent of yours. they told me that I was not suppose to know anything about this. Well it's pretty absoutely I do. What I would like to know is is this all true of is everything I have heard all a pack of lies?

Sincerely

/s/ Suzie Sherman

Waiting for your soonest reply.

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Miss Suzie Sherman Room 216 \_\_. Frye Hall. Fryeburg Academy Fryeburg, Maine 04037

Dear Miss Sherman:

Your letter of February 24th has been received.

In response to your communication, information : in FBI files is confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. Enclosed is a booklet about our organization which I hope you find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 19 COMM - FBI

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover Director

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NOTE: Neither the correspondent nor Treshovaka Helmansky is identifiable in Busiles. Since correspondent is a young student seeking verification of an alleged comment made by an unidentified person several years ago and there are no references to whom she refers in the President Kennedy assassination, above reply is deemed appropriate. This matter has been coordinated with the Domestic . Williams Division and the American decision and the Amer Intelligence Division and the Assassination Desk in the General Investigative Division.

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Domestik intelligence Division INFORMATIVE NOTE Date \_\_\_\_2/29/68 The attached states twenty witnesses have been subpoensed by the defense attorneys for Clay L. Shaw in forthcoming hearing, 3/5/68, on question of change of venue. District Attorney, New Orleans, attempting to bring Shaw to trial on charge of conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. Since attached has been received from news media, no dissemination being made of same.

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5-15 PM 2-59-68 URGENT DAO

TO DIRECTOR 62-109060 AND DALLAS

FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69 3P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KÉÑNÉDY.

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS INFOR CONCERNING, 00: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, FEB.

TWENTYNINE INSTANT, REPORTED THAT ATTORNEYS FOR CLAY L.

WHAW HAVE FILED SUBPOENAES FOR TWENTY PERSONS INCLUDING

Wist Pict ALLONNEL DA JIM GARRISON IN THEIR EFFORT TO HAVE SHAW'S TRIAL

TRANSFERRED OUT OF NEW ORLEANS. JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY,

JR. IN ISSUING THE SUBPOENAES SERVED NOTICE THAT ANY OF THE

CONTEMPT OF COURT. THE TWENTY PERSONS SUBPOENAED FOR A

HEARING BEFORE JUDGE HAGGERTY ON TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK ARE MAR 6 1968

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HEARING FOR SHAW, MARK LANE, SIX ONE SEVEN DAUPHINE, LALA

MORT SAHL, WHOSE ADDRESS WAS LISTED AS THE DA'S OFFICE,

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Mr. Felt. Mr. Tavel ...... Mr. Troller.... Tele. Room.... Miss Holmes ..... Miss Gandy.....

Mr. Callahan....

Mr. Courad ....

PAGE T KELLIHER, NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING, AN ATTORNEY WHO HAS HAD NO PREVIOUS ASSCCIATION WITH THE CASE, W. FORD FEESE, FIVE EIGHT THREE ZERO PITT, AN ATTORNEY WHO HAD' NO PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION WITH THE CASE, ED DEVENPORT, WWL RADIO, A NEWSMAN, ED PLANER, WDSU TELEVISION, A NEWS EXECUTIVE, GEORGE W./HEALY, JR., EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE STATES-ITEM AND THE TIMES-PICAYUNE, ROSS YOCKEY, WVUE-TV A NEWSMAN, HOKE S MAY, A STATES-ITEM NEWSMAN, JAMES L. · Distre ALCOCK, AN ASSISTANT DA, RICHARD BURNES, AN ASSISTANT DA, Dist Firt Attollier WILLIAM REED, WWL-TV, NEWS DIRECTOR, MAURICE I. ROUGA, NINE NINE THREE ZERO CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY, LOUISIANA NEWS INC., ALEC GIFFORD, WVUE-TV, A NEWSMAN, HAROLD LIDIN, TWO NINE FOUR FIVE BECK, FORMERLY WITH WYUE-TV, LOUIS IVON, AN INVESTIGATOR FOR GARRISON AND ROBERT JONES, WWL-TV, A NEWSMAN. JUDGE HAGGERTY'S COURT ORDER TO THE WITNESSES SAID: "THE LIST OF WITNESSES SUBPOENAED BY THE DEFENSE IN "THE FORTHCOMING HEARING SET FOR MARCH FIVE NEXT ON THE QUESTION OF A CHANGE-OF VENUE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK OF COURT AND IS A PUBLIC RECORD AND IS, THEREFORE, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. END PAGE 2.

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ORDERS OF THE COURT WHERE I HAVE ORDERED THAT WINESSES
AND ALL LAWYERS ARE FORBIDDEN FROM MAKING ANY EXTRA-JUDICIAL
STATEMENTS OF ANY KIND ABOUT THE CASE. THESE TWENTY
PERSONS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY LISTED AND SUBPOENAED, AND I
EXPRESSLY FORBID THEM GIVING ANY INTERVIEWS CONCERNING THEIR
FORTHCOMING TESTIMONY TO ANY NEWS MEDIA WHATSOEVER.

"I FURHTER FORBID ALL ATTORNEYS FOR BOTH SIDES FROM GIVING ANY RESUME OR SYNOPSIS OF WHAT THEY HOPE OR EXPECT TO PROVE WITH ANY OR ALL WITNESSES."

"THE PROPER FORUM FOR DETERMINATION OF THE LEGAL QUES-TIONS OF WHETHER A CHANGE OF VENUE SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE-GRANTED IS IN OPEN COURT, AND NOWHERE ELSE."

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE STATE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CALL REBUTTAL WITNESSES AT NEXT WEEK'S . --

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT JUDGE HAGGERTY HAS SAID HE PLANS TO CALL PERSONS FROM THE JURY VENIRE TO QUESTION THEM AS TO WHETHER PUBLICITY ABOUT THE CASE HAD RENDERED THEM INCAPABLE OF MAKING AN IMPARTIAL DECISION.

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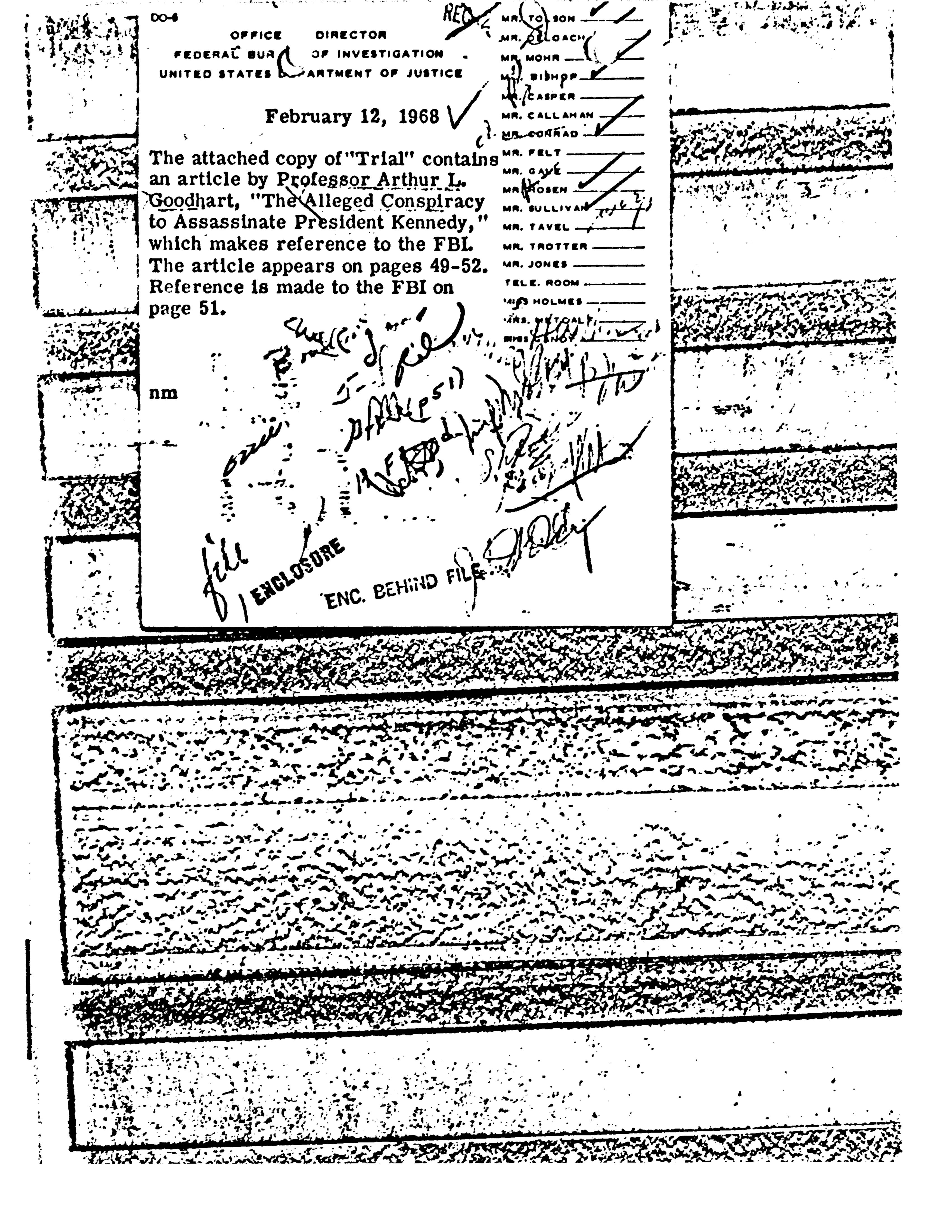
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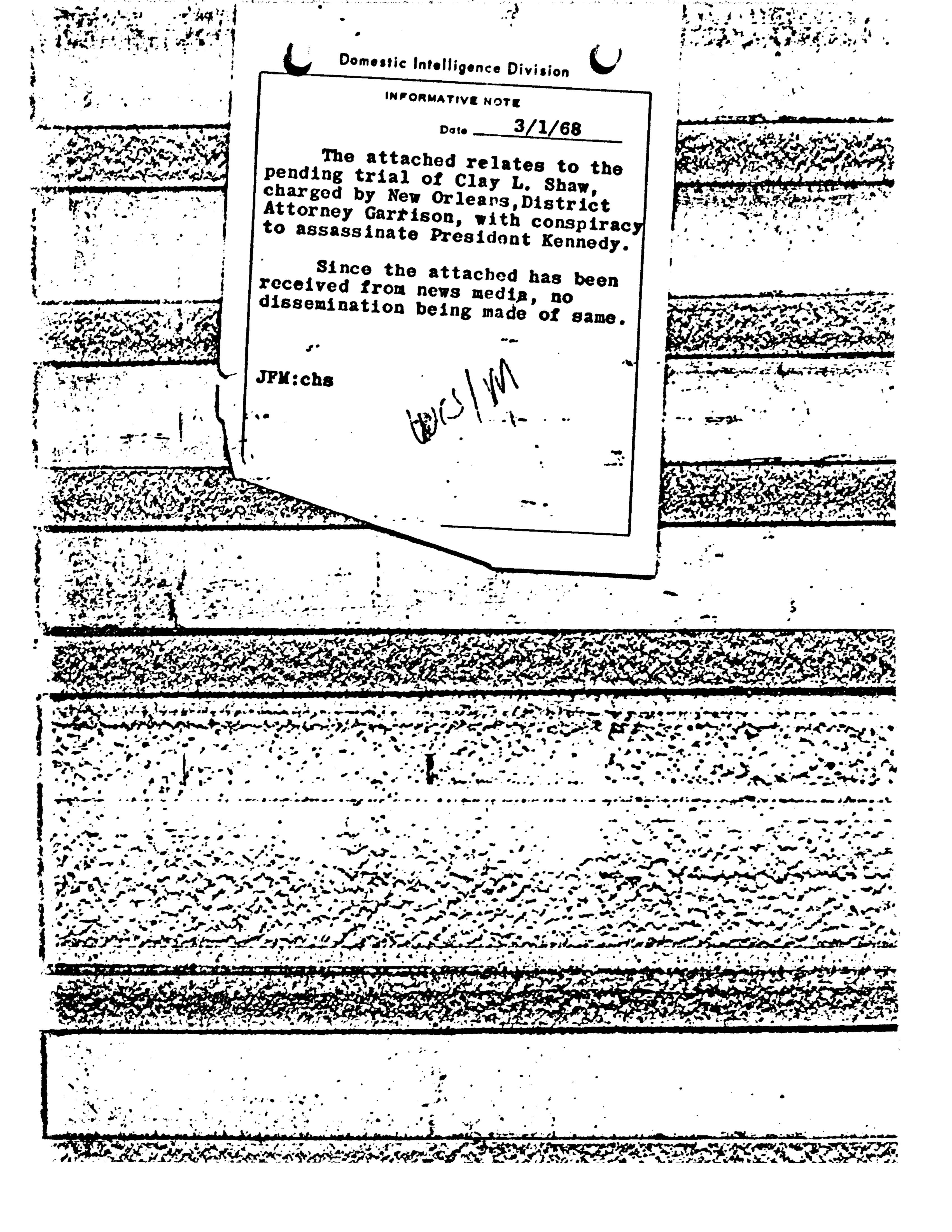
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3:40PM URGENT 3-1-68 MMW

TO DIRECTOR 62-109060. AND DALLAS 89-43

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ASTATSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FLIZGERALD KENNEDY,

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTOW, SIXTY THREE, MISCELLANEOUS -

INFO CONCERNING, 00: DALLAS.

THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE, FRIDAY, MARCH ONE REQUESTED A SUBPOENA ORDERING DA JIM GARRISON TO PRODUCE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT THE CONTENTION THAT SHAW CANNOT GET A FAIR TRIAL IN NEW ORLEANS. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE REQUEST WAS CONTAINED IN ONE OF SEVEN

MOTIONS FOR MATERIAL WHICH DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HOPED TO USE IN A CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT HEARING ON A MOTION FOR A

CHANGE OF VENUE.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, ALSO REQUESTED WERE SUBPOENAES FOR ALL STORIES BY THE TIMES-PICAYUNE AND NEW ORLEANS STATES -- ITEM -- ON- SHAW AND GARRISON'S KENNEDY DEATH PROBE

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THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE DEFENSE ALSO REQUESTED

TAPES OF ALL MATERIAL BROADCAST ABOUT SHAW AND THE

INVESTIGATION BY THREE LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS AND A LOCAL

PADIO STATION. THE DEFENSE ALSO SOUGHP! COPIES OF

INTERVIEWS AND SPEECHES BY PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO, A KEY STATE

WITNESS.

THE ARTICE REPORTED THAT SOME OF THE MATERIAL THE DEFENSE WANTS GARRISON TO PRODUCE IN COURT CONCERNS A MAGAZINE ARTICLE WHICH QUOTED GARRISON AS SAYING "THERE IS NO WAY THAT CLAY SHAW CAN GET AN ACQUITTAL." THE DEFENSE WANTS COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE WITH GERALD FOOTLICKE, THE AUXTHOR OF THE ARTICLE WHICH ACCORDING TO THE DEFENSE APPEARED IN THE NATIONAL OBSERVER IN JANUARY.

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THE ARTICLE STATED THAT ALSO REQUESTED WAS THE ORIGINAL OR COPIES OF A LETTER IN WHICH GARRISCH SUPPOSEDLY COMMENTED ON THE FILM "RUSH TO JUDGEMENT."

THE AFTICLE STATED THAT THE DEFERMALSO REQUESTED OF
GARRISON COPIES OF ALL PRESS RELEASES AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS
AND SPEECHES MAD BY HIM OR MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF CONCERNING
SHAW OR THE ASSASSINATION PROBE; COPIES OF ALL
SUBPORNAES ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR
THE GRAND JURY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION
INVESTIGATION AND A COPY OF THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT DEALING
WITH AN ALLEGED ATBTEMPTED BATTERY OF JIM HICKS.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE SUBPOENA FOR RUSSO WOULD ORDER HIM TO PRODUCE COPIES OF ALL SPEECHES AND INTERVIEWS MADE BY HIM SINCE FEB. TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSEVEN AND MORE PARTICULARLY, SPEECHES MADE AT TULANE UNIVERSITY AND AT A YMBC MEETING IN BATON ROUGE.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE OTHER MOTIONS REQUESTED
MATERIAL FROM-THE TIMES-PICAYUNE AND NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM

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TO DIRECTOR A62-109060 AND DALLAS 89-43

FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FI-TZGERALD KENNEDY,

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -

INFO CONCERNING,: OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAXUNE WEDNESDAY, FEB. TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT REPORTED THAT LAWRENCE! HOWARD, JR., KENNEDY ASSASSINA-TION PROBE WITNESS, SAID IN LOS ANGELES AFTER SETURNING FROM NEW ORLEANS WHERE HE CONFERRED WITH DA JIM GARRISON THAT GARRISON IS A "VERY FINE PERSON AND SINCERE IN HIS INVESTIGATION." HOWARS WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "I NOW FEEL HE IS DEFINITELY ON TO SOMETHING AND THE DIRECTION OF HIS INVESTIGATION IS THE RIGHT ONE."

HOWARD STATED HE SPENT FOUR AND ONE HALF HOURS TALKING WITH GARRISON "CLEARING UP A NUMBER OF THINGS" BUT DECLINED STI 1112 TQ GIVE DETAILS.

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(DA-NE) LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- A WITNESS WHO CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT DISCUSSING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY WITH NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON TUESDAY SAID HE'S GLAD HE DID.

. I NOW FEEL HE IS DEFINITELY ON TO SOMETHING AND HIS DIRECTION OF THE INVESTIGATION IS THE RIGHT ONE, " SAID LAWRENCE HOWARD JR. OF

MONTE, CALIF., AFTER HIS RETURN FROM NEW ORLEANS. "I'D LIKE TO GO ON RECORD BY SAYING THAT MR. GARRISON IS A VERY FINE PERSON AND IS SINCERE IN HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, " HOWARD TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

"I HAD AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PICTURE OF MR. GARRISON AND HIS STAFF. ADDED HOWARD, WHO RETURNED FROM THE SOUTHERN CITY MONDAY, FOLLOWING A 4 1/2-HOUR CONFERENCE WITH GARRISON "CLEARING UP A NUMBER

HOWARD, 32. A FORMER ANTI-CASTRO PARTISAN, DECLINED TO SAY EXACTLY WHAT HE TOLD GARRISON. BUT INDICATED HE CONVINCED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF HIS NON-INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION NOV. 22, 1963. THE WITNESS ORIGINALLY BALKED AT GOING TO NEW ORLEANS TO TALK

TO GARRISON AND WON A SUPERIOR COURT ORDER THAT THERE WASN'T SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR HIM TO BE FORCED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE ORLEANS

PARISH GRAND JURY AS A MATERIAL WITNESS. THEN HOWARD CHANGED HIS MIND. HE USED A \$395.40 CHECK FROM

GARRISON'S OFFICE FOR EXPENSES FOR THE TRIP.

ASKED WHY HE CHANGED HIS MIND, HOWARD EXPLAINED:
WELL, THERE WAS VARIOUS REASONS. FIRST, I WANTED TO CLEAR
MY NAME AND I THINK I DID. TWO, IF I COULD HELP MR. GARRISON,

I THOUGHT I SHOULD." - HOWARD SAID "I EXPECT THAT MR. GARRISON WILL RELEASE A STATEMENT WITHIN A SHORT TIME CLEARING MY NAME COMPLETELY. EM-VR659PPS

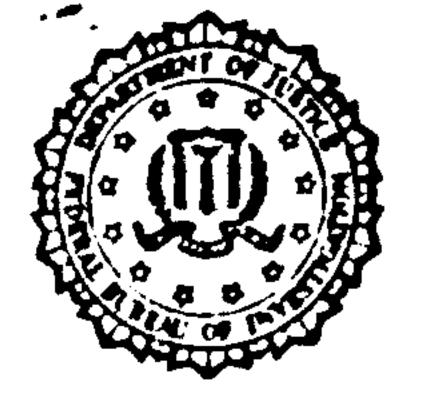
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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### PEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535 March 2, 1968

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

Professor Paul S. Bauer, Adjunct Professor of Earth Sciences, The American University, Washington, D. C. (WDC), who resides at 4816 Tilden Street, N. W., WDC, telephone number 244-4166, mailed two letters, copies of which are attached to this communication, to the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on March 1, 1968. One letter is dated January 28, 1968 and is addressed to "Mr. Sigurdur Thorarinsson, The Viking Press, Inc., 625 Madison Avenue, New York, 10022," and signed "A. P. Kimbrough." The other letter is addressed to "Professor Paul S. Bauer, 4816 Tilden Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., 16, U.S.A.," and signed "Sigurdur Thorarinsson."

Professor Bauer advised that Sigurdur Thorarinsson, an Iceland geologist, is a personal friend of his who wrote an article in the February, 1968 issue of "Reader's Digest" magazine about the island "Surtsey," which formed as a result of a volcanic eruption off the Iceland coast on November 14, 1963. Professor Bauer was one of the first scientists to visit this island.

The letter from A. P. Kimbrough to Sigurdur Thorarinsson is self-explanatory and requests the date on which the first scientists from the United States appeared at Surtsey. Professor Bauer advised that he does not intend

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to respond to Kimbrough's request. Rather, he decided to turn information about this matter over to the FBI.

Professor Bauer stated that should any questions arise about this matter he would be most willing to furnish any information in his possession.

Professor Bauer also advised that he is a consultant to the National Council of Marine Science which is headed \_by\_Vice President of the United States Hubert H. Humphrey.

4008 Shannon Lane Dallas, Texas 75205

January 28,1968

Mr. Sigurdur Thorarinsson The Viking Press, Inc. 625 Madison Avenue New York 10022

Dear Mr. Thorarinsson:

.. I awas fascinated by your article in the Readers' Digest about the new island Surtsey and intend to read your book now.

This next is rather hard to explain but perhaps a brief outline will help. I have done a great deal of research on the assassination of President Kennedy, who was murdered in this city on November 22,1903. One of the interesting 'characters' interrogated in the subsequent Warren Report is a man named Albert Osborne and one of his family relates the statement that Osborne appeared unexpectedly for a visit at their English home. Mr. Osborne told this relative that he had flown from the United States to Prestwick, Scot land, with a group of scientists going to see Burtsey, As Mr. Osborne's story indicates that he departed New York on November 13,1963. and your article states that the island did not start appearing until the night of November 14,1963, one can see a discrepancy. This conflict in dates may signify nothing, but if coupled with the fact that the Immigration and Maturalization Service of the U.S. have no record of Mr. Osborne's departure from the United States and also with the fact that Mr. Osborne told his English relatives upon leaving that he was going to Spain where the authorities say that there is no record of Osborne entering (although some American correspondents of Mr. Osborne received rail from him apparently in Fadrid), perhaps this date discrpancy will be important. My question. peared at Surtsey ?

Yours very truly,

A. P. Kimbrough

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Reykjavík, February 27, 1968.

Professor Paul S. Bauer 4816 Tilden Street NW. Washington D.C. 16 U. S. A.

Dear Paul,

Surtsey has been mentioned in many connections during the previous years but the letter, a copy of which I enclose, is one of the more extraordinary. I wrote back and told the man that the first American scientist arrived a few days after the beginning of the eruption. I did not mention any name as I don't know whether you would like to be mixed up in this, but in case you want to give this man the exact date of the arrival of the first American scientist, you have here his name and address on the copy.

Best wishes

Sigurdur Thorarinsson

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To: SAC, Dallas (89-43)

Director, FBI (62-109000)

JOHN FITZGERALD. KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

- Enclosed for receiving offices is a true copy of a letter bearing the name "Fred Voelke" which was referred - -to the Bureau from the Office of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Receiving offices are to search the name 'Fred Voelke" through indices to determine whether there is any background information for him which would reflect upon his mental stability. In addition, a similar check should also be made with local police agencies in the cities in which Voelke stated he has been. . It is noted the current United States Directory of Post Offices does not list a "Hayward, Texas."

Results of inquiries concerning Voelke are to be furnished to the Dallas Office for coordination. Any pertinent information developed will be incorporated into a letterhead memorandum including Voelke's letter by the Dallas Office suitable for dissemination. In addition, a copies of this letterhead memorandum should be furnished to the local office of the U.S. Secret Service. Handle promptly.

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the Bureau an incoherent letter written by Fred Voelke in which he stated he knows how President Kennedy was killed. He claims there were three men who shot at the President, and he also claims that he told President Johnson in San Antonio, Texas, that President Kennedy would be killed.

Bureau indices contain no reference to Voelke, and a communication has been directed to the Office of Senator Kennedy acknowledging the receipt of his letter. Receiving offices are being instructed to search subject Voelke through indices or any pertinent information, and upon receipt, consideration will be given to any further action.

## TRUE COPY

Mr. Robert Kennedy Senator New York N. York

Dear Sir

I must tell you a little if you under stand a little how your brother. got killed. I was in the next room. tope floor. Hayward, Tex. The commies had the meeting tope floor Hotel, where no other people where sapose to be up .. there. There was to be 3 men who shot, at your brother. The Jew was there also Mr. Oswal stated he was working for the C.I.A.

I told Vic. Pres. Johnson in San Antonio Tex. your brother would be killed

At the Fiesta Parade in San Antonio Tex. I hollered at the Gov. of Tex. he would be shote at and The President. he tryed to get off his horse. at Handy Andy Super Market I told a Priest that Pres Kennedy would be killed, the C.I.A. - came in ran the priest out of there and stated thats what they will do. and Vic. Pres. Johnson wanted him killed. I was run out of San Antonio, Tex

I went to Tulso, Okla. I told 75 People who worked at the (W;) Plant that I could not save the Pres Life. also here in St. Petersburg Flo. They ran through a Building with a Auto be cause I tryed to save Pres Kennedy Life but missed me.

In a Trailway Buss, Bloomington, Ill. The Buss was helded 35 Minuted, There where over 20 Policeman. and I beg them, I wanted to save Pres. Kennedy life, and they wanted to kill me. I hollered this for 30 minuts. There where 4 C.I.A. People and they would not let the police get me.

Pres Johnsen. wanted Pres Kenned so he could get his Job. because he was a Roman Cat. and a yankee--

I told you a little Fred

309 7th St South St Petersburg--Flor-

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Miss Maomi W. Weinstein Office of Senator Rebert P. Monnedy United States Jenate Washington, P. C. 20019

Dear Miss Weinstein:

I have received the examination of February 26th, which enclosed a letter sent to Senator Messady from Mr. Fred Voslike of St. Petersburg, Florida, and wanted you to know I appreciate having this information brought to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: Our relations with Senator Robert F. Kennedy are well known. Eufiles contain no record of Fred Voelte. The General Investigative Division is checking with the field concerning Voelke's background HRH:cae (4) and upon receipt of information, consideration will be given to interviewing him.

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Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. Itoday: approved six of sever subpenas for documents sought by attorneys for Clay L. Shaw in their effort to have willwis trial shifted outside New Orleans.

The only one denied by Haggerty affected District Attorney Jim Garrison and his office. Approved were six relating to local news media and a state witness, Perry Raymond Russo.

conspiracy in the assassination of President John P. Kennedy. A bearing starting Tuesday before Judge Hagy will decide whether his will be held in New Or-DS. 73.77

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THE NEW WITNESSES, all Affiliated with local TV 3ts basyl are Lindsey Riddle, PDSU: Francis Jacob, WWL, and Allan Genderson, WVUE. The subpenas approved by Haggerty today involve news tories appearing in the States-Item and The Times-Iscayune and tapes of broadasts on local TV and radio shtions.

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ties affected by the subpenas the DA's office. can come into court Tuesday and contest them if they feel sonable.

The one denied by the judge: asked the following information from the DA's office:

leases, public statements and speeches made by Garrison or members of his staff concerning Shaw or the probe. Assist. ant DA James L. Alcock argued that these are already ·public.

-Copies of a letter in which ed on the film, "Rush to York Times and the defense gible to be a juror. submitted a clipping of this with its request.

-Copies of all subpenas issued by the DA's office for the grand jury in the investi-SHAW, 54, 18 charged with a said the criminal clerk's office is the proper

THE JUDGE SAID all par- source for these records, not

-A copy of an investigative report dealing with alleged atthey are oppressive or unreatempted battery on Jim Hicks, an out-of-state witness who claimed he was beaten while staying at a motor hotel. Alcous said this was -Copies of all press re- part of the state's file, and would not be made public.

-Copies of all correspondence between Garrison and Jerry Footlick, author of a story in the National Observer quoting Garrison as saying. "There is no way that Clay Shaw can get an acquittal." Garrison allegedly comment. Alcock said the defense has copy of the article, and the Judgment." Alcock sald this correspondence is irrelevent letter was printed in the New because Footliek in not eli-

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But Six Other Defense Subpenas Approved

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The defense wanted the docu- a clipping with its request. ments from Garrison to help, COPIES OF SUBPENAS prove that Shaw cannot get a Copies of all Grand Jury subfair trial in New Orleans. Shaw penas issued in the Kennedy is charged with criminal con-probe at the behest of Garrison

John F. Kennedy. A hearing to decide whether such records, not the Dh's ofor not the trial should be moved like. from New Orleans will begin! Also included in the defense Tuesday before Judge Haggerty. request was a copy of an inves-tigative report dealing with an

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NEW WITNESSES

Judge Haggerty also approved subpenas for three new defense witnesses. They are Lindsey Riddle, WDSU-TV; Francis Ja- || The desense also wanted copcob, WWL-TV, and Allan Gen-lies of all correspondence bederson, WVUE-TV.

- Twenty-defense witnesses previously were subpensed to appear at the hearing.

Material sought from the news media consists of The Times-Picayune and New Orleans States-Item news stories, and tapes of broadcasts from three television stations and one radio station.

Also wanted are copies of speeches and interviews made by Russo, who testified he overheart Shaw plotting Kennedy death.

Among material denied to 41.39 desense were copies of all pressi releases and speeches made by: Garrison or his staff members; concerning Shaw or the Kennedy death probe.

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times-Picayune and New Or- i An attached copy of the ad- They are: leans States-Item on Shaw and vertisement shows in letter District Attorney Jim Garri-Garrison's Kennedy death signed by Jim Garrison. The son. probe since Shaw's arrest one letter says that Rush to Judge- a former aide to Garrison who ment "played a large part in broke with him claiming the

DECISION FRIDAY . | \_Copies of all subpenas is-Attorney Salvatore Panzeca sued by the DA's office for the

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The hearing is scheduled for order him to produce copies of l'uesday in Judge Haggerty's all speeches and interviews Ed Devenport, WWL-Radio, & made by him since Feb. 24, 1967.

"More particularly," requested, the defense motion states, a news executive. are speeches made at Tulane Tuniversity and at a YMBC meeting in Baton Rouge.

The other motions requested

Times-Picayune -The New Orleans States-Item. 3800, [Howard ave\_ through George] W. Healy Jr., executive editor. 1418 Cleveland Alec Gifford,

\_WWL-Radio, Roosevelt Ho-

\_WDSU-TV. 520 Royal,

LISTS 28 NAMES the 20 witnesses subpensed by The defense for Tuesday's hear-

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William Reed, WWL-TV, news, Louis Ivon, an investigator for Garrison.

Robert Jones, WWL-TV, a newsman.

FORBIDS WITNESSES After the names were released Judge Haggerty- issued

a statement in which he forbade the witnesses from giving any interviews about forthcoming testimony.

The statement follows:

"The list of witnesses subpenaed by the defense in forthcoming hearing set March 3, 1968, on the question of a change of venue has been submitted to the clerk of court and is a public record and is therefore, open to the public.

"I specifically am cailing attention to the previous orders of the court where I have ordered that witnesses and all lawyers are forbidden from making any extra-judicial statements of any kind about the case. These 20 persons have been officially listed and subpenaed, and I expressly forbid them giving any interviews concerning their forthcoming testimony to any: news media, whatsoever.

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"The proper forum for determination of the legal questions of whether a change of venue should or should not be granted is in open court, and nowhere

FBI 3/4/68 Date: Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code) A CRMAIL **AIRTEL** Via (Priority) DIRECTOR, FBI (62-19060) TC: SAC, NEW ORLEANS FRUM: SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63 MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING OO: DALLAS Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is a newspaper article appearing in New Orleans newspapers concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY. One copy of this article is enclosed for Dallas and Miami. Bureau (Encl. 1) - Dallas (89-43) (Encl. 1) - Miami (Encl. 1) - New Orleans **REC-74** ECW: jab I PENCLOSURE ! MAR S 1968 

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Attorneys for Clay L. Khaw have filed subpenas 1) istrict Attorney Jim Garrison, in their essort to have Shaw's trial transferred out of New Orleans.

Garrison has charged Shaw, 54, with criminal conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Most of those subpensed are affiliated with local news media. Shaw's attorneys comfend that he cannot get a fair trial within 100 miles of New Orients Decause of widespread publicity about the ( 352.

CRIMINAL District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., in issuing the subpenas, served notice that any of the witnesses granting interviews to newsmen will be held in contempt of court.

All 20 were subpensed for a hearing before Judge Haggerty starting Tuesday which will détermine whether the trial will be moved.

The 20 subpensed are: District Attorney Garrison. William Gurvich, 610 Poydras. Gurvich was an aide to Garrison at the time Shaw was indicted, but later broke with the DA and said the harges against Shaw are

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At next week's hearing the state will have an opportunity to call rebuttal witnesses of its own.

Also, Judge Haggerty has said he plans to call persons from the jury venire to question them as to whether mib-

licity about the case had rendered them incapable of mak(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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### PEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma March 5, 1968

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

On February 23, 1968, the Warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Jerry Bon Shelton, an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, presently serving time at the Vocational Training School, Stringtown, Oklahoma, had been found to be in possession of a considerable amount of papers, news, clippings and other similar data relating to the Kennedy assassination. The warden advised that Shelton was being returned to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, along with the material in his possession.

On February 26, 1968, during an examination of the material found in Shelton's possession, a letter dated December 16, 1967, in an unstamped envelope was located. The envelope was addressed to Life Hagazine, Incorporated, Rockefeller Center, New York City, New York, 10020. This letter is listed as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"I am writing in regard to information I have concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I was involved in the assassination plot and participating in carrying it out.

"I am about to make public for the first time --- ever the true facts surrounding this act.

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"As I have already stated, I was involved and now I'm ready to face up to the consequences regardless of what punishment I may receive.

"Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in the story. I have written to District Attorney Jim Garrison, as well as the Secret Service but haven't as yet mailed them.

Please believe me.

"Thanking you—In advance

"Jerry-Don Shelton"

A second letter dated December 15, 1967, was found in an unstamped envelope addressed to Mr. Jim Garrison, District Attorney, County Courthouse, New Orleans, Louisiana. This letter is listed as follows:

## "Dear Mr. Garrison:

"I have been thinking of writing you now for several weeks as Your the only one I know who really seems into rested in solving the Kennedy assassination.

"Mr. Garrison I know all you are seeking and please get in touch with me soon before it's to late.

"I am involved and will tell you and only you every-- thing I know.

"This is no joke and I am by no means a crackpot or an insane person. Everything I will tell you is actual fact.

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"Hoping to hear from you real soon.

"Jerfy Don Shelton"

The contents of five large manila envelopes were examined. Nothing was found in these envelopes. except newspaper clippings, magazine clippings, and pages torn from books. The clippings included a large number of newspaper photographs and stories concerning the assassination of President Kennedy, stories pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, Mrs. Jacquelin Kennedy, Governor John Connally, District Attorney James Garrison, Clay Shaw, the Warren Commission; in addition to clippings pertaining to authors of books concerning the Kennedy assassination. In addition, the envelopes contained a number of news clippings concerning Richard Speck and the murder of eight nurses in Chicago. Several clippings were found regarding Charles Whitman-who shot and killed several persons from a tower in Austin. Texas. Many news clippings, magazine articles and pages torn from books were found pertaining to the following person. or subjects:

John Wilks Booth and the assassination of President Lincoln, the death of three astronauts in a burning space capsule, the automobile accident death of Jayne Mansfield in Louisiana, several articles pertaining to James Hoffa, several clippings concerning Cassius Clay, several news clippings concerning the death of Jim McKenzie, the Oklahoma University football coach, several articles pertaining to Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, and numerous other clippings pertaining to miscellaneous crimes, including robbery of a supermarket, banks and counterfeit money in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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> Don' Shelton Name White Race Male Sex Height Weight 144/pounds Medium Build Brown Hair Blue Ruddy. - Complexion \_\_\_\_April: 10, 1944 Date of Birth\_\_\_ . Place of Birth ... Chickasha, Oklahoma 759\_523 D FBI No. Occupation ... Laborer Ninth grade Education "MOM" upper left arm; heart Tattoos on left forearm; woman upper right arm; -daggar right arm. Divorced from Elaine Marital Status Gilliam - Oklahoma City, address unknown None Children Minola Shelton, 3158 Stonewall, Mother Ada, Oklahoma Cleil Shelton (41) Ada, Brothers Oklahoma, address unknown; Ted Shelton (29), 1420 Southwest 17th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Bob Shelton (27), Ada, Oklahoma, address unknown; Bill Shelton (25) 1420 Southwest 17th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Bernadine O'Brien (38), Ada, Sisters Oklahoma, address unknown; Sue Johnson (35), Route 4, Ada, Oklahoma; Violet Slinger, (32) Route 4, Ada, Oklahoma

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The records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary further revealed that Shelton

During an interview with Shelton on February 26, 1968, at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary with the Deputy Warden present, Shelton readily admitted writing the two letters to Jim Garrison and Life Magazine, which were found in Shelton's possession, on February 23, 1968. He said that at the time he wrote the letters he fully intended to mail-them in order to get --publicity from Life Hagazine and further, to show Garrison how wrong he could be. Shelton said that he has observed - -that Garrison seems to be the gullible type who believes everything that anyone tells him. He said that from the volume of information he had been able to obtain from newspaper clippings concerning the Kennedy assassination, he thought that he would be able to convince Garrison that he was involved in the plot. According to Shelton, after writing the letters he had reconsidered and decided not to mail them. The letters had been in Shelton's locker at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary Vocational Training School at Stringtown, Oklahoma, since December 16, 1967, when he wrote them.

Shelton advised that he had absolutely no personal knowledge or information concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. He said that he had never been in New Orleans, Louisiana, or Dallas, Texas. He claimed that he did not know anyone whose names have been mentioned in connection with the Kennedy assassination.

Shelton advised that he enjoyed reading and simply saved news clippings as a hobby to break the regular prison routine and boredom.

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On Fébruary 23, 1968, Melvin I. Gray, Jr. and William W. Koye, 4009 Drake, Houston, Texas, furnished the following information:

On February 17, 1968, Gray and Koye were visiting the parents of Gray at Dallas, Texas. Gray and Koye are both University of Houston students majoring in psychology. Gray -advised that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L.Gray reside at 3756 Rockdale, Dallas. Since William Koye had never seen the assassination site at Dallas, Texas, Gray took Koye to the site. After surveying the immediate area of the assassination of President Kennedy and also in looking at the shrine that has been constructed near the site of the assassination Gray and Koye walked in the immediate vicinity of the shrine. Below the shrine on the same side of the highway and towards the overpass there is a picket fence. Behind the picket fence approximately 16 feet from the end of the fence and in a direction towards the shrine, Koye claims that he found a 303 Savage bullet which he accidently came upon by scuffing the soil. He pin-pointed the spot as being 16 feet 6 inches from the end of the fence and 7 inches away from the fence at that point. The bullet has been made available to the FBI. Both Gray and Koye stated that they doubted that the bullet had any significance as far as the actual assassination is concerned inasmuch as the bullet appeared to be in too good of a condition in that it was not weather worn or corroded. Gray stated that upon finding the bullet they returned to the home of Gray's parents and told his parents of their find. After discussing the matter with Gray's parents they returned to the site where they located the bullet and at that time made measurements as to the location of their find of the bullet.

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ENCLOSURE

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William W. Koye was born March 18, 1948, New Brunswick, New Jersey. His permanent residence is 427 Benner Street, Highland Park, New Jersy. He is a sophomore at the University of Houston, majoring in psychology.

Melvin L.Gray, Jr. was born July 20, 1947 at Dallas, Texas and he too is a student at the University of Houston majoring in psychology in his junior year.

Melvin Gray stated that he was considering advising District Attorney Garrison of New Orleans of their find of a bullet in the vicinity of the spot of the assassination of President Kennedy.

photographs of the site where they found the bullet on February 17, 1968. He advised that the film was left at his parents home at Dallas, Texas and that if the film had been developed and pictures are available they would be in the possession of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Gray, 3756 Rockdale, Dallas, Texas.