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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

Memorandum Mr. Branigan to Mr. Sullivan dated 5/3/68 in captioned matter summarized various courses of action Department of Justice was considering for dealing with the false allegations of William S. Walter, former clerk of the New Orleans Office. Walter is falsely claiming that the New Orleans Office received a teletype from Bureau Headquarters 11/17/63 reporting a threat to President Kennedy in connection with the latter's trip to Texas. Referenced memorandum reported that unless Bureau had objections, Department planned to write a letter to Walter's attorney, Guy Wootan, and in carefully chosen language, point out to Wootan that Walter's allegations were false and that this Government could conclusively establish their falsehood; further that this Government would view any false testimony by Walter with extreme concern and take what necessary action is desirable to protect the Government's interest.

In accordance with the approved action regarding referenced memorandum, Departmental officials were informed that Bureau had no objection to its proposed course of action wherein the Department would send a letter to Mr. Wootan. Department was also informed that a check of our records disclosed only one communication was sent from Bureau Headquarters to New Orleans Office 11/17/63 and three communications were sent to New Orleans Office dated 11/16/63 and that none of these related to a threat to President Kennedy and that if necessary, such communications could be produced in a criminal trial against Walter.

By letter dated 5/7/68 Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., of the Criminal Division of the Department, advised that the Department plans to have the

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
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United States Attorney's Office in New Orleans seek to confer with Walter's attorney, Guy Wootan, regarding the possible subpoena of Walter before an Orleans Parish Grand Jury. Apparently, the Department feels it is better to orally confer with Wootan rather than furnish him a letter such as originally proposed.

Mr. Vinson also requested that the Criminal Division of the Department and the United States Attorney in New Orleans be immediately advised in the event this Bureau receives any information regarding possible issuance of a subpoena by Garrison for William S. Walter. This request has already been handled since we issued New Orleans Office such instructions by airtel dated 5/7/68. Any data received responsive to Mr. Vinson's request will be immediately made available to the Department and the United States Attorney in New Orleans.

ACTION:

For information.

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W. J. [unclear]

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V. P. [unclear]

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Wootan, Howcott, Simons & Lemoine  
Attorneys & Counselors at Law  
1649 National Bank of Commerce Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

April 30, 1968

Mr. Louis LaCour  
United States Attorney  
Eastern District of Louisiana  
500 St. Louis Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Re: William S. Walter

Dear Mr. LaCour:

This letter is to place your office on notice pursuant to Title 28, Chapter 1, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.12 - 16.14, that my client, William S. Walter, is being asked to disclose information relating to material contained in the files of the Department of Justice while previously employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As soon as my client is subpoenaed by the District Attorney's office (Orleans Parish, Louisiana) it is assumed that your office shall appear with Mr. Walter before any court or other authority and furnish same, with a copy of the aforementioned Regulations. Please advise.

Thanking you for your prompt attention, I remain

Very truly yours,

Guy Wootan

CC: William S. Walter

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

*Handwritten initials/signature*

The purpose of this memorandum is to briefly summarize certain alternate courses of action the Department is considering for dealing with false allegations of William S. Walter, former Security Patrol Clerk of the New Orleans Office. Walter is falsely claiming that the New Orleans Office received a teletype from Bureau Headquarters 11/17/63 reporting a threat to President Kennedy in connection with the latter's trip to Texas. Departmental officials have orally requested Bureau's views regarding these alternate courses of action before these Departmental officials make specific recommendations to the Attorney General in this matter.

BACKGROUND:

New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison alleged on the Johnny Carson television show 2/1/68 that Walter, former Security Patrol Clerk of the New Orleans Office, informed Mark Lane, current Garrison assistant, that New Orleans Office of FBI received a TWX message from Bureau Headquarters 11/17/63 reporting threat to President Kennedy in Texas. On 2/1/68 and 2/5/68 Walter contacted Special Agent in Charge (SAC) D. K. Brown of Jacksonville Office and SAC Robert Rightmyer of the New Orleans Office, respectively, and denied Garrison's allegation and stated he knew of no such TWX or teletype message. On 3/15/68 Walter contacted United States Attorney Louis LaCour in New Orleans and told LaCour and two of latter's assistants there was such FBI message 11/17/63. On 3/26/68 Walter was interviewed by SAC Robert Jensen of the Memphis Office and insisted there was an FBI message 11/17/63 reporting threat to President Kennedy. Walter refused to give signed statement in this regard.

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CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Walter's attorney, <sup>V</sup> Guy Wootan of New Orleans, has written a letter dated 4/30/68 to United States Attorney Louis LaCour (copy attached) advising that Walter, his client, is being asked to disclose information relating to material contained in the files of the Department of Justice while previously employed by the FBI. Wootan states in his letter that as soon as his client is subpoenaed by the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, Wootan assumes a member of Mr. LaCour's staff will appear with Walter before any court or other authority and furnish same a copy of the Federal regulations dealing with executive privilege (under Departmental Order 324-64 Walter would respectfully decline to furnish any information relating to his former FBI employment).

Departmental officials are currently considering how best to deal with Wootan's letter to Mr. LaCour and orally discussed the various alternatives involved with Inspector Donald E. Moore and Supervisor Robert E. Lenihan of the Domestic Intelligence Division 5/2/68. The Departmental officials requested Bureau consider the various alternatives involved and if Bureau has no objection to Department's proposed course of action, these Departmental officials will make specific recommendations to the Attorney General. Bureau would also officially be given the proposed course of action for Bureau approval.

POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION:

1. Department could answer Wootan's letter in very carefully chosen language, point out to Wootan that Walter's allegations regarding an FBI teletype of 11/17/63 are absolutely false and that the Government is prepared to conclusively establish there was no such teletype. Department would point out to Wootan that if Walter persists in such false allegations and falsely testifies before any court or other authority, this Government would view such testimony with extreme concern and take what necessary action is desirable to protect the Government's interest. Department feels such letter would cause Wootan to visit the United States Attorney where the matter would be discussed in detail and that Wootan might thereafter strongly suggest to Walter that Walter not engage in any falsehoods but stick strictly to the truth in testimony before anybody.

\* Supplemented by  
Dept. order

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2. Walter would be contacted by United States Attorney's Office in New Orleans and be instructed to utilize the executive privilege in refusing to discuss any matters dealing with his former employment with the FBI. This would be the normal course of action that would be followed in dealing with a subpoena issued to an ex-FBI employee. However, the Department recognizes Walter is a liar who cannot be trusted and that even though he was instructed to use the executive privilege he very well, when questioned by Garrison's attorneys, furnish information of a false nature. This would place this Government in a bad position in future criminal proceedings against Walter since this Government probably would have to produce evidence before a court or Federal Grand Jury which it had previously instructed Walter not to furnish under the executive privilege category.

Department feels that we have a prosecutable case at this time under Section 1001, Title 18, U. S. Code, since Walter has furnished conflicting and false data to FBI officials and this Bureau can categorically deny at a court trial or other proceedings that there was a teletype 11/17/63 as alleged by Walter. Department also believes it could subpoena Walter to appear at a Federal Grand Jury where he would be placed under oath. If Walter continues to falsely insist that there was an FBI teletype 11/17/63 reporting threat to President Kennedy, Department could obtain a perjury indictment against Walter.

3. Do nothing and see what happens when and if Walter is subpoenaed to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury and subsequent court trial. Department feels this alternative is not satisfactory since Garrison will gain tremendous publicity through Walter's allegation that there was an FBI teletype 11/17/63 reporting a threat to President Kennedy in Texas. Anything the Government does thereafter the Department feels would be anticlimactic and would not undo the damage caused by Walter and Garrison.

4. Wait until Garrison serves a subpoena on Walter to testify at the Orleans Parish Grand Jury and then have the United States Attorney attempt to quash the subpoena. This course of action was followed when Special Agent Regis Kennedy received a subpoena from Garrison to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. However, the court refused to quash the subpoena.

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OBSERVATIONS:

The Departmental officials feel that the first course of action listed above is the best to follow in this matter. If Walter's attorney, Guy Wootan, does not attempt to talk some sense into Walter, or if Walter refuses to listen to Wootan and thereafter furnishes false testimony before a court or other authority, the Department is prepared to take criminal action against Walter under Section 1001 (furnishing false information to Bureau Agents) or Section 1621 (perjury) of Title 18, U. S. Code. Under such circumstances a Bureau representative probably would be called before a Federal Grand Jury and/or Federal court to produce testimony or evidence that there was no FBI teletype dated 11/17/63 sent to the New Orleans Office from the Bureau relating to a possible threat to President Kennedy in Texas.

This would cause us no problem. We have exhaustively reviewed our records and have determined that there was no teletype sent to the New Orleans Office from Bureau Headquarters on 11/17/63. The only FBI communication that was sent to the New Orleans Office from Bureau Headquarters on 11/17/63 (which was a Sunday), was a letter transmitting to New Orleans Office a translation of a document completely unrelated to the assassination. This particular document had been introduced as evidence in the trial of Carlos Marcello, a New Orleans hoodlum who was being prosecuted by the Government for fraud against the Government. (46-42600-121)

We have also checked our records for 11/16/63 (a Saturday) to see if any teletype was sent from Bureau Headquarters to New Orleans on that date. We recognize that a teletype dispatched late at night on 11/16/63 may not have been received by the New Orleans Office until the early morning hours of 11/17/63. We have determined that there were only three communications sent from Bureau Headquarters to New Orleans dated 11/16/63. One was a teletype in a fugitive case reporting a negative check of the National Stolen Property File (91-3909-123); the second communication was an airtel dated 11/16/63 reporting a negative check of the Identification Division files relating to a stolen motor vehicle investigation (26-323659-2); and the third communication was an airtel dated 11/16/63 dealing with an Air Force deserter and instructing that the deserter be located and apprehended (42-174353-2).

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
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All three of these communications were reviewed and there was nothing relating to the assassination of President Kennedy or a threat to the safety of President Kennedy in any of them.

If necessary, this Bureau could produce the one communication dated 11/17/63 and the three communications dated 11/16/63 before a Federal judge, a Federal court or any other Federal authority.

ACTION:

If you approve, Departmental officials Nathaniel Kossack, Carl Belcher and William Block who participated in the discussion with Inspector Moore and Supervisor Leahan on 5/2/68 will be informed that the Bureau has no objection to the course of action being considered by the Department wherein a letter would be directed to Mr. Wootan, Walter's attorney. These Departmental officials will be further informed that if called upon, this Bureau would be able to produce testimony that no teletype was sent to New Orleans from the Bureau 11/17/63 and if necessary, could produce the four communications sent to New Orleans, mentioned above, which were sent from Bureau Headquarters to New Orleans Office 11/16/63 and 11/17/63. Departmental officials will also be informed that should there be any additional requirement with regard to production of Bureau records, we would insist on deciding on an individual case as the need arose. Departmental officials will be requested to bring their proposed final course of action in this matter to the Bureau's attention in writing when such plans have been completed.

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*W.E.S.*  
*OK*  
*5/6/68*  
*Mr. Belcher and Mr. Block were informed as approved above. Dept will send Bureau memorandum in response as action planned. Rel*



# Memorandum

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: May 7 1968  
FIV:CWB:pcn  
129-11

FROM <sup>74</sup> / Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

*D. E. Moore*

SUBJECT: Assassination of President John  
Fitzgerald Kennedy; Dallas, Texas.

With reference to the Bureau's memorandum of May 3, 1968, I am confirming the conference attended by Inspector Don E. Moore, Special Agent Robert E. Lenihan of the Bureau and Nathaniel Kossack, Carl Belcher and William Block, in which the Criminal Division requested to be informed whether the Bureau could produce for court inspection copies of communications on November 16 and 17, 1963, from Bureau headquarters to the Bureau's New Orleans' office. Since that conference we have been informed that these communications can be produced for inspection. In accordance with these discussions, the United States Attorney's office in New Orleans will seek to confer further with the attorney for William S. Walter and with Walter himself regarding the possible subpoena of Walter before an Orleans Parish Grand Jury. *B*

In order that the United States Attorney's office and the Criminal Division may be alert to the possible issuance of a subpoena by District Attorney Jim Garrison for William S. Walter, it would be appreciated if the Bureau would promptly notify both the Criminal Division and the United States Attorney's office in the event any such information becomes available.

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Date: 5/9/68

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)**

**FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)**

**SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT—  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
-MISC. - INFO CONCERNING  
(OO: DALLAS)**

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[Signature]

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) newspaper articles appearing in New Orleans newspapers, 5/8/68, concerning above-captioned matter.

Copies of these newspaper articles are enclosed for Dallas and Miami.

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- 1 - Miami (Enc. 1)
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C. C. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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# Shaw's Kennedy Conspiracy Trial

## Scheduled June 11 by Garrison

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STATES-ITEM

NEW ORLEANS,

### Defense Seeks U.S. Court Aid

The office of District Attorney Jim Garrison today set the trial of Clay L. Shaw for June 11. Shaw is charged with criminal conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Shaw's attorneys said yesterday they intend to seek relief for their client in federal court.

Assistant DA James L. Alcock said today in a statement on the trial date that federal

courts have no jurisdiction in the case. Shaw is charged under the state conspiracy statute.

HERE IS Alcock's statement:

"Now that Mr. Shaw's defense attorneys have exhausted their pre-trial actions, the law permits the state to set the case for trial.

"Today we have set the trial of Clay L. Shaw for June 11, 1968.

"Trial of this case has been delayed unduly long and it is our hope that we can go to trial on this date.

"The state is ready for trial and will oppose any more attempts to postpone the trial.

"THE DEFENSE attorneys have stated that they intend to try and carry their pre-trial proceedings into federal court.

"Inasmuch as the federal courts have about as much jurisdiction over this case as the courts of England or In-

de, we see no basis for any additional delay of the trial as it is a matter.

"Of course, there have been instances where federal courts have assumed jurisdiction where, in our judgment, no basis for jurisdiction has existed.

"In view of the fact that the federal courts have assumed jurisdiction in the past, it is not surprising that the defense attorneys should attempt to do so in this case.

"I am sure that the federal courts will not be misled by the defense attorneys' attempt to delay the trial.

"I am sure that the federal courts will not be misled by the defense attorneys' attempt to delay the trial.

Edward F. Weismann, one of Shaw's lawyers, issued a brief statement on the matter yesterday:

"In response to the state's attempt to set the trial date for June 11, we are filing a motion to delay the trial until a later date.

Date: 5-8-68  
Edition: RED FLASH  
Author:  
Editor: GEORGE W. HEALY  
Title: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11-22-63  
Character: AFO  
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Classification: 89-  
Submitting Office: N.O., LA.  
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## SHAW LAWYERS PLAN U.S. FIGHT

### But Federal Court Aims Not Spelled Out

Attorneys for Clay L. Shaw, accused of conspiring to assassinate President John F. Kennedy, said Tuesday they will go into federal court to "seek relief" for Shaw.

But Edward F. Wegmann, spokesman for the attorneys, was non-committal on when the relief will be sought and what form it will take.

Wegmann issued this statement:

"In response to the many inquiries directed to my colleagues and myself, I am authorized to state that as counsel of Clay L. Shaw we do intend to seek relief on behalf of Mr. Shaw in the federal court system."

Pressed for how quickly the relief would be sought, Wegmann replied, "I can't say; briefs aren't prepared overnight." To other questions, Wegmann answered, "I'm not going to enlarge on my statement."

Shaw's attorneys have exhausted all avenues in state courts with the recent decision by the Louisiana State Supreme Court not to review Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty's ruling that Shaw is not entitled to a change of venue.

Assistant District Atty. James L. Alcock said Monday that the trial date likely will be set at the end of May.

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TIMES PICAYUNE

NEW ORLEANS,

Date: 5-8-68

Edition:

Author:

Editor: GEORGE W. HEALY

Title: ASSASSINATION  
PRESIDENT JOHN F.  
KENNEDY, DALLAS, TX  
11-22-63

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/11/68

Memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan, 5/8/68, reported receipt of information from U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, that Lynn Loisel informed Assistant U. S. Attorney Harry Connick that William S. Walter, former clerk, New Orleans Office, has a Government document. U. S. Attorney requested FBI interview of Walter, and after checking with Department, New Orleans was instructed to locate and interview Walter in this matter. Walter apparently residing in Nashville, Tennessee, and Memphis Office will interview Walter as instructed in attached teletype.

ACTION:

When this matter is resolved, appropriate dissemination will be made to the Department.

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*W. C. Sullivan*

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X1145PM URGENT 5/10/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND MEMPHIS

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 4P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

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MISC A-INFO CONCERNING. OO: DALLAS.

RE BUREAU TELCALL TO NEW ORLEANS INSTANT DATE AND NEW

ORLEANS TELCALL TO MEMPHIS INSTANT DATE

FOLLOWING BEING SUBMITTED FOR INFO OF MEMPHIS:

USA <sup>ATTORNEY</sup> LOUIS C. LACOUR BY LETTER DATED MAY SEVEN LAST,

FURNISHED MEMORANDUM FROM AUSA <sup>ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY</sup> HARRY F. <sup>NEW ORLEANS</sup> CONNICK WHICH

STATES ON MAY SIX LAST, CONNICK SAW LYNN LOISEL, POLICE

INVESTIGATOR, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, NEW ORLEANS,

COMING FROM NEIGHBOR'S HOME. CONNICK, HAVING KNOWN LOISEL

FOR SOMETIME, SPOKE BRIEFLY AND <sup>EX-110 REC-52</sup> OF WILLIAM WALTER CAME

UP. LOISEL STATED TO CONNICK THAT WALTER HAD A "GOVERNMENT

DOCUMENT", REFERRING TO A COMMUNICATION WHICH WAS RECEIVED

BY THE FBI RELATIVE TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT

KENNEDY. USA LACOUR REQUESTED FBI INTERVIEW WALTER TO

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Walter

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DETERMINE IF HE, UPON LEAVING EMPLOY OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
TOOK WITH HIM ANY GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS AND MORE SPECIFICALLY,  
COPIES OF ANY TELETYPE COMMUNICATIONS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN  
RECEIVED BY NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF FBI. *Forwarded to New Orleans*

BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF RECEIPT OF LETTER  
FROM USA LACOUR AND THAT WILLIAM S. ~~WALTER~~ WAS NOT BEING  
INTERVIEWED UNTIL ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU  
AND THAT LACOUR BEING ADVISED THAT HIS REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW  
OF WALTER REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

BUREAU TELCALL INSTANT DATE ADVISED THAT DIRECTOR HAD  
APPROVED THE INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM S. WALTER AND INTERVIEW OF  
WALTER ALSO APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT. BUREAU REQUESTED PRIOR  
TO CONDUCTING INTERVIEW OF WALTER, <sup>ASSISTANT</sup> AUSA HARRY CONNICK BE  
INTERVIEWED TO GET FULL FACTS CONCERNING HIS CONVERSATION  
WITH LYNN LOISEL. BUREAU INSTRUCTED THAT WILLIAM WALTER BE  
LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AND IN VIEW OF FACT THAT WALTER HAD  
MADE STATEMENT THAT HE HAS A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT IN HIS  
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POSSESSION, HE SHOULD BE WARNED OF HIS LEGAL RIGHTS AND A WAIVER OF RIGHTS FORM EXECUTED. BUREAU INSTRUCTED THAT DURING INTERVIEW, WALTER SHOULD BE PINNED DOWN RELATIVE TO THIS ALLEGATION AND A SIGNED STATEMENT OBTAINED FROM WALTER IF POSSIBLE. BUREAU INSTRUCTED THAT IN EVENT WALTER DID NOT DESIRE TO BE INTERVIEWED EXCEPT IN PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY, THE INTERVIEW COULD BE CONDUCTED IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY.

CONNICK INTERVIEWED MAY TEN INSTANT AND ADVISED THAT ON THE EARLY EVENING OF MAY SIX LAST <sup>1968</sup> AS HE RETURNED TO HIS RESIDENCE IN NEW ORLEANS, HE OBSERVED LYNN LOISEL WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A NEW ORLEANS <sup>1968</sup> PD OFFICER PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE STAFF OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ORLEANS PARISH, AS AN INVESTIGATOR. CONNICK HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN AWARE THAT LOISEL IS A FRIEND OF CONNICK'S NEXTDOOR NEIGHBOR AND THAT LOISEL OCCASIONALLY VISITS WITH HIS NEIGHBOR. CONNICK, UPON GREETING LOISEL, DECIDED TO SEE IF LOISEL WOULD MAKE ANY

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PAGE FOUR

MENTION OF WALTER'S VISIT TO THE OFFICE OF THE USA SOMETIME  
AGO. CONNICK ASKED LOISEL IF HE KNEW WHY WALTER WOULD  
CONTACT THE USA AND LOISEL REPLIED, "BECAUSE HE TOOK A  
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT." CONNICK DID NOT FURTHER QUESTION  
LOISEL ON THIS MATTER AND LOISEL DID NOT MAKE ANY FURTHER  
COMMENT. NO EFFORT WAS MADE BY CONNICK TO ASCERTAIN THE  
SPECIFIC NATURE OF THIS DOCUMENT.

GUY WOOTAN, ATTORNEY FOR WILLIAM S. WALTER, ADVISED  
MAY 10 1968  
ON INSTANT DATE THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN WALTER IN APPROXIMATELY  
THREE WEEKS AND DOES NOT KNOW WALTER'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.  
WOOTAN ADVISED THAT WALTER PROBABLY LOCATED IN NASHVILLE,  
TENNESSEE, WHERE HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE PAST. EFFORTS  
TO REACH WALTER AT TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HIS APARTMENT IN  
NEW ORLEANS AT ONE FIVE THREE THREE JACKSON AVENUE RESULTED  
IN RECORDING THAT THIS NUMBER NOT IN SERVICE AT THIS TIME.

MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW  
WILLIAM S. WALTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

AIRMAIL COPY TO DALLAS.

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FBI WASH DC

CC-MR. SULLIVAN

Date: 5/8/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New Orleans  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)  
(Bufile: 44-38861)  
(NOfile: 157-10673)(P)

Assassination of President  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
Dallas, Texas, 11/22/63,  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION  
CONCERNING  
(OO: Dallas)  
(Bufile: 62-109060)  
(NOfile: 89-69)

Enclosed for the Bureau are a total of 15 copies of a letterhead memorandum which is self-explanatory. Eight copies of the letterhead memorandum are being designated for Bureau file 44-38861, as information contained therein is in regards to MURKIN. An additional eight copies of this letterhead memorandum are being designated for Bureau file 62-109060, inasmuch as there is also information contained therein relating to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

- ④ - Bureau (RM) / ENCLOSURE
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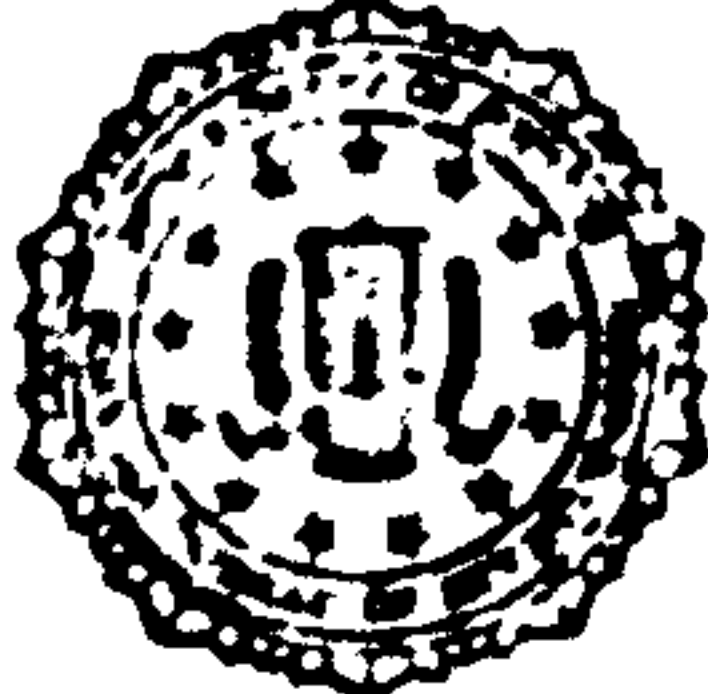
One copy each of the airtel and letterhead memorandum are being designated for Dallas and Memphis as they are origin in the above cases.

During the time Mr. CECIL M. SHILSTONE, who is identified in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, was providing the information, he inquired as to whether he was under investigation in the MURKIN case. Mr. SHILSTONE was informed that no comment could be made; however, this was not to imply one way or the other, in that all investigations and information developed in any case investigated by the FBI was strictly confidential. Mr. SHILSTONE also inquired as to whether the FBI would make a statement that he was not involved in the MURKIN case and was again informed that the FBI had no comment.

Mr. SHILSTONE inquired as to whether his appearance at the New Orleans Office of the FBI would be made a matter of record and was informed that this would be done.

The files of the New Orleans Division contain several references in regard to Bufile 62-109060, relating to SHILSTONE. These references reveal that SHILSTONE was one of the organizers of a group of local New Orleans businessmen who formed an organization known as Truth and Consequences, which gave money to District Attorney JAMES GARRISON to conduct his probe. Other references in the New Orleans file reveal that SHILSTONE is president of the Shilstone Testing Laboratory which conducts various tests on winning horses at Louisiana race tracks.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana  
May 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cecil M. Shilstone  
Information Concerning

On May 6, 1968, Mr. Charles I. Denechaud, Jr., an attorney located at 1412 Pere Marquette Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, appeared at the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with Mr. Cecil M. Shilstone. Mr. Denechaud stated he has represented Mr. Shilstone for many years and that Mr. Shilstone was insistent upon coming to the New Orleans Office of the FBI to provide certain information.

Mr. Shilstone stated he is president of the Shilstone Testing Laboratory, Inc., as well as president of the Shilstone and Associates, located at 814 Conti Street in New Orleans. He stated that in the past he has had an association with District Attorney Jim Garrison in regards to Garrison's probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He said this association with Garrison was strictly to give financial support to Garrison's investigation. Mr. Shilstone said that at the inception of Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy and prior to the time that Clay Shaw was arrested, Garrison needed money to conduct his inquiry. As a result, Garrison contacted Shilstone, as well as Willard Robertson and Charles Rauch (phonetic), requesting contributions. He said these three individuals, as well as others, whom he did not name, contributed money to Garrison and had formed a group known as "Truth and Consequences."

Mr. Shilstone stated his purpose in appearing at the New Orleans Office of the FBI was that in the past day or so individuals had told him there was a rumor going around New Orleans that Shilstone is the New Orleans industrialist and

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Cecil M. Shilstone

"political killer" referred to in the New Orleans newspapers a week or so ago in connection with the murder of Martin Luther King. Shilstone stated he had read these articles in the New Orleans papers and that he had no idea as to how these rumors got started. He said the following individuals were personal friends of his and had contacted him and had told him about the rumors:

Harry Batt, owner and operator of Pontchartrain Beach Amusement Park - (-

Louis Rousell, a New Orleans financier

Clem Sehrt, President of the National American Bank in New Orleans

A New Orleans physician whom he did not wish to identify

Mr. Shilstone stated that in the past he has been a political ally of Governor John McKeithen, Governor of Louisiana, and had contributed to the Governor's campaign and had, in fact, "master-minded" the Governor's re-election for a second term.

Mr. Denechaud stated that about a week ago he was informed by Carlos Chimera, who is the operator of the Pere Marquette Garage, that Chimera had been informed by Joseph Dirosa that rumors were circulating that the person referred to in the newspapers as the New Orleans industrialist was Cecil Shilstone.

Mr. Shilstone stated he had no information in regards to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and that when the various people had told him about these rumors, he informed them there was nothing to these rumors. Mr. Shilstone stated he had not attempted to ascertain the source of the rumors. Mr. Shilstone related that he was concerned that these rumors

Cecil M. Shilstone

about him, if they became generally known, might cause some Negro militant to shoot him.

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)  
 SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
 DALLAS, TEXAS,  
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
 MISC. - INFO CONCERNING  
 (OO: DALLAS)

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 (C. E. Bishop)  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are three newspaper articles appearing in New Orleans newspapers concerning above-captioned matter.

Copies of these articles are enclosed for Dallas and Miami.

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
- 1 - Dallas (89-43) (Enc. 3)
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# SHAW CONSPIRACY TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 11

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STATES-ITEM

NEW ORLEANS,

5-8-68

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KENNEDY, DALLAS, TX  
11-22-63

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# U.S. Court Aid Sought By Defense

The office of District Attorney Jim Garrison today set the trial of Clay L. Shaw for June 11. Shaw is charged with criminal conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Shaw's attorneys said yesterday they intend to seek relief for their client in federal court.

ASSISTANT DA JAMES L. ALCOCK said today in a statement on the trial date that federal courts have no jurisdiction in the case. Shaw is charged under the state conspiracy statute. *District Attorney*

Told that the trial date was set, chief Shaw attorney F. Irvin Dymond said, "Well, that's their prerogative."

Asked if he thought the trial would actually begin on that date, Dymond said, "As we said yesterday, we are going to seek relief in federal court and it will depend on the outcome of that."

ASKED TO SPECIFY WHAT MOTIONS he would make in federal court Dymond said, "The pleadings will have to speak for themselves on that."

He would not say when the pleadings will be filed.

Here is Alcock's statement:

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"Today we have set the trial of Clay L. Shaw for June 11, 1968.

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GARRISON CHARGED THAT SHAW CONSPIRED here with Lee Harvey Oswald, David William Ferrie and others to plot the President's death.

Edward Wegmann, one of Shaw's lawyers, issued a brief statement on the matter yesterday:

"In response to the many inquiries directed to my colleagues and myself, I am authorized to state that as counsel of . . . Shaw, we do intend to seek relief on behalf of Mr. Shaw in the federal court system."

The defense has exhausted all legal avenues in the state courts with the recent decision by the Louisiana Supreme Court denying to review a criminal district court ruling that Shaw must stand trial in New Orleans.

Shaw's lawyers had asked that the trial be moved at least 100 miles from the city, claiming publicity had made a fair trial here impossible.

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# Summons U.S. Archivist

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## TRIAL OF SHAW SET ON JUNE 11

### But Defense Still to Seek Relief in U.S. Court

The district attorney's office in an unexpected move Wednesday set a June 11 trial date for Clay L. Shaw, who is charged with conspiracy in the death of President John F. Kennedy.

Assistant district attorney James L. Alcock made the announcement one day after Shaw's attorneys announced their intention to seek relief in the federal courts.

In his statement Alcock said that Shaw's attorneys have exhausted pre-trial actions and that federal courts have no jurisdiction over the matter.

Asked for his reaction to the date-setting, F. Irvin Dymond, one of Shaw's attorneys, said, "Well, that's their prerogative."

Dymond gave no estimate as to when the trial may actually begin. "As we said yesterday, we are going to seek relief in federal court and it will depend on the outcome of that," he said.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

DATE: 5/14/68

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
MISC. - INFO CONCERNING  
(OO: DALLAS)

Re Bureau letter to New Orleans, 5/1/68.

A search of the indices of the New Orleans Office in captioned case failed to disclose any information identifiable with Mr. and Mrs. PELT or their daughter, HELEN (LNU). The indices were also negative concerning WARD G. VAN ORMAN.

No further action being taken, UACB.

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- 1 - Dallas (89-43)
- 1 - Jacksonville (Info)
- 1 - New Orleans

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Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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1138AM URGENT 5-14-68 SAB  
TO DIRECTOR 62-109060 AND ATLANTA  
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1166

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY;  
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.  
MISC. INFO CONCERNING. OO: DALLAS.

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by letter 10/2/73  
Per FOIA Request

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU, MAY TEN LAST.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE PERMACELL DIVISION  
OF JOHNSON AND JOHNSON, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND DETERMINE  
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF WILLIAM S. WALTER, FORMER CLERICAL  
EMPLOYEE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE. WILL ADVISE IF HE IS NOW  
RESIDING IN NASHVILLE, HOWEVER IF WALTER IS LOCATED IN  
ATLANTA, INTERVIEW HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.  
INFORMATION RELATING TO REFERENCED TEL SET FORTH AS FOLLOWS:

USA LOUIS C. LACOUR BY LETTER DATED MAY SEVEN LAST,  
FURNISHED MEMORANDUM FROM AUSA HARRY F. CONNICK WHICH STATES  
ON MAY SIX LAST, CONNICK SAW LYNN LOISEL, POLICE INVESTIGATOR,  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, NEW ORLEANS, COMING FROM

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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NEIGHBOR'S HOME. CONNICK, HAVING KNOWN LOISEL FOR SOMETIME, SPOKE BRIEFLY AND NAME OF WILLIAM WALTER CAME UP. LOISEL STATED TO CONNICK THAT WALTER HAD A "GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT", REFERRING TO A COMMUNICATION WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE FBI RELATIVE TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. USA LACOUR REQUESTED FBI INTERVIEW WALTER TO DETERMINE IF HE, UPON LEAVING EMPLOY OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TOOK WITH HIM ANY GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, COPIES OF ANY TELETYPE COMMUNICATIONS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF FBI.

BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM USA LACOUR AND THAT WILLIAM S. WALTER WAS NOT BEING INTERVIEWED UNTIL ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU AND THAT LACOUR BEING ADVISED THAT HIS REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW OF WALTER REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

BUREAU TELCALL INSTANT DATE ADVISED THAT DIRECTOR HAD APPROVED THE INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM S. WALTER AND INTERVIEW OF WALTER ALSO APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT. BUREAU REQUESTED PRIOR TO CONDUCTING INTERVIEW OF WALTER, AUSA HARRY CONNICK BE INTERVIEWED TO GET FULL FACTS CONCERNING HIS

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CONVERSATION WITH LYNN LOISEL. BUREAU INSTRUCTED THAT WILLIAM WALTER BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AND IN VIEW OF FACT THAT WALTER HAD MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT IN HIS POSSESSION, HE SHOULD BE WARNED OF HIS LEGAL RIGHTS AND A WAIVER OF RIGHTS FORM EXECUTED. BUREAU INSTRUCTED THAT DURING INTERVIEW, WALTER SHOULD BE PINNED DOWN REALATIVE TO THIS ALLEGATION AND A SIGNED STATEMENT OBTAINED FROM WALTER IF POSSIBLE. BUREAU INSTRUCTED THAT IN EVENT WALTER DID NOT DESIRE TO BE INTERVIEWED EXCEPT IN PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY, THE INTERVIEW COULD BE CONDUCTED IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY.

CONNICK INTERVIEWED MAY TEN INSTANT AND ADVISED THAT ON THE EARLY EVENING OF MAY SIX LAST AS HE RETURNED TO HIS RESIDENCE IN NEW ORLEANS, HE OBSERVED LYNN LOISEL WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A NEW ORLEANS PD OFFICER PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE STAFF OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ORLEANS PARISH, AS AN INVESTIGATOR. CONNICK HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN AWARE THAT LOISEL IS A FRIEND OF CONNICK'S NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR

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AND THAT LOISEL OCCASIONALLY VISITS WITH HIS NEIGHBOR. CONNICK UPON GREETING LOISEL, DECIDED TO SEE IF LOISEL WOULD MAKE ANY MENTION OF WALTER'S VISIT TO THE OFFICE OF THE USA SOMETIME AGO. CONNICK ASKED LOISEL IF HE KNEW WHY WALTER WOULD CONTACT THE USA AND LOISEL REPLIED, "BECAUSE HE TOOK A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT." CONNICK DID NOT FURTHER QUESTION LOISEL ON THIS MATTER AND LOISEL DID NOT MAKE ANY FURTHER COMMENT. NO EFFORT WAS MADE BY CONNICK TO ASCERTAIN THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THIS DOCUMENT.

GUY WOOTAN, ATTORNEY FOR WILLIAM S. WALTER, ADVISED <sup>ON</sup> INSTANT DATE THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN WALTER IN APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AND DOES NOT KNOW WALTER'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. WOOTAN ADVISED THAT WALTER PROBABLY LOCATED IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, WHERE HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE PAST. EFFORTS TO REACH WALTER AT TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HIS <sup>A</sup>APARTMENT IN NEW ORLEANS AT ONE FIVE THREE THREE JACKSON AVENUE RESULTED IN RECORDING THAT THIS NUMBER NOT IN SERVICE AT THIS TIME.

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MR. SULLIVAN

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TO DIRECTOR 62-109060 AND MEMPHIS 44-1166

FROM ATLANTA 89-45

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RE MEMPHIS TEL MAY FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

JERRY HOGAN, PERMACEL TAPES, THREE FIVE NINE FIVE ZIP INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD, SW, ATLANTA, ADVISES WILLIAM S. WALTER, KNOWN AS BILL WALTER, HAS A SALES JOB FOR PERMACEL IN TENN. AND IS CONTACTED THROUGH P. O. BOX SEVEN TWO ZERO FOUR NASHVILLE, TENN. UNUSUAL FOR WALTER TO VISIT ATLANTA AND HOGAN DOES NOT RECALL LAST DATE HE VISITED HERE.

MRS. MARGUERITE RACKLEY, SALES SECRETARY FOR PERMACEL, MAY HAVE ITINERARY FOR WALTER; HOWEVER, RACKLEY UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MAY FIFTEEN OR POSSIBLY MAY SIXTEEN NEXT. PERMACEL OFFICE IN ATLANTA HAS VERY SMALL FORCE AND NO OTHER EMPLOYEE AVAILABLE WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH SALES SECRETARY'S WORK. 12 MAY 15 1968

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RACKLEY WILL BE CONTACTED IMMEDIATELY UPON AVAILABILITY  
FOR ANY INFORMATION REFLECTING WALTER'S PRESENT  
WHEREABOUTS. P.

~~CORR TIME SHOULD BE 410 PM.~~

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CC MR. SULLIVAN

Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Sir, I am appalled at the behavior of you and your organization.  
What does your organization stand for --- Truth or Non-truth? Is this  
the land of the Free and Justice, or is this Soviet Russia?

Do you dare you interfere with Jim Garrison's investigation. You had  
your chance to find the real killers of JFK. Now it is Mr. Garrison's  
turn. Stay off his back. If you want to regain the faith of the  
American people in your agency, start my investigating the roll of the  
Dallas police force in the JFK killing. There're so involved it's not  
even funny. And what's worse, you know they are involved.

Do you think we're all stupid? Sir, you have greatly underestimated  
the ability and the capability of the American people to understand  
what happened on November 22, 1963. You can scare C.R.S. and P.C.  
and rest of the major newspapers with your propaganda, but you can't  
fool us, Americans, who are thinking and reading about the assassination  
and the aftermath.

What about the Martin Luther King murder? Oh my! sounds just like November  
22, 1963 all over again. Who do you think did it? I think the  
people behind the Kennedy assassination are the same ones behind the  
King murder. It's going to be a long hot summer, Mr. Hoover, unless your  
image concerned bureau finds the killers of our last two leaders. But  
you won't find them, Garrison will find them first and show your agency  
up.

Tell, Mr. Hoover, a decision is required of you. Are we to have Truth or  
Justice, or are the lies going to get away with it.

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Sincerely Yours,

Don Hazan

Don Hazan  
1051 Arroyo Apt. 11  
Goleta, California 93017

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Annie Patterson, who was incarcerated in Mexican prison since May, 1963, for defrauding an innkeeper has apparently been released. It is noted this date is prior to the date of the assassination of President Kennedy. She has written numerous rambling and incoherent communications to the Bureau, government officials and state Chambers of Commerce, alluding to the fact she had information concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. She is considered mentally unstable and has delusions of grandeur. Communications previously received from her have been furnished to U. S. Secret Service and the Department.

In view of her mental condition, she is not being interviewed.

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152PM URGENT 5-11-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND HOUSTON (62-2115) AND NEW ORLEANS (62-69)  
FROM DALLAS (62-43) 2P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS,  
November 22, 1963. <sup>Miscellaneous</sup> - INFORMATION CONCERNING. <sup>Office of Origin</sup> DALLAS.

RE SAN ANTONIO AIRTEL TO BUREAU SEPT. SIX, SIXTYSEVEN; TAMPA  
AIRTELS TO BUREAU DATED JAN. TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSEVEN, APRIL ELEVEN,  
SIXTYSEVEN, MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AND MAY TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN;  
KNOXVILLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED MARCH TEN, SIXTYSEVEN; LAS VEGAS  
AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED FEB. TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN; AND DALLAS  
AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTYSIX, ALL ENCLOSING <sup>LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM</sup> ~~LETS~~  
REFLECTING INFORMATION CONCERNING OR RECEIVED FROM ANNIE R. PATTERSON  
WHO APPEARS TO BE A MENTALLY UNSTABLE PERSON.

ON NIGHT OF MAY TEN LAST, AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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CONTACTED DALLAS FBI OFFICE INDICATING [REDACTED] ANNIE RUTH PATTERSON WHO HE BELIEVED TO BE MENTALLY DISTURBED. HE STATED HE DID NOT DESIRE HIS IDENTITY BE REVEALED CONCERNING INFORMATION FURNISHED BUT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE WAS GOING ON LOCAL T. V. AND RADIO ON SATURDAY, MAY ELEVEN INSTANT TO TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT ASSASSINATION CLAIMING SHE WAS THE ONE WHO IS GIVING DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES GARRISON ALL HIS INFORMATION, BUT HE IS TAKING ALL THE CREDIT.

[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL IN MEXICO WHERE SHE HAD BEEN CONFINED FOR PAST SIX OR SEVEN YEARS FOR SOME TYPE OF FRAUDULENT LOAN ACTIVITY. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS BEING A WHITE FEMALE ABOUT <sup>55</sup>FIFTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE.

ABOVE INFORMATION IS FURNISHED BUREAU, HOUSTON, AND NEW ORLEANS FOR THEIR INFORMATION IN EVENT ANNIE RUTH PATTERSON DOES APPEAR ON ANY HOUSTON T. V. OR RADIO PROGRAMS INSTANT DATE WITH RESPECT TO ASSASSINATION. <sup>LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM</sup> NO ~~FORM~~ BEING SUBMITTED. P

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CC MR. SULLIVAN





On Stationer, of District Attorney  
Parish of Orleans  
State of Louisiana

Honorable Louis C. LaCour  
United States Attorney  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. LaCour:

The State of Louisiana will call Special Agent Regis L. Kennedy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to testify for it in the case of State v. Clay L. Shaw. The testimony sought from Agent Kennedy will be essentially the same as was given by him in the case of State v. Dean A. Andrews, Jr. In that case Agent Kennedy testified relative to interviews he had with Dean Andrews and the Bureau's efforts to locate a Clay Bertrand.

In the Andrews case there was little, if any, cross-examination of Agent Kennedy. However, in the Shaw case there may be considerable cross-examination about things not directly concerning Dean Andrews or Clay Bertrand. Therefore, to be properly prepared I would appreciate a meeting with you and Agent Kennedy as soon as convenient to discuss his testimony and the possible areas of cross-examination.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

James L. Alcock  
Executive Assistant District Attorney

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 8, 1968

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

Department has made available to the Bureau a copy of a letter (attached) which was directed to United States Attorney Louis LaCour in New Orleans from James L. Alcock, Executive Assistant to New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison. - Alcock informs Mr. LaCour that the State of Louisiana will call Special Agent Regis L. Kennedy of the FBI to testify for it in the case of State v. Clay L. Shaw. Alcock indicates the testimony sought from Kennedy will be essentially the same as given by Kennedy in the case of State v. Dean A. Andrews, Jr. Alcock pointed out that in the Shaw case there may be considerable cross-examination of Kennedy about things not directly concerning Dean Andrews or Clay Bertrand. Alcock requested a meeting with Special Agent Kennedy and United States Attorney LaCour as soon as convenient, to discuss Kennedy's testimony and possible areas of cross-examination.

DATA REGARDING REGIS L. KENNEDY: REC 10 62-109060-6404

Regis L. Kennedy retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation April 30, 1968. Prior to his retirement he handled security and criminal matters in the New Orleans Office and since November 22, 1963, has conducted considerable investigation in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy's investigation included efforts to determine facts regarding the allegation made by Dean Andrews, Jr., New Orleans attorney, wherein Andrews alleged one Clay Bertrand telephonically contacted Andrews and requested latter go to Dallas, Texas, immediately following the assassination and represent Lee Harvey Oswald. Clay Bertrand was never located and Andrews informed Kennedy that the whole episode must have been a figment of his imagination during the time he was critically ill in a New Orleans hospital.

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TESTIMONY OF REGIS L. KENNEDY BEFORE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY:

On May 17, 1967, Special Agent Kennedy, in response to a subpoena, appeared before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury. He testified for approximately one hour and ten minutes during which time he was asked a number of questions by Garrison and his staff which indicated that Garrison is attempting to prove Oswald was a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agent and was involved with Clay Shaw and anti-Castro Cubans in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Special Agent Kennedy answered those questions on which he was knowledgeable from a personal standpoint in accordance with Departmental instructions and utilized Departmental Order 324-64 in refusing to answer questions which related to FBI investigation or his position as a Special Agent of the FBI.

Special Agent Kennedy reported that many of the questions asked of him during the Grand Jury proceedings were phrased by Garrison and his staff in such a way to elicit an agreement from Special Agent Kennedy as to the fact stated. Special Agent Kennedy advised that he answered all of their questions in a manner that Garrison and members of his staff could get no agreement from him. The foreman of the Grand Jury later told news representatives that Special Agent Kennedy's testimony before the Grand Jury "was satisfactory."

CURRENT STATUS:

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Rightmyer was telephonically informed by Section Chief William A. Branigan of Alcock's letter to United States Attorney LaCour. Mr. Rightmyer was instructed to alert Mr. Regis Kennedy of contents of Alcock's letter. This was done and Mr. Kennedy informed SAC Rightmyer he would immediately inform Mr. Rightmyer should he receive a subpoena or correspondence from Garrison's office or be contacted by Garrison or his staff. Mr. Kennedy informed SAC Rightmyer that he plans to remain in the New Orleans area until approximately May 31, 1968, at which time he plans to travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and St. John Island for approximately one month. He then plans to visit his daughter, Mrs. Julio Guerra, Lincoln, Nebraska, for approximately ten days and then may travel to Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Canyon and San Francisco. He does not know at this time how long he will be gone. News accounts report trial of Clay Shaw will begin June 11, 1968, in New Orleans.

OBSERVATIONS:

Testimony of former Special Agent Regis Kennedy at the trial of Clay Shaw in New Orleans will be of vital interest to this Bureau. Special Agent Kennedy had access to considerable sensitive information and undoubtedly will be instructed by the Department to exercise executive privilege under Departmental Order 381-67 and respectfully decline to answer certain questions asked of him. In view of the various facets

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involved in Special Agent Kennedy's testimony, desirable representatives of the Domestic Intelligence Division orally discuss with Departmental representatives the ramifications involved as far as Bureau's interests are concerned.

ACTION:

If you approve, representatives of the Domestic Intelligence Division will discuss this matter in detail with Departmental representatives in order to determine specifics of the course of action contemplated by the Department in this matter. Thereafter, an appropriate memorandum will be submitted setting forth appropriate recommendations for course of action to be followed by this Bureau in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
**Memorandum**

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 13, 1968

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FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

Memorandum Mr. Branigan to Mr. Sullivan dated 5/8/68 reported that New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison plans to call former Special Agent Regis L. Kennedy to testify for the State of Louisiana in the case of State v. Clay L. Shaw. Garrison's office informed United States Attorney Louis LaCour of New Orleans that James L. Alcock, Garrison's assistant, desired to meet with Mr. Kennedy and United States Attorney LaCour as soon as convenient to discuss Kennedy's testimony and possible areas of cross-examination. It was recommended and approved that representatives of the Domestic Intelligence Division discuss this matter with Departmental representatives to ascertain course of action contemplated by the Department in this matter.

On 5/10/68 Section Chief William A. Branigan and Special Agent Robert E. Lenihan discussed this matter with Mr. Carl Belcher of the Criminal Division of the Department. Mr. Belcher stated that the Department was instructing United States Attorney Louis LaCour to contact Mr. Alcock and inform him that Mr. Kennedy would be permitted to testify at the Shaw trial concerning the Dean A. Andrews, Jr., aspect of this Bureau's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, and possibly certain other matters which were covered in Mr. Kennedy's testimony before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury 5/17/67. Department was also instructing Mr. LaCour to inform Mr. Alcock that any cross-examination of Mr. Kennedy in regard to the aforementioned matters would necessitate Mr. Kennedy exercising the executive privilege under Departmental Order 381-67. In utilizing the executive privilege, Mr. Kennedy would respectfully decline to answer any question asked of him by Mr. Garrison or his staff until he has had an opportunity to

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refer the question to the Attorney General and receive appropriate counsel as to course of action he should take in regard to the question.

In effect, according to Mr. Belcher, Mr. LaCour would be informing Mr. Alcock that the Department sees no need for a meeting between Mr. Alcock and Messrs. Kennedy and LaCour at this time to discuss Mr. Kennedy's testimony and possible areas of cross-examination.

Mr. Belcher further stated that any further action by the Department in this matter would be premature at this time. However, once Mr. Kennedy is served a subpoena to testify at the trial of Clay L. Shaw, Department will immediately consider a specific legal course of action to follow.

Mr. Belcher informed the Bureau representatives that the Department was very carefully following this matter with United States Attorney LaCour and would keep the Bureau promptly advised of pertinent developments.

ACTION:

For information. You will be immediately advised of all pertinent developments in this matter.

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Date. 5/13/68

Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. [unclear]	✓
Mr. [unclear]	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)  
 SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
 DALLAS, TEXAS,  
 NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are two newspaper articles appearing in New Orleans newspapers concerning above-captioned matter.

Copies of these newspaper articles are enclosed for Dallas and Miami.

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# X-Rays, Photos of JFK Subpenaed by Garrison U.S. Archivist Ordered to N.O.

District Attorney Jim Garrison went to court today in an effort to force the federal government to release the top secret photographs and X-rays taken during the autopsy on the body of President John F. Kennedy the day he was assassinated.

Garrison issued a subpoena, signed by Criminal Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., ordering the United States archivist, Dr. Robert H. Bahmer, to produce the photographs and X-rays in Garrison's office on May 24 at 9 a. m.

ALL OF THE controversial material has been ordered by President Johnson to be sealed in the National Archives until the year 2039.

Garrison, in issuing the subpoena, claimed the photographs and X-rays are needed by the district attorney's office to prepare and present its case against retired New Orleans businessman Clay L. Shaw.

The trial of Shaw, accused of conspiring with others to kill Kennedy, is scheduled June 11.

Specifically, Garrison asked in the subpoena for 45 photographs—23 color and 23 black and white—and 24 X-rays taken before and during the Kennedy autopsy on Nov. 22, 1963, the day the President was murdered in Dallas.

GARRISON said the material is needed because his office has gathered substantial evidence to indicate that Kennedy was struck by bullets fired from three different directions.

The photographs and X-rays, Garrison claims, will also demonstrate that the fatal head wounds were the result of shots fired from the front of the President as he was riding in a motorcade in Dallas.

The Warren Commission, appointed by President Johnson to investigate the assassination, concluded that a single assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, killed the President from behind.

The photographs and X-rays were ordered sealed by President Johnson at the request of the Kennedy family.

THE TRIAL date for Shaw was announced yesterday, one day after his attorneys had disclosed their intention to seek relief in the federal courts.

One of the defense attorneys, F. Irvin Dymond, did not comment on what line of action they intend to take, saying the pleadings in federal court "will speak for themselves."

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STATES-ITEM

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Date: 5-9-68

Edition: final

Author:

Editor: GEORGE W. HEALY

Title: ASSASSINATION

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# PHOTOS, X-RAYS ARE SUBPENAED

## JFK Autopsy Material Needed in Case, Claim

The district attorney's office Thursday subpoenaed autopsy photographs and X-rays of President John F. Kennedy for use in preparing its case against Clay L. Shaw, who is charged with conspiring to murder Kennedy.

Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., to whose section of court the Shaw case is assigned, signed the order authorizing issuance of the subpoena, which was presented by Asst. DA James L. Alcock.

Alcock said that the photos and X-rays, located in the National Archives, Washington, D. C., "are necessary and material to the State of Louisiana in the preparation and presentation of its case" against Shaw.

President Lyndon B. Johnson has ordered that all the material be sealed in the archives until the year 2039.

It consists of 45 photographs (22 color, and 23 black and white) and 24 X-rays taken before and during the autopsy performed on Kennedy at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md., on the day of the assassination.

Alcock said that his office has evidence that the material will reveal that Kennedy was struck by bullets fired from three different directions.

It will also show that the fatal head wounds were inflicted from the front, he asserted.

The Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald accomplished the assassination alone, firing from behind the President.

The subpoena directs Dr. Robert H. Bahmer, U.S. archivist,

to bring the material to the DA's office at 9 a.m. May 24.

However, Bahmer has retired and no longer is custodian of the Kennedy documents. His successor in Washington, James B. Rhoads, said he could not make an official stand since the subpoena is not in his name.

But subject to any future review by counsel, Rhoads said his view is that the Kennedy documents are in his possession and he must abide by the restrictions laid down, under the law, by the donors, the Kennedy family.

Wednesday, the DA's office set June 11 as the date of the trial. The day before Shaw's attorneys announced they will go into federal court to seek relief for Shaw.

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Date: 5/15/68

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

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (89-45)(RUC)

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS,  
11/22/63  
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Re Memphis teletype, 5/14/68; Atlanta teletype,  
5/14/68; & Atlanta telephone call to Memphis, 5/15/68.

Mrs. MARGARET RACKLEY, Sales Secretary, Permacel  
Tapes, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on 5/15/68 that WILLIAM S.  
WALTER is moving into a new apartment in Nashville, Tenn.,  
this date and she does not, as yet, have a new telephone  
number for him. She advised she would contact some of his  
known customers whom he should visit in Nashville on  
5/15/68 and leave word for him to contact the Nashville  
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