

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WILFRED WEISBERG,

Plaintiff,

v.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

Defendant.

Civil Action

No. 2361-70

STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS  
AS TO WHICH PLAINTIFF REQUESTS DISCOVERY

Pursuant to local rule 9(b) the material facts in the instant action are summarized below.

1. In a series of letters of May 23, 1966; March 12, 1967; January 1, 1969; June 2, 1969; April 6, 1970; and May 15, 1970 and a "Request for Access to Official Record Under 5 U.S.C. 552(c) and 26 C.F.R. Part 16," dated May 16, 1970, plaintiff requested various officials of the defendant to produce for inspection the "spectrographic analyses of bullet, fragments of bullet and other objects, including garments and part of vehicle and automobile said to have been struck by bullet and/or fragments during assassination of President Kennedy and Governor Connally."

2. On June 4, 1970 the Attorney General wrote:

" . . . The Department of Justice has received requests for these documents in the past, and we have taken the position that they are part of an 'investigatory file compiled for law enforcement purposes' and are therefore exempt from the Freedom of Information Act's compulsory disclosure requirements. 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(7) . . . "

3. In a letter of June 12, 1970, the Deputy Attorney General



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tests are listed are part of the investigative files of the FBI and are specifically exempted from public disclosure as investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes. 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7) . . . . "

4. The instant action was filed on August 3, 1979.

12/ Thomas A. Flannery  
United States Attorney

16/ Joseph M. Flannery  
Assistant United States Attorney

18/ Robert H. Flannery, Jr.  
Assistant United States Attorney



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HAROLD WEISBERG,

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Civil Action

No. 2301-70

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND SUBCOMMITTEE  
IN SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
ON THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I.

Background Statement

Plaintiff has attached to his complaint copies of letters written to the Department of Justice over a period of three years in which he has requested permission to inspect certain spectroscopic analyses of bullets and bullet fragments recovered from the scene of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas on November 23, 1963. Also attached to the complaint are two responses from the Department of Justice in which plaintiff's requests are denied on the basis that the analyses are part of an "investigatory file compiled for law enforcement purposes."

II.

Discussion

The sole basis upon which the Court's jurisdiction and the relief sought is evoked is 5 U.S.C. 552, the Public Information Act amended to the Administrative Procedure Act. The purpose of the Act, as ex-



to make "information available to members of the public unless it falls within specific categories of matters which are exempt from public disclosure." p. 1. Among the specific categories of matters which are exempt are:

"(b)(7) Investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes except to the extent available by law to a party other than an agency."

The thrust of the exemption is to protect from disclosure all files which the Government compiles in the course of law enforcement investigations which may or may not lead to formal proceedings. In *Barclay v. United States*, 401 U.S. 241 (1971), the Court stated:

"In general, I agree with the Attorney General's analysis of the nature and scope of the exemption, in his interpretation of the Public Information Section of the Administrative Procedure Act, dated June, 1967, wherein he states at p. 30:

"The effect of the language in exemption (7) on the other hand, seems to be to exclude the availability to litigants of documents from investigatory files to the extent to which Congress and the courts have made them available to such litigants. For example, litigants who meet the burdens of the Jencks statute (18 U.S.C. 3503) may obtain prior statements given to an FBI agent or an SAs investigatory by a witness who is testifying in a pending case; but since such statements might contain information unfairly damaging to the litigant or other persons, the new law, like the Jencks statute, does not permit the statement to be made available to the public. In addition, the House report makes clear that litigants are not to obtain special benefits from this provision, stating that 'S.1160 is not intended to give a private party indirectly any earlier or greater access to investigatory files than he would have directly in such litigation or proceedings.' (H. Rept. 11)."

"As I suggested before, Congress could not have intended to grant lesser rights of inspection and copying of witnesses' statements to persons who are faced with the deprivation of their life or liberty, than to persons faced only with remedial administrative or law enforcement proceedings."



"Although the Court does not feel that it is necessary to reiterate an exhaustive description of the Act's legislative history, the following statement is exemplary of numerous others which make it clear that the plaintiff's interpretation must be rejected:

"This exemption covers investigatory files related to enforcement of all kinds of laws, federal and state, including all as defined law. This would include files prepared in connection with various Government litigation and administrative proceedings. H.R. Report 51497, 89th Cong., 2nd Sess., p. 11"

"In sum, it is clear that the plaintiff could obtain the employees' statements taken by the head if the employees had been called to testify -- in fact, the plaintiff was given access to the statements of the employees who did so testify. However, the plaintiff is not entitled to employees' statements absent such use." 207 F. Supp. 134, 502 (D.C. 1962).

In the instant case, since the records plaintiff seeks have not been made part of any record in any agency proceeding he may not obtain them "absent such use."

It is significant that the Language Congress chose, "compiled for law enforcement purposes" was criticized at hearings on the proposed legislation as unduly restrictive. 89th Cong., 1st Session, Hearings on H.R. 5012 before the House Committee on Government Operations, pp. 245-247. Notwithstanding this criticism, Congress enacted exemption 7 as referred to above because it thought the broad protection against disclosure contained therein necessary to effective operation of the agencies which compile investigation reports. In addition, the legislative history of the act states, explicitly: "[t]he FBI would be protected under exemption No. 7 prohibiting disclosure of 'investigative files.'" 89th Cong., 2nd Sess., Cong. Record, p. 13026. The speaker quoted above, Representative Callagher, a strong supporter of the Act, also stated, the bill contains exemption 7. "Whenever the bill



The Court has held that the public has a right to know the contents of all files disclosed.

The public policy in favor of maintaining the accuracy of the judicial records is a strong one. In passing the Freedom of Information Act, Congress expressly exempted the information contained in the files of the courts from the availability of the information under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7).

While there were *United States v. Weber*, 405 U.S. 188, 196 S. Ct. 1022, 32 L. Ed. 2d 354 (1972), and *United States v. Weber*, 405 U.S. 188, 196 S. Ct. 1022, 32 L. Ed. 2d 354 (1972), which are cited in the opinion, they do not show the scope of the exemption for the courts and society of the law enforcement files.

"It is the general principle of the law that the public has a right to know the contents of the files of the courts which are open to the public. The exemption of the files of the courts from the availability of the information under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7) is a violation of the public policy in favor of maintaining the accuracy of the judicial records." *United States v. Weber*, 405 U.S. 188, 196 S. Ct. 1022, 32 L. Ed. 2d 354 (1972).

### III

#### Conclusion

From the foregoing, it is obvious that the Congress enacted the Freedom of Information Act a prohibition against the release to the public of the type of document plaintiff seeks in the instant action. The prohibition was enacted after criticism and discussion on the floor of Congress. The Congressional intent has been interpreted by the courts of this and other jurisdictions in unambiguous fashion. Plaintiff is not entitled to the cryptographic analyses sought and the Court should enter judgment in favor of the defendant and dismiss the action.



FBI

Date: 11/13/70

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
11/27/63  
Dallas, Texas  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: DALLAS

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 10/8/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies each of two separate newspaper articles appearing in "The Dallas Morning News" of 11/10/70 and one appearing in "The Dallas Times Herald" of 11/10/70, reflecting that MARINA OSWALD PORTER was seeking \$95,000 for the personal property of LEE HARVEY OSWALD now in the possession of the U. S. Government.

These articles are submitted for the Bureau's information inasmuch as they relate to previous Civil Action #CA-3-2282, in which MARINA OSWALD PORTER was seeking \$500,000 for the property.

LEAD

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. Will follow and report outstanding investigation by the Indianapolis Office as requested in Anchorage airtel to Bureau dated 10/28/70.

1 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Dallas  
- RFG:pjc

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EX-103

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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## Oswald's Widow Files New Claim

The widow of Lee Harvey Oswald wants a Dallas federal judge to reverse his former ruling and order the government to pay her \$95,000 for Oswald's personal property.

Mrs. Marina Oswald Porter originally sought \$500,000 for about 500 items seized from Oswald's apartment after President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

This week Mrs. Porter's attorney, Erich F. Klein, Jr., asked the court to reverse an earlier decision and award Mrs. Porter "just compensation" for the property before it was damaged.

The property was "substantially destroyed and greatly decreased in value while it was in the exclusive care and control" of the government, she contends.

Mrs. Porter asks that she be paid fair market value as of the date it was seized, Nov. 22, 1963. The government contends she should receive the fair market value for the property on the date it took title to the property — Nov. 1, 1965.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

22-A "The Dallas  
Times Herald"  
Dallas, Texas

Date: 11-10-70

Edition:

Author:

Editor: Felix R. McKnigh

Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: Dallas

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# Marina Seeks \$95,000 for Property

By EARL GOLZ

The widow of Lee Harvey Oswald asked a federal judge here Monday to award her \$95,007 for the accused assassin's personal property — \$85,000 more than valued by experts of the federal government.

Mrs. Marina Oswald Porter is seeking compensation for the fair market value of almost 500 items of Oswald as of Nov. 22, 1963, when he allegedly killed President John F. Kennedy in Dallas.

U.S. Dist. Judge Joe E. Estes earlier had ruled that the value of the property should be determined as of Nov. 1, 1966, the time of the "taking" of it by the government. The items have been placed permanently in the U.S. Archives at Washington, D.C.

During the three years following the assassination, Mrs. Porter asserts, the property "has been substantially destroyed and greatly decreased in value" while it has been in possession of the government.

In a memorandum opinion filed by her lawyer, Erich F. Klein Jr., Mrs. Porter noted expert testimony by government witnesses rated the property at \$10,000 as of Nov. 1, 1966, in its damaged condition and

\$70,000 as of about Nov. 22, 1963, when it was initially seized.

Mrs. Porter's expert testimony valued the property at \$40,000 on Nov. 1, 1966, and \$95,000 on Nov. 22, 1963, before it was mutilated in some instances by tests and before the Warren Commission authorized publication of some of the reading matter.

"By either standard, substantial diminution in value occurred while the government had the property and denied the plaintiffs possession and enjoyment thereof," Mrs. Porter contended. "To fail to recognize this diminution in value would work an inequity upon the plaintiffs and not give them full and just compensation for the property."

Nov. 1, 1966, is only the date when title to the property was vested with the U.S. government, she said. The definition of "taking" within the meaning of the 5th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, her memorandum states, "includes not only substitution of ownership but also damages to, depreciation of and destruction of property."

The government has argued that the physical damage occurred pursuant to its police powers. The cases cited by the government as precedent for its contention, however, don't deal with its police powers but rather with its "war powers" which are not applicable to the Oswald case, the memorandum stated.

Mrs. Porter originally had filed suit three years ago seeking \$500,000 for the property. A court appointed appraiser valued it at \$17,654 as of Nov. 1, 1966.

Meanwhile, the mother of Oswald, Mrs.

Marguerite Oswald of Fort Worth, has written a letter to Judge Estes asking him to hold up proceedings in the case until she can secure legal aid. She is not a plaintiff in Mrs. Porter's suit.

Otherwise, Mrs. Oswald said, "a very grave injustice is in the making and I don't feel that I would like to be a party (knowingly or unknowingly) to such an injustice."

The mother stated in the letter that her son "was neither tried nor convicted."

"He therefore legally died an innocent man. As such, I wish to remind this court that the issue at stake is all very wrong. However, if I must abide by any unjust laws then I wish to have my say (after getting legal counsel)."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

LD "The Dallas Morning News" Dallas, Texas

Date: 11-10-70

Edition:

Author:

Editor: Jack B. Kruger

Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: Dallas

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Date: 11/25/70

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (62-109060)  
FROM: SAC, New Orleans (89-69) (P)

*Slater*

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN  
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
MISC. - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
OO: Dallas

Enclosed for the Bureau is a newspaper article appear-  
ing in the New Orleans States-Item concerning above-captioned  
matter.

One copy of this newspaper article is enclosed for  
Dallas and Miami.

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*Cr* REC-56

62-109060-6969

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Dallas (89-43) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Miami (Enc. 1)
- 1 - New Orleans

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NOV 28 1970

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Approved: *rich*  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Perjury Counts Against Probe Figure Dropped

Charges of perjury against Layton P. Martens, a key figure in the Kennedy assassination probe of District Attorney Jim Garrison, have been dropped by the DA's office.

Martens, 27, was a roommate of the late David W. Ferrie, another important figure in the probe, when President John F. Kennedy was murdered in 1963.

A student at the University of Southwestern Louisiana at the time of the investigation, Martens was indicted in connection with his testimony concerning the burglary of a Houma munitions dump in 1961.

Gordon Novel and anti-Castro leader Sergio Vincente Archacha Smith were charged with the burglary and Ferrie was named as a conspirator in the theft. Martens testified he had never met Novel and did not know whether Smith accompanied Ferrie and himself on a trip to Houma,

where the burglary of the Schlumberger Wells Service munitions dump allegedly occurred.

A grand jury indicted Martens for perjury in 1967 in connection with that testimony but the case had never been brought to trial.

LA.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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SECTION 1

THE STATES-ITEM

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Date: 11-20-70

Edition: FINAL

Author:

Editor: WALTER G. COVAN

Title:

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, TEXAS

Character: 2-63

Classification: 89-

Submitting Office: N. O., LA.

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December 2, 1970

AIRMAIL

REC-52 62-109060-6970

[Redacted]  
New Zealand

*[Handwritten signature]*

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Mr. Hoover received your letter, with enclosure, on November 27th. He asked me to advise you that 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 persons in a conspiracy with Lee Harvey Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy. All available evidence and facts point to one conclusion--that Oswald acted alone in his crime.

With regard to the Kennedy half dollar you enclosed, this is a matter that falls within the jurisdiction of the Treasury Department and you may direct your questions pertaining to this to The Honorable, The Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C. 20220.

While we would like to be of further assistance, the FBI cannot be of any help to you in securing a visa. Your enclosure is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

*[Handwritten notes: "get for me", "TEB/a", "w"]*

MAILED 6  
DEC 2 1970

Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. His enclosure, a Kennedy half dollar enclosed in a plastic case, is being returned to him.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Walters \_\_\_\_\_
- Woychik \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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JAN 18 1971

TELETYPE UNIT

*[Handwritten initials]*



TRUE COPY

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11 '70

New Zealand  
21-11-70

Dear Mister Hoover

I am friend of President Kennedy and I've written my story of friendship with the President and I've sent it to the President Nixon. I know that there was conspirsey to kill my friend Kennedy and I am investigating his death in Dallas on my own because President Kennedy had told me of the people who were involved in the conspirsey. I wish you would read my story the President's Friend, Angels Castle, The Kremlin and Tito (which I've sent to Secretary - Generall U Thant) because it is important for you to know.

I've read Warren Commission Report and I can assure you--as I've spoken to Lee Oswald were in New Zealand when he had come from Moscow--that He was not alone in the conspiracy and that he was just a small mar.

This letter I am writting to you because I want to tell you of the Kennedy the President memorial Dollar that I've got from the Queen St. Coin Shop. It was knew when I've got it and now although I've not used it, there are marks on it so I think that mine was exchanged for this on that I am sending to you for further investigation.

Sincerely your friend,

P.S. I am friend of Edward Senator Kennedy and I wish to inform you that he is in danger like his brothers were. I am, of course, friend of President Nixon, too. I would like to come to United States to see for myself about my friend President Kennedy but I cannot get the working visa as I am only work- ing man I need the permission to work while I am in United States. Could you in any way help me as I think it would be very important that I talk to you personally of what I know about the assasination.








75.

I would like to come to United States to see  
for myself about my friend President Kennedy  
but I cannot get the working visa as I am only  
working man I need the permission to work  
while I am in United States. Could you in any  
way help me as I think it would be very important  
that I talk to you personally of what I know  
about the situation.





SAC, Sacramento

12/3/70

Director, FBI (62-109060) - 6971

1 - Mr. Hanlon

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

11/22/63

DALLAS, TEXAS

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO: DALLAS

Enclosed for receiving offices is one true copy each of a letter forwarded to SOG by Mona Law Newton of Bishop, California.

Unless a reason to the contrary exists, Sacramento is instructed to immediately locate and interview Newton with respect to information provided in enclosed letter. Thereafter if the information indicates, appropriate investigation should be conducted to fully resolve. Bureau files are negative with respect to correspondent.

Houston immediately search indices and furnish Sacramento with any information of possible assistance.

The Bureau is to be advised of the results of inquiry in this matter.

Enclosure

- 1 - Dallas (100-10461) (Enc. )
- 1 - Houston (Enc.)

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NOTE: Correspondent in a rather disjointed letter indicates that she has information concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. In light of this, Sacramento being instructed to interview if appropriate and to conduct that inquiry necessary to resolve. Houston being instructed to search indices as correspondent indicates she was interviewed by Houston Agents.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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DEC 3 1970  
COMM-FBI

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[Signature]



TRUE COPY

Nov. 24-70

The Bureau of Investigation  
C/O J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D. C.

What I would like to tell you about happened in Sep. 1963. The latter part of Sep. I was coming back from the Virgin Islands I stopped for a couple of days in Houston Texas, at, a small Hotel. Later if you send some one to let me tell them I Will, I do not Want any one here or any Place else, except you, People to hear this. About three years ago - I tried to tell two F-B-I men. They listened and seemed to be laughing at me - or at least I felt that way I never heard any more from them. The reasons I Waited so long - I Was afraid. Afraid of the gand - also my seperated husband at that time I didnt Want, him to hear about this & find me. Afraid it would get in the Papers or that I Would be called a crackpot - or liar ect. So I kept still. I kept thinking about this incident and as I am 64 years old before my memory all Vanishes about this I would like for you People to get the story I Want to tell you about the men several I heard Plotting the Death of Pres. Kennedy. There in Houston Texas. I knew who, they were talking about ect. of course I Never believed they could get the chance. I Wish now I had reported it, at the time. I didnt live in Texas & didnt Want to be delayed. No body would have listened to me then If I had told them these me planned and said With a cuss Oath He Would never get out of Texas alive That they Would, send him back to Washing in a Box - I can give you some descriptons of some of the men. Two especially and I am Postive one of the People Was Osborne and another young fellow I reconized Osborne when I saw his Picture I Met them in that hotel hall three or four times face to face. Also on the st. out side of the hotel. Also the other men. That met him there. I heard them two different times together talking. They didnt pay any attention to me I let on like I didnt nottice them. If you Wish I Will tell you all about the conversations. How the men looked ect. as good as I can remember. I read the Warren Report ect. But I dont agree because I saw & heard these men. Several together.

TRUE COPY

SIX



TRUE COPY

Please I am going to give you my P.O. Box here & town. But let any of this get out here. But I can tell you things if it was gone into would open up some thinking believe me. I am ill. With Arthritis my fingers are so bad I can hardly write so excuse my bad writing I was not in, this area when I tried to tell the other F.B.I. I should of written direct to you then and earlier but I guess the other F.B. I thought I wanted to get into things as the trial's ect. was in the papers ect. Believe me I do not, publicity nor do I want any of that gang of men I saw & heard that day once in the morning & once in the afternoon after me. They meant business and I knew it only I thought, there would be such good protection that nothing could come of it. That it couldnt happen.

Even today those me are loose some where or all but Osborne unless some of them have passed away. They probably havent. So please keep me out of this just let me tell some of you. I dont want my name used.

Mona Law Newton  
P.O. Box 1063,  
Bishop, Calif.  
zip 93514

E. APPROX 1906

TRUE COPY



July 24-70

The Bureau of Investigation

J. Edgar Hoover

Washington D.C.

What I would like to tell  
 you about happened in  
 Sep. 1868. The latter part of  
 Sep. I was coming back  
 from the Virginia Oldsworld &  
 stopped for a couple of  
 days in Quantico. I was  
 at a small store. I was  
 if you need some one to  
 let me tell them I will  
 I do not want anyone here  
 or any place else, just  
 you & people to keep them  
 about. I was your age - I  
 tried to tell two 7-13 of  
 men. They listened and  
 seemed to be laughing at  
 me - or at least I felt that way



I never heard any word  
from them. The day  
I waited so long - I was  
afraid. Afraid of the  
good - also my spirited  
husband at that time  
I didn't want him to  
hear about this & find  
me. Afraid it would get  
in the papers or that I  
would be called a crack-  
pot - or some sort. So I  
kept still. I kept thinking  
about this incident  
and as I am 64 years  
old before my memory  
all vanished about this  
I would like for you  
people to get the story  
I want to tell you about  
the man several of his  
plotting the death of Pres.  
Kennedy. There in Houston  
you



I found out they were  
taking about out of course  
I must believe they  
could get this chance. I wish  
now I had reported it, at  
the time. I didn't live  
in 2400 & didn't want to  
be delayed. No body would  
have listened to me  
then if I had told them  
I was <sup>going</sup> planned and  
said with a catch he  
would never get out of  
Diss unless that they  
would, send him back to  
Washington in a Pif. I  
can give you some  
descriptions of some of  
the men. I'm especially  
and I am partic. one of  
the people was a young  
and another young fellow



I recognized Osborne  
when I saw his picture  
I met them in that  
hole. had three or four  
times face to face. also  
on the st. out side of  
the hole. also the other  
men. That met him  
there. I heard them  
two different times  
together talking. They  
didn't pay any attention  
to me it lit on like  
I didn't notice them.  
If you wish I will  
tell you all about the  
~~the~~ conversations. How  
the man looked etc. as  
good as I can remember  
I read the Warren Report  
etc. But I don't agree  
because I saw & heard  
these men several together



Please I am going to  
give you my Po. Box  
here & town. But let  
any of them get out here,  
But I can tell you  
things if it was your  
into would open up some  
thinking believe me, I  
am ill with Arthritis  
my fingers are so bad I  
can hardly write so  
years my hand writing  
I was not in, then  
area when I tried to  
tell the other 7-B. I  
kind of writing direct  
to you then and even  
earlier. But I guess the  
other 7-B. I thought I  
wanted to get into things  
on the location set, was  
in the papers set. Believe  
me



I do not, perhaps any  
of what any of that group  
of men I said & heard  
that day over in the  
morning & over in, the  
afternoon after me.  
They meant business  
and I knew it only I  
thought, there would be  
such good protection  
that nothing could come  
of it. That it could not  
happen.

Even today those we are  
loose some where or  
all but someone where  
some of them have  
passed away. They probably  
have not. So please keep me  
out of this just at me  
tell some of you. I  
don't want my name used  
more than Houston  
P.O. Box 1063, Bishop, Calif  
zip 93514

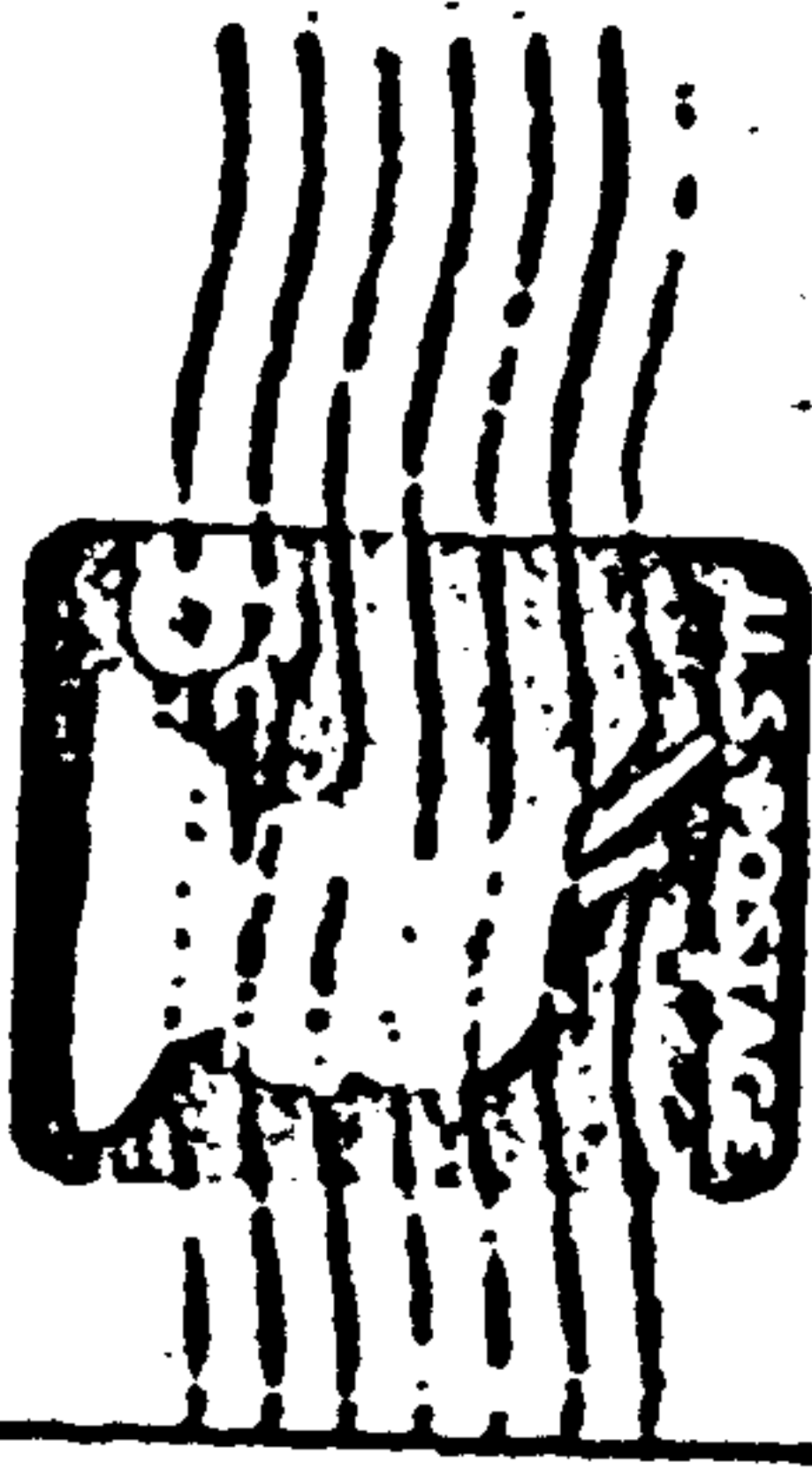


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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

DATE: 12/9/70

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (62-2115) (RUC)

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

(OO: DALLAS)

ReBulet to SC, 12/3/70.

Review of indices of the Houston Office regarding the name MONA LAW NEWTON reveals no information identifiable with that name. Houston files reflect no other information which would be of assistance in captioned matter.

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SAC, Dallas (89-43)

December 16, 1970

Director, FBI (62-109060) - 6973

1 - Mr. Schutz

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

ReWFOlet 12/11/70.

Insure that appropriate local authorities Dallas,  
Texas, are advised of information contained in referenced  
communication.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

DATE: 12/11/70

FROM : SAC, WFO (89-75)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
(OO:DL)

On December 9, 1970, a person who identified himself as T. C. CONNELLY, Route 1, Williamstown, Kentucky, telephonically advised SA ROBERT H. TOBER that he is attorney for ROBERT GREGORY, a millionaire, who was murdered at St. Augustine, Florida, in November, 1970, by his brother, SFC RAYMOND GREGORY who according to CONNELLY is stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He stated, however, that ROBERT GREGORY's body has not been found. CONNELLY claims that RAYMOND GREGORY killed his brother because ROBERT GREGORY had threatened to inform authorities about RAYMOND's involvement in the KENNEDY assassination, in that he killed Officer TRIBLE (sic), (probably Officer J. D. TIPPIT), the officer killed in Dallas at the time of the assassination: CONNELLY stated that RAYMOND GREGORY is an excellent marksman and was also stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, in November, 1963.

CONNELLY did not ask for any information during the call and stated he just wanted to notify the FBI of this information. He stated he had already notified the Sheriff's Office in Dallas.

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1 - Atlanta (Info)  
1 - Dallas (89-43) (Info)  
1 - Jacksonville (Info)  
1 - Louisville (Info)  
1 - WFO

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Based on the dearth of identifying data, WFO is not able to locate any pertinent information in WFO files identifiable with either RAYMOND or ROBERT GREGORY. No information is contained in WFO indices re T. C. CONNELLY.

Information copies are being furnished Atlanta, Dallas, Jacksonville, and Louisville, in the event CONNELLY or the GREGORYs are in contact with these offices.

Since CONNELLY claims he has informed the Sheriff's Office, Dallas, of this information, no further action is deemed necessary in this matter.



December 10, 1970

Airtel

- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Schutz
- 1 - Mr. Griffith

To: SAC, Baltimore

From: Director, FBI (62-109080) - 6974  
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**ASSASSINATION OF  
PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11-22-63  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION  
CONCERNING  
(00: Dallas)**

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of a letter dated December 2, 1970, from Harold Weisberg of Frederick, Maryland. One copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Dallas Office.

Mr. Weisberg should be contacted promptly, his letter to the Bureau acknowledged, and full details concerning the circumstances surrounding the location of the bullet should be obtained. The identity of the individual finding the bullet should also be ascertained. In addition, Mr. Weisberg should be queried as to specifically what examination the bullet has been subjected to.

It is observed that if the bullet was located in a planter which was constructed subsequent to the assassination, it would appear to have no evidentiary value and would be of no interest to the Bureau.

Also determine the circumstances surrounding the duplication of Warren Commission Exhibit 399, and this bullet along with the suspect bullet should be submitted to the Bureau, attention FBI Laboratory, in the event that either appears to have any relevance to our investigation of the assassination.

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1 - Dallas (Info) (100-10461) (Enc.)

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

ed letter is from Harold v. g. He is former State Department employee who was fired in 1947 because he was suspected of being a Communist or having Communist sympathies. He currently operates a poultry business in Maryland. He is author of "Whitewash" which was highly critical of the Warren Commission Report concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. He has also been critical of the Bureau. He has a suit pending against the Government for disallowing his claim under the Freedom of Information Act for information concerning the assassination.

Weisberg alleges a bullet was recently found in the area where President Kennedy was killed. He believes bullet is a "plant" but offers it to the Bureau for any examination we care to make. Weisberg's letter is not clear but it is possible that this bullet has been examined by an amateur expert.

Irrespective of Weisberg's background, it is felt that we should obtain the bullet and have the bullet examined by our Laboratory to see if it is of any significance to the assassination in order to preclude him from making any allegation that the Bureau is not interested in matters concerning the assassination. This has been coordinated with the Laboratory Division. The Dallas Office has advised it has no information concerning this bullet.

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- "wbs" written below "PIS".  
- File number "62-109060-6974" at the bottom.





Leman & Harold Weisberg

Coq d'Or Press ROUTE 8, FREDERICK, MD. 21701

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Mr. Tolson  
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 Mr. Bishop  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

A friend who was in Dallas recently found a spent and almost-perfect bullet in a planter near the Kennedy memorial, along Houston Street. He and I both think it is a ghoulis "plant". However, I feel the loan of it should be offered to you for any test or examination you might care to make. We feel that because it is so obvious a "plant" and because we have no way of knowing when it was deposited in Dealey Plaza we should not automatically assume that it can have no significance.

My friend, who has some amateur expertise in these matters, believes it is a type designated as .30 H&W.

The rifling marks seem clear. Comparing it with a seemingly identical bullet indicates rather extensive tarnishing, possibly the consequence of weathering.

XX In the course of his testing, my friend has almost perfectly duplicated the condition of Warren Commission Exhibit 399 with a spent round he also sent me.

If you have any interest in any of these bullets, I can mail or deliver them to Washington or give them to your local representative.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, FBI  
Washington, D.C.



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Date: 12/18/70

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**AIRTEL**

**AIRMAIL**

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**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)**  
**FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-34) (RUC)**  
**SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
 11/22/63  
 Dallas, Texas  
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 OO: Dallas**

Re Bureau letter to Sacramento, 12/3/70, and Houston letter to the Bureau, 12/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Houston, and Dallas are one, one, and seven copies respectively, of an FD 302 regarding an interview of MONA LAW NEWTON at Bishop, California, on 12/16/70. *ma*

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES S. HANSEN:

AT BISHOP, CALIFORNIA

On 12/16/70, Bishop, California, Chief of Police JOHN PREKU advised that a review of his files reflected no record identifiable with MONA LAW NEWTON.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Dallas (100-10461) (Enc. 7)
- 1 - Houston (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 1 - Sacramento

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It is noted that throughout the interview, NEWTON was unable to furnish exact dates, times, places, addresses, or names.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/18/70

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 MADNA LAW NEWTON, Keough Hot Springs, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview. NEWTON furnished the following information:

Sometime in late September, 1963, after having spent a vacation in the Virgin Islands, she took a jet from the Virgin Islands to New Orleans, Louisiana, where she caught an old bus to Beaumont, Texas, and stayed at an old hotel for one day.

She took a Greyhound bus from Beaumont to Houston, Texas, where she caught a cab and asked for directions to a reasonably-priced hotel. She was taken to a hotel, possibly the Lee, which was located two or three blocks from the Greyhound bus station.

The hotel was old, having a lobby on the second floor and having screen doors on the rooms, which opened on a long hallway.

While in the lobby of the hotel at the book rack, she overheard two or three men talking. She was unable to identify these men other than to say there were either two or three men; they were white and in their forties, and had suits on.

NEWTON furnished exact quotes, which, she stated, were statements made by the unknown men while seated in the lobby of the hotel. She advise that the men said, "That son-of-a-bitch, he's not gonna send our kids to school with niggers." "Whenever us Klans get through with him, he'll know." "Whenever he comes to Texas, he'll go back in a box." "When

On 12/16/70 at Bishop, California File # SC 62-34

by SA JAMES S. HANSEN:smd Date dictated 12/18/70

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he gets to Texas, he won't get back alive."

NEWTON advised that the men then looked up and saw her and discontinued their conversation. The men never mentioned President KENNEDY, but NEWTON stated she knew who they were talking about. She felt these men were staying at the hotel at that time.

During the time NEWTON stayed at the hotel, she frequently saw two young men whom she described as both in their thirties, thin, about 5 feet 10 inches, and were wearing sports clothes. She felt that one was LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

NEWTON stated that on the third day of her stay there, she returned from lunch and saw a group of men seated in chairs in a semi-circle in the lobby of the hotel. She recalled they did not see her as she stood on the stairway and listened. She felt one of them was LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

She recalled that the three men she had originally observed in the hotel lobby were there, accompanied now by the two young men she had observed earlier; a big man in his fifties wearing a dark suit and Texas hat; a young man in his thirties wearing a light suit; and another man having brown skin, thin lips, with dark, penetrating eyes, and wearing an immaculate brownish suit.

NEWTON advised that she left the hotel for awhile and found that the men had departed when she returned.

NEWTON advised that she did tell her story to some Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents. She



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was not willing to state where she contacted them, but she stated that they were more interested in her than in her story.

NEWTON stated she did not tell her story earlier because she feared the men whom she had observed plotting in the hotel lobby would kill her.



FBI

Date: 12/14/70

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43)(P\*)

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

OO: Dallas

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a Letterhead Memorandum reflecting information received from JOHN OSWALD, 6554 Turner Way, Dallas, Texas, who is in no way related to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. One copy of enclosed LHM is furnished New Orleans for its information in view of the fact that PETER GREGONIS, who has corresponded with JOHN OSWALD, is apparently promoting a book by District Attorney JIM GARRISON entitled "A Heritage of Stone".

854 CAMP STREET  
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

AGENCY RAC(ISA)

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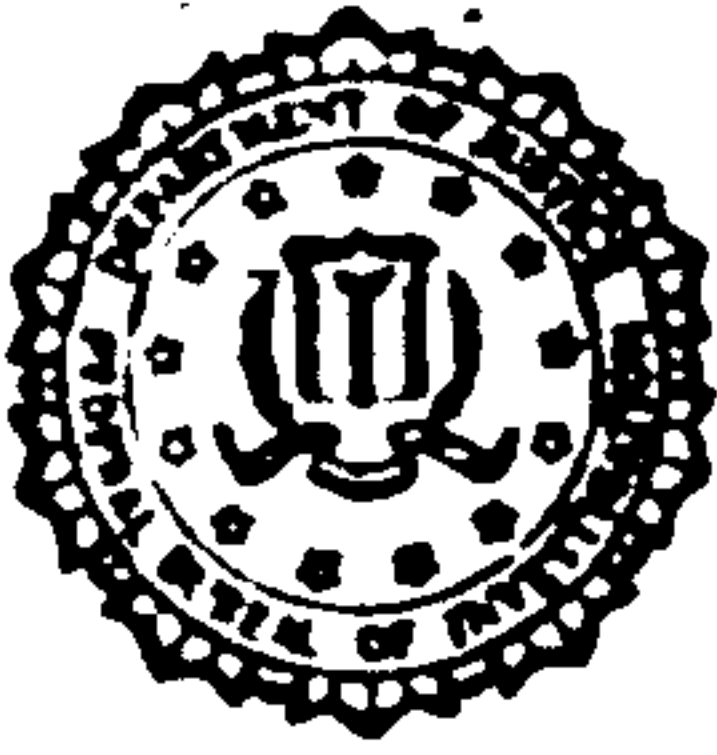
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Peter Gregonis

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dallas, Texas 75201

December 15, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 89-43

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

By letter dated November 24, 1970, John Oswald, 6554 Turner Way, Dallas, Texas, made available to the Dallas office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the following typewritten communication received by Oswald from Peter Gregonis, 854 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, announcing the publication of District Attorney Jim Garrison's book entitled, "A Heritage of Stone". On the back of this typewritten communication was a handwritten letter dated November 20, 1970, addressed to Mr. Oswald, (John Oswald, 6554 Turner Way, Dallas, Texas), and signed "Peter Gregonis".

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

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At long last, district attorney Jim Garrison's book on the Kennedy assassination has been published by the New York publishing firm of G. P. Putnam's & Sons. With a title fraught with ominous suggestions, "A HERITAGE OF STONE" makes a desperate plea to the youth of America to do something about the invisible government of our warfare state which thru the use of a domestic and international spy apparatus controls by manipulation the democratic processes of America. The book's dedication makes this urgent plea:

"To the Younger Generation.  
 May its members have the insight to see  
 the deceptions of the warfare state.  
 May they have the courage to stand  
 on the side of humanity."

Operating with a Mafia-like law of its own, this invisible government, composed of the military-intelligence-security networks, now determines the destiny of America with teams of spies and assassins ready to strike down any formidable foe of the warfare state with its imperialistic, expansionist foreign policy, as it has already eliminated President Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy. Using bribery, it offered Jim Garrison a higher political office if he would stop his probe into Kennedy's murder. With the techniques of harassment, intimidation, bribery, murder and governmental lies, this secretive government convicted Lee Oswald of two murders in the eyes of the American public without a trial. Garrison positively exonerates Oswald with these words, "...There was no case against him (Oswald) because he had not killed anyone." Governmental lies of an arrogant nature would come in a steady, unending succession says Garrison, "...A galaxy of lies would be constructed to pacify the American people."

The district attorney's most scathing attack is upon the millions of people that accepted the enormous lies of the government which made Oswald the scapegoat in Kennedy's murder. Such people are the gray mice whose silence kills. "...Hate and love of power could be dealt with were it not for the license they receive from the inertia of millions. The most dangerous of all humans are the gray mice; it is their silence that kills. It was the silence of the gray mice outside of the German concentration camps that killed the millions inside."

Yes, our youth must free us from this invisible totalitarian government. Yet, they too are ignorant, indifferent and easily bought off. And so since it is by example that we communicate best and inspire others out of their inertia; I, Peter Gregonis, do accept your invitation, Jim Garrison, to join you in your lonely fight. I will write, paint and picket until Lee Oswald is exonerated from all guilt and smears. From now on all of my letters will bear this message, "The C.I.A killed Kennedy.", on the envelope. Congressmen, newspapers and the youth on the college campuses shall hear about our rebellious secretive government. I urge other brave souls to join in this fight until we have re-established our great heritage of "government of the people, by the people and for the people." Remember it is illegal to kill the President, and disorderly as hell.

Save our leaders and join the fight. You can write to me.

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Peter Gregonis  
 854 Camp Street  
 New Orleans, La. 70130



NOV 30 1970  
DEAR MR. OSWALD,

ON THE OTHER SIDE IS MY BOOK REVIEW OF JIM GARRISON'S BOOK ON THE KEENEY ASSASSINATION. GARRISON & MANY OTHER PEOPLE ARE CONVINCED THAT LEE H. OSWALD WAS FRAMED; THAT HE IS COMPLETELY INNOCENT. I BELIEVE THE SAME AND IT IS FOR THIS REASON I AM TRYING TO LOCATE ALL OF LEE'S FAMILY SINCE IT IS IN THEIR INTEREST TO HAVE LEE VINDICATED EXONERATED. IN FACT, IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL OSWALDS, RELATED OR NOT RELATED, TO HAVE THE NAME OF OSWALD CLEARED OF THOSE VILE SMEARS. PLEASE HELP ME LOCATE LEE'S FAMILY, IF YOU CAN. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH AS MANY PEOPLE AS ARE INTERESTED IN SUCH A PROJECT

MANY OF US ARE TRYING TO GET THE SUPPORT OF PEOPLE ON A NATION-WIDE SCALE SO THAT WE CAN PUT PRESSURE ON CONGRESS TO HAVE RELEASED THE EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY WHICH IS NOW LOCKED AWAY IN GOVERNMENT VAULTS. SUCH EVIDENCE IS NECESSARY TO CLEAR THE OSWALD NAME.

PLEASE HELP.

SINCERELY

PETER ELEONIS

P.S. I HAVE BEGUN A CAMPAIGN IN NEW ORLEANS OF FINDING SUPPORT BY LEAFLETING THE COLLEGE CAMPUSES AND THE ENTIRE CITY.



**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY**

On December 7, 1970, the receipt of the foregoing from John Oswald was personally acknowledged by a representative of the FBI, at which time John Oswald stated he is currently manager of Central Forwarding Company, 3200 Irving Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, and formerly resided at 5030 Wren Way, Dallas, Texas, immediately following the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy on November 22, 1963. He further advised that he was interviewed by representatives of the FBI immediately following the assassination investigation and reiterated that he was not in any way related to Lee Harvey Oswald and did not know him.

The files of the Dallas Office of the FBI reflect no previous information concerning Peter Gregonis. The files do reflect that John Oswald of 5030 Wren Way, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed subsequent to the assassination investigation.



Director, FBI

December 27, 1970

- 1 - Mr. O'Keefe
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Schutz
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. Conrad

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Re: Assassination of John F. Kennedy*

Your letter dated December 21, 1970, enclosing a letter from Mr. Harold Weisberg, dated December 7, 1970, has been received. In his letter, Mr. Weisberg refers to a statement reportedly made by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark and requests information concerning any sworn statements furnished by the panel experts who reviewed the photographs and X-rays obtained during the autopsy of the late President Kennedy.

It appears that this matter involves a panel review of X-ray and photographic material of the type described above conducted in 1963 on the instructions of former Attorney General Clark. The files of this Bureau contain a copy of a document dated January 13, 1969, captioned "Statement of Burke Marshall," a true copy of which is enclosed for your information. Inasmuch as the material relating to this panel review is apparently contained in the Department's files, this Bureau is unable to make any comment on the statement reportedly made by former Attorney General Clark.

The original of Mr. Weisberg's letter to you is returned herewith for whatever action deemed appropriate by the Department.

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## The Deputy Attorney General

NOTE: Harold Weisberg, a Frederick, Maryland, poultry farmer, has written several books highly critical of the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy. He has also been critical of this Bureau. He has a suit pending against the Government for disallowing his claim under the Freedom of Information Act for information concerning the assassination. Weisberg is a former State Department employee who was discharged because of suspicion of his being a communist or having communist sympathies. He was later allowed to resign without prejudice. Weisberg has been the subject of numerous items of correspondence with the Department over his requests for information concerning the assassination. His current letter indicates he is aware of the findings by the Panel Review Board of 1968 concerning studies of X-rays and photographs of the late President Kennedy's body by four medical experts. He has challenged former Attorney General Clark's reported statement regarding sworn statements by medical examiners. It is possible these examiners did furnish sworn statements to the Department. However, limited information in our files does not indicate such statements were under oath. It does not appear we should furnish further comment concerning this matter. A copy of Weisberg's letter is being retained in our files.



TRUE COPY

January 16, 1969

**Statement of Burke Marshall**

Since October 1966 I have acted on behalf of the Kennedy family as their representative in dealing with all matters and inquiries regarding the Letter Agreement of October 29, 1966 and the X-ray and photograph material relating to the autopsy of the late President Kennedy.

Last year, the Attorney General informed me that he had ordered the 1966 Panel Review and that it had been conducted. He described the contents of the panel's report.

I concluded that the report simply confirmed the autopsy report and saw no reason to concern members of the Kennedy family, and did not do so.

I have advised the Attorney General, in response to an inquiry from him, that I see no basis to object to the release of the report and no reason to do so.

I have since informed Mrs. Onassis and Senator Edward Kennedy of this matter and they have both asked me to say that they will have no comment to make on the report or its release.

*see 62-109060  
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and encls Serial 1 file*

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, F.B.I.

DATE: Dec. 21, 1970

FROM : Richard G. Kleindienst  
Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act: Harold Weisberg

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

Attached is a letter received from Mr. Harold Weisberg in which he comments concerning a statement by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark and requests certain information relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Would you please provide me with your comments on this request so I can reply to Mr. Weisberg.

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*Original enclosure returned to D.A.G. by J.K. SW 12/29/70*

*Boyer*

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Harold Weisberg

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Mr. Richard Kleindienst  
Deputy Attorney General  
The Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kleindienst,

In an interview a week ago, of which I have a transcript, former Attorney General Clark, speaking of the pictures of the autopsy of President Kennedy, and of the X-rays, said:

...They've been examined by the foremost pathologists and neurologists in the United States and those men have given sworn statements that they support the findings of the Warren Commission...

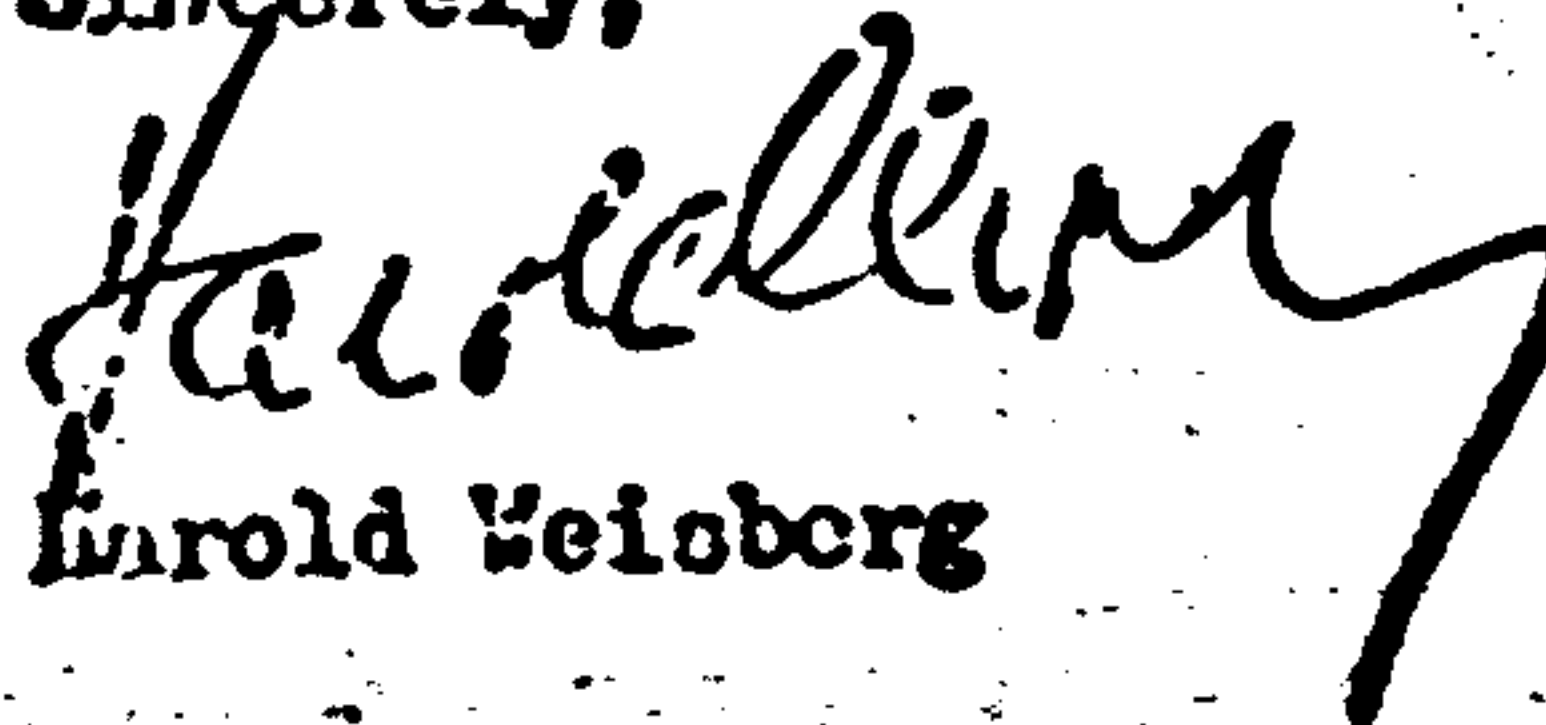
This is news to me. I seek your confirmation, this having been a function of your Department under Mr. Clark. Will you please give me the names of any neurologists who performed such examinations? Were there any pathologists or other experts to make any such examinations aside from the panel convened by Mr. Clark? Did any of those give "sworn statements"?

My perplexity comes from the fact that none of the foregoing is disclosed in the reports of Mr. Clark's panel.

If there are any such statements, by neurologists or others than the members of this panel, or any such sworn statements regardless of by whom, I would like to request copies of all.

Of course, if Mr. Clark is in error, I would like to be informed of that also.

Sincerely,

  
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