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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (89-35) (P)
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS
(OO: DALLAS)

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Re Bureau airtel to Dallas dated 8/5/76.

Enclosed for Tampa is one copy of referenced Bureau airtel and one copy of an FD-302 reporting interview of WALLY WESTON at Dallas, Texas on 11/24/63.

Efforts to locate WALLY WESTON within the Miami Division for interview were negative. On 8/24/76, WESTON telephonically contacted the Miami Office. He advised he is now residing Room 18, Port of Nations Motel, 131 N. Orlando Avenue, Winter Park, Florida. He advised he would make himself available for interview if contacted by an Agent at his current residence.

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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At Winter Park, Florida

Will interview WESTON in accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in referenced airtel.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109050)

DATE: 8/26/76

FROM : *h/a* SAC, MIAMI (89-35) (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY,
11/22/63,
DALLAS, TEXAS
(OO: DALLAS)

Re Bureau airtel to Dallas, Los Angeles and Miami dated 8/5/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of the following:

- LM reflecting interview with FRANK STURGIS;
- LM reflecting interview with SALVADORE GARCIA;
- LM reflecting interview with GUSTAVO GARCIA MONTES;
- First page of memo from A. L. TARABOCHIA.

Enclosed for Dallas is one copy of the above items.

In regard to the information in the TARABOCHIA memo regarding information furnished to the FBI by CARLOS VALDES-FOULI, this information is contained on page 12 of the report of SA JOHN J. O'CONNOR dated 4/4/64 at Miami captioned LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS -R-CUBA, Bureau file 105-82555.

When interviewed on 8/13/76, FRANK STURGIS advised that he would be willing to submit to an interview with the use of the polygraph. When presented with a copy of FD-328, "Consent to interview with polygraph" he stated that he would have to discuss this with his attorney. He advised that he would contact his attorney and advise the interviewing Agents. This matter has not been pursued since SALVADORE GARCIA corroborated the information furnished by STURGIS.

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The interview of FRANK STURGIS was conducted
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The interviews of SALVATORE GARCIA and GUSTAVO
GARCIA MONTES were conducted by SA [REDACTED]

Investigation continuing at Miami.

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Date: 8/12/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (175-201) (RUC) :
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[REDACTED] aka

Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy
Dallas, Texas, 11/22/63
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO:DALLAS)

Title marked changed to include name and aliases
of subject not previously carried in title.

ReNY LHM dated 12/18/75, titled [REDACTED]
Alleged Info Regarding JFK Assassination; Alleged Info Regarding
Attempted Assassination of Senator Edward Kennedy (OO:NY),
Dallas teletypes to Bureau and NY, 7/8/76 and 7/31/76, and
NY teletypes to Bureau and Dallas, 7/9/76 and 7/29/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three
copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Enclosed for
receiving offices are two copies of LHM. One copy being
furnished to US Secret Service, White Plains, NY.

Referenced Dallas teletype of 7/31/76, suggested
New Rochelle submit comprehensive LHM concerning subject's
past and recent activities. Purpose of instant LHM is to provide
Bureau with summary of subject's activities and background should
Bureau consider it appropriate to provide all field offices
with synopsis of subject's history and actions in the event he
contacts individuals in their divisions.

- 1 - Bureau (Encls. 4) ENCLOSURE
- 1 - Dallas (89-43) (Encls. 2)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

August 12, 1976

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

[REDACTED] also known as
[REDACTED]
Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Dallas,
Texas, November 22, 1963

During the period of November 30, 1975 through December 13, 1975, telephone calls were received at the Dallas Office and Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), as well as the United States Military Academy at West Point, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, from an individual who on several occasions identified himself as [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. This individual basically related that he had information available regarding the John F. Kennedy assassination and alleged attempted assassination of Senator Edward Kennedy. None of the telephone calls received were threatening in nature.

On December 15, 1975, [REDACTED] Bronx, New York, telephone [REDACTED] was contacted by the New York Office of the FBI and admitted making many telephone calls around the country, however, would not discuss the nature or identify the recipients of the calls. [REDACTED] rambled aimlessly, was disoriented, inconsistent, and incoherent, stating he was a personal friend of Reverend [REDACTED] (phonetic) of Boston College who was a personal friend of President John F. Kennedy. He further rambled about reading items in various newspapers, which he did not further explain or identify. He refused to admit using the name [REDACTED] or any other alias. He stated he had no information to give to the FBI regarding President Kennedy or Senator Edward Kennedy. He further refused any interview by the FBI and discontinued the conversation.

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ENCLOSURE



[REDACTED] also known as
[REDACTED]
Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Dallas,
Texas, November 22, 1963

On December 16, 1975, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Bronx, New York, advised her son, [REDACTED]
has placed many telephone calls to various famous people
throughout the country in the past including governors,
senators and congressmen. She stated that on many occasions
her son would read an item in a newspaper pertaining to
an individual, and subsequently called that individual. She
added that at times her son would read something concerning
an individual which he liked, or agreed with, and then would
telephone that individual congratulating that person on
what he may have done or said. She further advised that he
would also call various people and extend to them a personal
greeting or salutation, such as extending seasons greetings.

She stated to her knowledge none of the calls
were ever threatening in nature, but solely pleasant and
friendly conversations. She added that her son likes to talk
to people, however, is completely harmless. She advised that
he has had a history of mental illness for many years. She
stated that her son is not acquainted with any members of
the Kennedy family and has no knowledge of any information
regarding John F. Kennedy or Senator Edward Kennedy.

On or about July 8, 1976, an individual identifying
himself as [REDACTED] 57 Dayton Drive, Dayton, Ohio, telephone
[REDACTED] contacted the University of Texas Health Science
Center and two banking institutions in Dallas, Texas. The caller
stated that he would be at the above establishments to surrender
in connection with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Investigation at Dayton, Ohio, revealed that 57 Dayton
Drive, Dayton, Ohio, was a non-existent address. It was further
ascertained that telephone number [REDACTED] was subscribed
to by Doctor [REDACTED] M.D., at [REDACTED] Oxford,
Ohio.

[REDACTED] Doctor [REDACTED] Secretary, advised
on July 12, 1976, that both she and the doctor's answering service

[redacted] also known as [redacted]
Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Dallas,
Texas, November 22, 1963

had received several inquiries regarding a [redacted]
These inquiries were made by several banking institutions
in the Dallas, Texas, area. Miss [redacted] advised that neither
she nor Doctor [redacted] are familiar with a [redacted]
[redacted] or [redacted].

On July 9, 1976, Special Agents of the New Rochelle
Office, FBI, contacted [redacted]
Bronx, New York. Present at the time was Grossman's mother,
[redacted] denied making aforementioned
calls. [redacted] stated that on July 7-8, 1976, he was with
his parents at a rooming house in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Mrs. [redacted] followed interviewing Agents from
apartment and advised that her son probably did make calls
to Dallas, Texas, but she was not present when he did.
Mrs. [redacted] advised that her son has mental problems but
is harmless. She further advised that her son calls prominent
persons all over the world after seeing their name in the printed
media or on television. He also calls families of deceased
persons, mentioned in the obituaries, to express his condolences.
She further advised that she has advised the Telephone Company
about her son and refuses to pay for the calls.

On July 28, 1976, [redacted] the father of [redacted]
[redacted] was contacted at the home address, Bronx, New York.
Mr. [redacted] advised that his son, his wife and he were spending
the summer at the Bosco Bell Hotel, 62 Main Avenue, Ocean Grove,
New Jersey. Mr. [redacted] advised he returns home about once a
week to check the mail and pay bills. Mr. [redacted] reiterated
his wife's statements concerning his son's activities. He also
stated that his son is incontinent and unable to care for his
own physical and personal needs. It is, therefore, necessary
for either him or his wife to accompany [redacted] at all
times. He continued that he occasionally accompanies his son
to Boston where they sit in Boston Common or visit churches.

Mr. [redacted] stated that the Reverend [redacted] had
counseled his son when Irving was a patient at Gould Farms,
a halfway house for mental patients in Great Barrington,
Massachusetts. His son no longer has contact with Reverend [redacted]

[REDACTED] also known as
[REDACTED]
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John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Dallas,
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as he had become an annoyance to [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] stated
that while he believes his son is harmless, he believes he
needs further psychiatric care but that his son refuses to
see a doctor.

The following description of [REDACTED] was
obtained through interview, physical observation and file
review:

Name	[REDACTED]
Aliases	[REDACTED]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	August 30, 1940
Place of Birth	Bronx, New York
Height	6'5"
Weight	230-240 pounds
Hair	Brown
Build	Large
Scars/Marks	None visible
Appearance	Sloppy
Mother	[REDACTED]
Father	[REDACTED]
Residence	[REDACTED]
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Summer Residence	[REDACTED]

It is noted that while [REDACTED] parents
state he is disturbed but harmless, it was obvious during
interview on July 9, 1976, that [REDACTED] was intimidated
by her son. It is also alleged that [REDACTED] had

[REDACTED] also known as
[REDACTED]
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attempted to set fire to his residence. In view of
this and his previous treatment for mental disorder,
[REDACTED] should be considered as having the
propensity to violence.

Westmont, N.J. 08108
August 24, 1976

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Enclosures for your personal and information.

May I have your comments?

Very truly yours;

(Mrs.) [Redacted Name]

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cc: George Bush, Director
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Westmont, N.J. 08108
August 24, 1976

Honorable James O. Eastland and colleagues
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Yesterday, August 23, I mailed a letter to you concerning Senator Hart who was in Miami recently in connection with a Senate committee's investigation in the slaying of mobster John Roselli.

At 11:30 P.M. I tuned in to a program broadcast on Channel 6, ABC-TV, conducted by Geraldo Rivera, "Special, Goodnight America." The beginning of the program was not interesting to me, so I turned it-off. Later on I tuned in again with the picture showing, beside Mr. Rivera, two people--one a man (I was too late to get his name), the other a very talkative woman - who kept interrupting Mr. Rivera - and who I think is the sister of Jack Ruby. Then Mr. Rivera presented and interviewed the following: Jack Sturgis (who served 14 months in jail as an accomplice in the Watergate break-in); Lee Harvey Oswald's mother, and Jack Anderson. All of the interviewing was concerned with the killing of President Kennedy, Jack Sturgis' connection with Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, and Fidel Castro, their meetings and involvement in the murder of JFK. The Warren Commission was also mentioned.

It is my thought that you may be interested in getting a transcript of the program. If so, you should get in touch with ABC-TV in New York City. The program was presented on Channel 6, ABC-TV, which is located in Philadelphia.

Your comments will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.)

cc: Hon. Carl Albert and colleagues
House of Representatives

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Westmont, N.J. 08108
August 22, 1976

Hon. James O. Eastland, President Pro-Tempore
and colleagues
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You will note that the attached newspaper clipping states that Senator Gary Hart was in Miami and said "a Senate committee is concerned that the gangland-style slaying of mobster John Roselli was a result of Roselli's testimony on a CIA plot to kill Cuba's Fidel Castro."

In view of the serious and frightening situations confronting our Country by sources from without (inside sources also), do you mean to say that the Legislatures are spending precious time and taxpayers' hard-earned money trying to find out if the CIA is responsible for an alleged plot to slay the arch murderer? (It would be a blessing for the world - for our Country at least - if Castro and his "likes" would be done in.)

Surely all of you, the legislative committees of both Houses, must have heard the recent report by Howard K. Smith (ABC-News) who related that President Johnson told him that President Kennedy had confided in Mr. Johnson and admitted he (JFK) was "trying to get to Castro"; but as Howard Smith said: "Castro got to him first." That was a tragic loss for America.

Just what do the legislative committees hope to gain by spending so much time, effort, and money digging up past "histories", and what good will it do for our Country. They should devote some of that time to helping their constituents. That's what they're elected and paid for.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) [REDACTED]

cc: Hon. Carl Albert, Speaker, and colleagues
House of Representatives

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September 2, 1976

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Westmont, New Jersey 08108

Dear [redacted]

I received your communication on August 27th. Your courtesy in furnishing us this information and your views is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

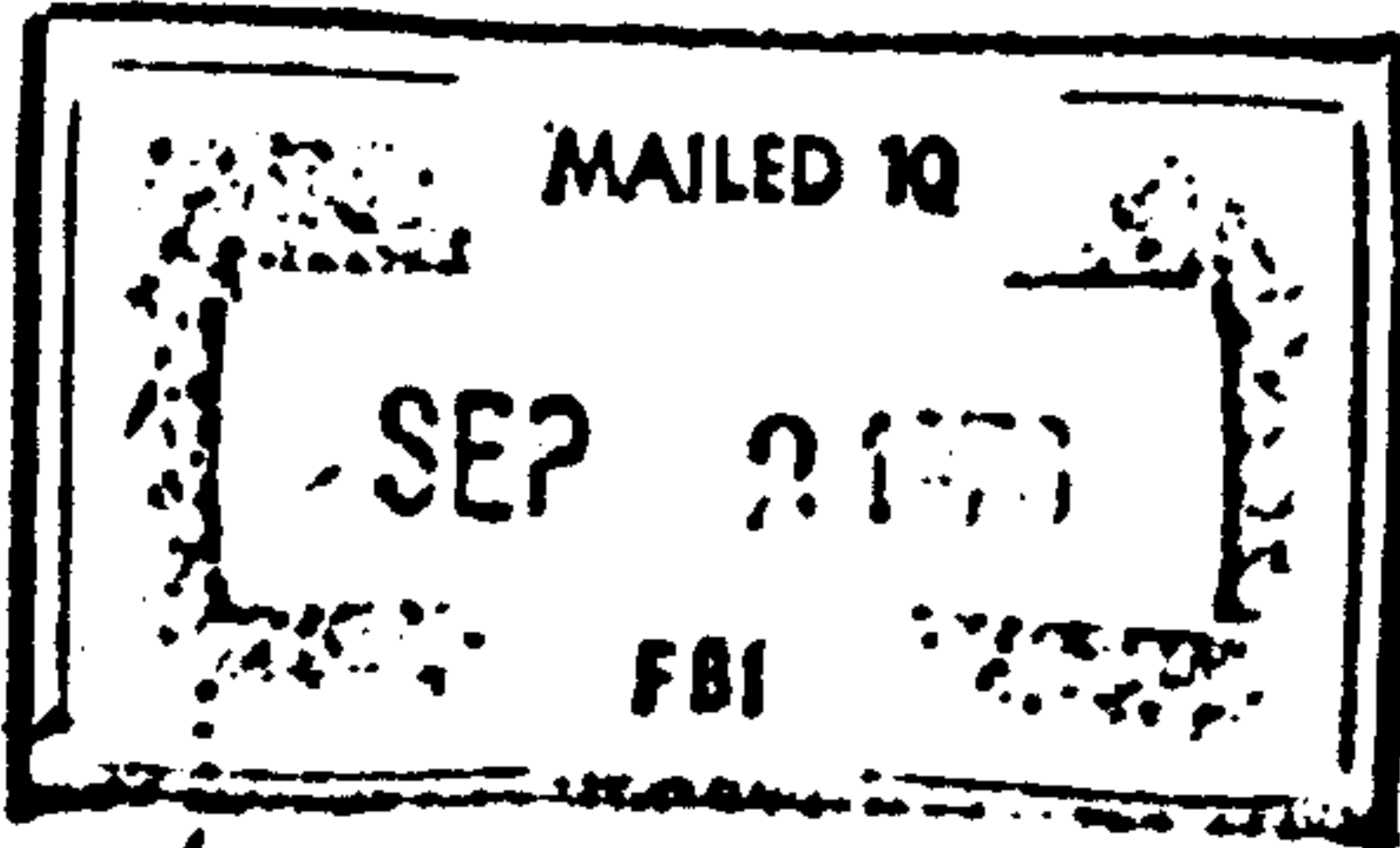
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: [redacted] who appeared to be a prolific letter writer, has in the past furnished copies of news releases and articles requesting Mr. Kelley's comments. The last outgoing dated 8/12/76 to correspondent was merely thanking her for bringing items to the Director's attention.

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ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION:

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

(X) GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL (X). (X) INFORMATION CONCERNING.

ON AUGUST 13, 1976, [REDACTED] U. S. PENITENTIARY MARION, ILLINOIS, FURNISHED THE FBI A XEROXED COPY OF A LETTER DATED AUGUST 9, 1976, FROM A MR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHICH LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO INMATE GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL AT THE USPI MARION.

THE CONTENT OF THIS LETTER DEALT WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND WAS AN INQUIRY BY [REDACTED] AS TO WHAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TRAPNELL MIGHT POSSESS CONCERNING THIS ASSASSINATION. THIS LETTER ALSO INDICATED THAT TRAPNELL

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WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS IN 1963 WHILE INCARCERATED IN THE KENT COUNTY JAIL IN CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.

ON AUGUST 17, 1976, OFFICIALS AT MARION INSTITUTION FURNISHED A XEROXED COPY OF AN OUTGOING LETTER FROM TRAPNELL TO [REDACTED] DATED AUGUST 12, 1976, IN WHICH TRAPNELL ADVISES THAT HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS CUBAN EXILE GROUPS (AMICUS EXILUX) IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND DURING THIS ASSOCIATION HE CAME ACROSS THE BASIC PLANS TO ASSASSINATE WHAT HE INTERPRETED TO BE EITHER ROBERT OR JOHN KENNEDY (EXACT DATE NOT SET FORTH IN LETTER). *Griffith Puck*

(X) TRAPNELL IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, BORN JANUARY 31, 1938, IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, WITH FBI NUMBER [829 730 C]. (X) TRAPNELL IS CURRENTLY SERVING LIFE SENTENCE FOR HIJACKING AN AIRCRAFT AND USE OF FIREARMS TO COMMIT A FELONY.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IT IS HIS INTERPRETATION OF BUREAU OF PRISONS CORRESPONDENCE REGULATIONS THAT HIS STAFF CAN INSPECT ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONTRABAND AND CONTENT, (EXCEPT MAIL FROM U. S. COURTS, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND ATTORNEYS) AND THAT QUESTIONABLE LETTERS MAY BE REFERRED TO THE WARDEN FOR

REVIEW.

THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION WILL FORWARD THESE LETTERS TO THE BUREAU BY AIRTEL.

UACB, SPRINGFIELD WILL CONDUCT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BECAUSE IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME IF TRAPNELL WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS IN 1963 LIKE MENTIONED IN THESE LETTERS OR WHAT INFORMATION THE BUREAU HAS REGARDING THESE MATTERS.

BALTIMORE DIVISION WILL CHECK INDICES REGARDING INTERVIEW OF TRAPNELL AT THE KENT COUNTY JAIL, CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND, AND ADVISE BUREAU.

SPRINGFIELD INDICES CONTAIN NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RE TRAPNELL CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

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ATTENTION GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963,

DALLAS, TEXAS; AFO.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST 17, 1976 AND BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST 18, 1976.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1976, INMATE GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL WAS CONTACTED AT U.S. PENITENTIARY, MARION, ILLINOIS, AT HIS REQUEST.

TRAPNELL ADVISED DURING AUGUST, 1963, HE WAS INTERVIEWED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY FBI, SECRET SERVICE, AND CIA, AND FURNISHED THESE AGENCIES INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE THEN PROPOSED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. TRAPNELL BELIEVES THAT INFORMATION HE FURNISHED WAS DELIBERATELY HUSHED UP BY THESE AGENCIES AND WAS NEVER REPORTED TO THE WARREN COMMISSION WHO CONDUCTED AN

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INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION.

THIS INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDED TO BUREAU INASMUCH AS
IT APPEARS TRAPNELL IS NOW MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO
WRITERS, WHO MADE DIRECT INQUIRIES INTO THIS MATTER TO THE BUREAU
OR CONGRESS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

DATE: 9/10/76

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (89-58) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63,
DALLAS, TEXAS
OO: DALLAS

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 8/11/76.

Enclosed herewith are six (6) copies of FD-302 showing interview of KAY HELEN COLEMAN at San Jose, California. COLEMAN denied that she ever made any utterance to WALLY WESTON that she had danced with LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the Carousel Club prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/8/76

KAY HELEN COLEMAN, 872 Corte De Plata, San Jose, CA., was interviewed at the San Jose Resident Agency and was shown Agents' credentials as identification.

Mrs. COLEMAN advised she is currently employed as a [REDACTED] saleswoman by the [REDACTED] San Jose, California.

Mrs. COLEMAN advised that the information she originally furnished to the Warren Commission in 1964 was correct and she has never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. COLEMAN advised that she did hear that WALLY WESTON had hit someone who was a heckler in the audience. She could not recall the specific date or time that this took place at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas. She said WESTON was good at handling hecklers in the audience, meaning that he could handle any verbal slams made at him.

Mrs. COLEMAN advised she has absolutely no recollection of seeing any fight on the stage at the Carousel Club. She has no knowledge of any particular individual being involved in a fight on the stage of the Carousel Club. She further advised she has no recollection of dancing with LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the Carousel Club and no recollection of ever seeing OSWALD at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas.

She also advised she never told WALLY WESTON that she danced with LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mrs. COLEMAN said that during her act on the stage, the twist was in style at this time and she would call a customer from the audience to come up on the stage and she would show this customer how to do the twist. She had absolutely no recollection of ever seeing LEE HARVEY OSWALD on the stage or being on the stage with LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the time she was employed at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas.

Interviewed on 9/1/76 at San Jose, California File # SF 89-58

by SAs and [REDACTED] / rvs Date dictated 9/1/76

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Mrs. COLEMAN advised she has had no contact with anyone from the Dallas, Texas area since leaving there February 1, 1964, when she moved to Long Beach, California. She has had no contact with WALLY WESTON, nor any other persons from the Carousel Club.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 9/3/76

FROM : B. H. Cooke

- 1 - Mr. Held
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. O'Connell
- 1 - Mr. Cooke
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
11/22/63

PURPOSE: To furnish results of investigation previously conducted and to advise of investigation currently underway regarding the allegation that Jack Ruby traveled to Cuba prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

SYNOPSIS: - "New York Daily News" article of 8/29/76, alleges FBI did not look into reported trip by Jack Ruby to Cuba in 1962 or 1963. Director Kelley asked, "What about this?" Ruby's alleged travel to Cuba in 1962 or 1963 was thoroughly investigated in 1964 and the results were furnished to the Warren Commission in May of 1964. Recent statements by convicted Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis that Ruby met with Castro prior to the assassination are currently being investigated.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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DETAILS: The "New York Daily News" in its 8/29/76, edition, page 31, carried an article titled "Report FBI Didn't Look Into a Ruby-Cuba Link." A copy of the article is attached. The article reports that the FBI received information that Jack Ruby made a special trip to Cuba before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy but failed to verify this report or determine whether Ruby was involved in a plot to kill the President. The article also says that Frank Sturgis, a convicted Watergate burglar and former Central Intelligence Agency contact Agent recently told the Senate Intelligence Committee that Ruby flew to Cuba in 1963 and conferred with Fidel Castro about the possibility of assassinating Kennedy. Mr. Kelley

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

asked, "What about this?" in relation to the article.

The Bureau, immediately after the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack Ruby conducted a thorough investigation into Ruby's background to determine if there was any evidence to connect Ruby to Oswald or any evidence that either Oswald or Ruby was a part of a conspiracy. This investigation included checking the possibility that Ruby went to Cuba. It was well established, and Ruby readily admitted, that he was in Havana in the Summer of 1959 as the guest of Louis McWillie, a gambler and close friend. No evidence was uncovered, however, to indicate Ruby was in Cuba after 1959 or that he met with Castro at anytime.

Miami, in reports of SA James J. O'Connor dated 4/4/64 and 4/21/64 specifically addressed allegations relating to the Carlos Valdes-Fauli letter which is mentioned in the attached article. Valdes was interviewed in Miami by SA James J. O'Connor on 1/27/64, at which time he furnished a part of a letter from his sister-in-law, Graziella Rubio, age 45, of Marianao, Cuba. The applicable part of the letter was translated from Spanish and read as follows: "Ruby, the assassin of Oswald was in Havana a year ago. He is a friend and a client of an individual named Praskin, who owns or manages a souvenir shop located on Prado between Animas and Trocadero streets in front of the Sevilla Hotel."

Valdes said his sister-in-law was unemployed and lived with an aged stepfather and the information she furnished was probably hearsay. He said her home is a considerable distance from Havana and she would have no way of knowing of activities taking place in Havana.

Investigation by Miami and other offices identified the probable original source of the information regarding Ruby's visit to Havana as a handbill distributed by a clandestine anti-Castro organization (DRE) in Cuba. Neither the handbill nor the letter gave any specifics of Ruby's alleged Cuban activities. Extensive investigation in the United States failed to develop any evidence to corroborate Ruby's alleged trip to Cuba. On the other hand, investigation was successful in locating evidence of several other trips made by Ruby to

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various points in the United States and in accounting for much if not most of his daily activities during the year preceding the assassination.

The two Miami reports of SA O'Connor previously referred to, were furnished to the President's Commission to Investigate the Assassination of President Kennedy (Warren Commission), on 4/20/64 and 5/13/64, respectively.

In July of 1976, the "New York Daily News," "Dallas Times Herald," "United Press International" and other news outlets carried stories similar to the portion of the attached article that deals with Frank Sturgis. Sturgis, true name Frank Fiorini, was quoted as saying that Ruby met with Castro in Havana during the Summer of 1963, and discussed the possibility of assassinating President Kennedy. A review of our files indicates that Sturgis was interviewed in Miami on 11/27/63, 1/14/64 and 4/7/64, regarding his knowledge of Lee Harvey Oswald. These interviews resulted from newspaper articles quoting Sturgis as saying Oswald had Cuban Government connections. When confronted in 1963, and 1964, for his specific knowledge about Oswald, he admitted his comments were guesses, speculations and rumor based upon information about Oswald that was carried in the press. Although there is no indication Sturgis was specifically questioned about Ruby during the 1963 and 1964 interviews, he certainly had ample opportunity to furnish any information regarding Ruby at that time if he, in fact, had such information. Leads were set out by airtel dated 8/5/76 directing Miami to reinterview Sturgis regarding any knowledge he has that Ruby went to Cuba in 1962 or 1963.

Report FBI Didn't Look Into a Ruby-Cuba Link

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Jack Ruby
Did he visit Castro?

Soon after President Kennedy was murdered, the FBI received information that Jack Ruby had made a secret trip to Cuba before the assassination. But the FBI apparently failed to verify this report or determine whether Ruby had been involved in a plot to kill the President.

The Senate Internal Security Committee also knew about Ruby's alleged trip to Havana. Committee investigator Al Tarabochia told The News yesterday that he had heard about the mystery mission two months after Kennedy was slain in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Two days after the assassination, Ruby killed the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, in the basement of Dallas police headquarters.

On Jan. 27, 1964, Tarabochia wrote the following memo for the Internal Security Committee:

"On Jan. 24, 1964, the writer was advised by Jose Gonzalez Lanuza of the Cuban Student Directorate (an anti-Castro group that was then active in Miami and New Orleans) that there were indications of a trip to Cuba made by Jack Ruby in 1963. Gonzalez added that sources inside Cuba had revealed that Ruby had traveled to the Communist island from Mexico late in 1962 or 1963.

"Further investigation revealed that Jack Ruby had visited a Solomon Pratkan or Paskin in Havana. Paskin owns and operates a turio shop in Havana, across from the Hotel Seville. Paskin's residence is on Prado between the streets of Animas and Trocadero.

"Mr. Carlos Valdez-Fauli (a Cuban exile then living in Miami) reported to the writer that he had received a letter from a relative in Havana in which the above information was related.

"Mr. Valdez-Fauli, when contacted on the evening of Jan. 27, stated that he had surrendered the letter to agent James O-

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Connor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation after the agent contacted him at his place of employment that same afternoon. Mr. Valdez-Fauli added that the letter was dated December 1963, and the reference to Ruby's trip to Cuba was, 'Last year, the assassin of President Kennedy's assassin visited Paskin at his home. Paskin is a friend and a client of Ruby.'

Paskin was not further identified. Tarabochia said yesterday that his Cuban contacts had expressed the belief that Paskin was "sympathetic to the Castro regime," as his shop had not been confiscated and he was one of the few Americans still doing business in Cuba in 1963.

Tarabochia said also that his memo had noted, "This information has to be verified," but that no followup was made by his office. He said he had not seen the letter, which was turned over to the FBI.

A former member of the staff of the Warren Commission, which investigated the Kennedy murder and concluded there had been no conspiracy, told The News that the FBI had never told the commission about the Valdez-Fauli letter. Other federal sources said the FBI apparently had buried the letter in its files without attempting to find out whether Ruby had made a secret trip to Cuba and, if so, why he had gone there.

Frank Sturgis, a convicted Watergate burglar and former CIA contact agent, recently told the Senate Intelligence Committee that Ruby had flown to Cuba from Mexico City in the summer of 1963 and conferred with Fidel Castro about the possibility of killing Kennedy. But no evidence of such a meeting has come to light.

Tarabochia said his memo, a copy of which was recently given to the Intelligence Committee, contained only "raw intelligence, third-hand information that was never confirmed."

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22,
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RE: GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL, INFORMATION CONCERNING
RE SPRINGFIELD NITEL, AUGUST 18, 1976.

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY,
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-GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL
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Re Springfield teletype to the Bureau dated 8/17/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one Xerox copy of a:
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August 9, 1976

Dear Mr. Treppell,

I was delighted to receive your letter this morning expressing willingness to talk with me.

I can think of no way to prove to you that I have never worked for any of the agencies you mentioned so you would have to rely on my word that that is the case. I have spent my entire professional career as a writer except for one year when I worked for a bank and another when I was assistant to the Secretary of Commerce.

I should, however, explain to you in greater detail what I am interested in doing and how it was that I happened on your name.

About two weeks ago, a friend of mine in Chestertown, Maryland mentioned to me that he had heard Bartus Vickers, whom I have since learned you know quite well, mention that you had told him sometime in the late summer of 1963 that you had learned of a plot that would interest him and others. Moreover, he said that the details you gave him corresponded roughly to what eventually transpired.

Last week, I went to Chestertown and talked to Mr. Vickers myself who confirmed this. His recollection of the conversation he had had with you was that you had said that some group (and he could not remember what it was, or even whether you had known exactly what it was) in either Louisiana or Cuba was planning an assassination and that it was probable that it would occur in Texas. Mr. Vickers said that then he had asked you to tell your story to the FBI and that you did so -- to two agents from the Dover office, a Mr. Pearthree and another man whose name Vickers could not recall. That is all he told me, and therefore all that I know at the moment.

What interests me is the possibility that what you discovered might be more than is currently known by the public. As you may know, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has recently completed extensive hearings on various aspects of the performance of this country's security agencies. One volume of the published report of those hearings (which were secret) deals specifically with the assassination and the subsequent investigation of the Warren Commission. I have not finished reading that volume, but so far I have found nothing

what you told me. I have talked briefly on the telephone with two members of the committee staff who profess never to have heard your name. This could mean that for some reason the information you gave was dismissed somewhere along the line as irrelevant, inaccurate or unreliable. But it could also mean that it has been suppressed or simply lost. I don't know, and that of course is one of the things I would like to find out.

My main problem at the moment is that, because I have never paid much attention to all of the rumors and theories that have surfaced over the years regarding the assassination, I am hard put to assess the news value of your story as Vickers related it to me. That problem is, of course, compounded by the fact that I have only Vicker's second hand and very sketchy account of what exactly that story was. And, this being the case, it is hard for me to know at this point what sort of book or magazine potential there might be in all this.

I took the liberty of calling my literary agent and my publisher the other day, and, without mentioning your name, asked their opinion on this point. Without having any idea what your sources were, it was difficult to discuss, but they said essentially this -- that if the information is unique, that is to say it is information that has not as yet surfaced on the public record, it should at the very least make a magazine piece; and that if it is unique and ~~xxx~~ corroboratable, it could very well be the foundation of a book.

The big problem is going to the latter point -- corroborating what you say. A newspaper would probably go with your story without any backup evidence just on the theory that the fact that you claim to know something ~~xxx~~ news whether it was right or wrong. But a book publisher or a magazine contemplating a lengthy article is going to be much more fussy. They are very chary of hearsay accounts, and will want the protection of having corroboration from ~~xx~~ other sources. I assume that the sorts of sources from which you must have got such information are not going to leap forward and volunteer themselves. And, to be honest, I am not sure that persuading them to do so isn't going to prove beyond the ability of anyone not equipped with thumb screws -- certainly beyond the ability of an investigative reporter. But you would be better able to assess that problem than I.

Now you know exactly where I stand. I plan to approach the FBI to see if they will let me look at the record of your conversation with them, but I doubt very much that they are going to be willing to cooperate with me. So everything really depends on what you can and are willing to tell me. As I said in my letter last week, I would be happy to come to Marion to talk with you. But I frankly cannot afford the time and the expense without having a much clearer idea of what exactly I am likely to find out.

If you could tell me a little more than others could about the substance of the information you have and give me some estimate of how difficult it would be to get corroboration, it would be of great help.

If it would help you in determining whether your information was unique I could get and send you a copy of the Senate report I mentioned earlier.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

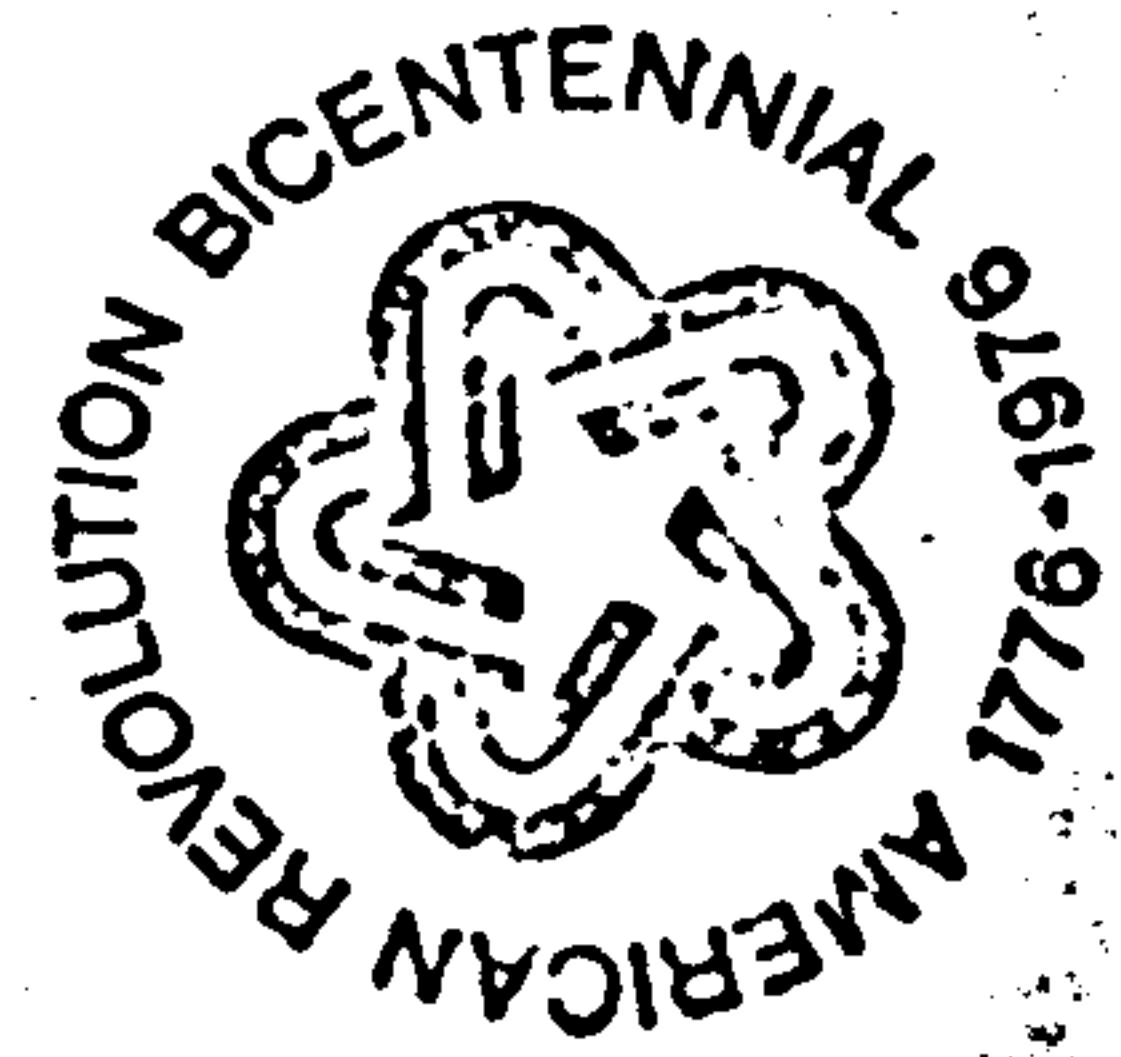
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P.S. -- What are the regulations there regarding interviews? Time? Tape recorders? etc.

G. B. Terrell

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August 12th, 1976

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I've just received your letter dated the 9th, and it comes as no surprise that you responded so quickly. I have anticipated this day for some time now that the Warren Commission and the FBI-CIA have begun to be thoroughly investigated. Before I go into any details, I want you to be aware of the fact that The Company's rebuttal will be that I am a stark raving lunatic and/or a pathological liar. I am neither; nor do I especially desire to lay myself open to some sort of fatal accident or shot-while-attempting-to-escape situation. I didn't come to you-let that be your cornerstone.

In 1961-1962-1963, I was heavily involved in various Cuban Exile Activities both as Amicus Exiles and on the other hand, as a double agent for the Castro government, operating out of Miami, Baltimore, Texas and California. If you recall the futile Alpha-66 raids against foreign shipping in Habana Harbor in 1962-1963 period; I was the individual that dreamed up the trainsterns: not for the benefit of the Exiles or the United States, but rather for the benefit of the Cuban Government and the international embarrassment of the United States. Speedboats with 57 and 75mm rifles on them was my baby. I was in Cuba..a prisoner of Batista's S.I.M. (Servicio Intelligentsia Militar) during the summer of 1959...and again in 1961.

While associated with various Cuban Exile Groups-Amicus Exiles- operational out of the Miami area...Flagler Street, Southwest Eighth Street, 27th Avenue...I ran across the basic plan to assassinate what I interpreted then as either Robert or John Kennedy. (There was also talk at that time of kidnapping one of the Kennedys.) This group that I talk about here was a hodge-podge of professional and semi-professional Cubans and U.S. Nationals. The location of this particular group was at approximately Flagler St. and the south-east corner of 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th Streets...it's been so long now and I never went back there so I'm not exactly certain which vertical north-south cross street it was. I listened closely to the details of the plan and, was, to some extent, involved in the actual plotting...enough to believe that these were rather dedicated people. (I was issued at that time one ICKAREV Model hl semi-automatic rifle, 7.65 caliber...made in the U.S.S.R. which was later confiscated by the U.S. authorities.) The rifle was the Russian answer to the US Garand and where the normal stock would be on this one only a pistol grip existed so that it could be transported in any type of valise or case. When I realized that US professionals -intelligence- were involved in this affair, I disengaged and blew it off. I didn't want my own trip destroyed by some quirk memory or what have you. (There is no doubt at this time that these men were agents of the Central Intelligence Agency, and die-hard Cuban Exiles. I did not have the impression at that time that any mafiosi were involved..at least in the peripheral or actual get-down plans.) The names that I remember now were MARTA, OSWALDO, COMBOY and others but I will not confuse this by adding names that I'm not too sure about. You have to remember that this has been a hell of a long time ago, and as a result of subsequent events, I have always thought it to be in my best interest to forget those events. I've personally been told by CIA and SECRET SERVICE agents...or persons representing themselves as such, that it would be best for me to forget all about those days entirely.

In 1963, I was in the Chestertown area..specifically the Kent County Jail..and I mentioned the story to Sheriff Vickers...not in any details at all...you must realize that once in the hole of the knowledgeable circle, it's a complete paranoia trip in that you don't know at all who you are actually talking to...so you never REALLY say anything irretrievably incriminating; straight out of Kafka, but it's a real emotion.

Yes, a couple of agents came up...I never pay attention to ID's because any real agent can be anything he WANTS to appear to be...so I don't know if they were FBI or Secret Service or from the company? I told them my story including all details and we called it a day. About three weeks later they came back..another team..and this time they had photos of all persons entering and leaving the specific building-one story-

that I had described. In the three week period, they had taken dozens of photos; some of which I recognized, and some which were total strangers. One person who was later to become famous to the world as Lee Harvey Oswald was among the photos shown me at this time. After this session was all over, I was shipped to the Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital where an English female doctor through me into solitary confinement and it was there that on November 23rd, 1963 I learned from the guard that President Kennedy had been shot. Well, my first reaction was that I was in a world of trouble in that I knew too damn much and was extremely vulnerable. Either the same day, or the next day (I don't recall the exact days...its been so damn long.) members of the Secret Service(?) and/or the Bureau came up and ran me through the physical once-over and convinced me that I was "nuts" and did not remember anything that I had said prior to all of the events of the 23rd. I was left with no doubts that I would be "taken care of" in good order if they (FBI? SECRET SERVICE? CIA?) ever heard my name mentioned at all. Of course I agreed that there was nothing to my previous statements and that I was indeed a very sick man etc. etc. ad-nauseam. At this same time, agents of the CIA were doing the "number" on me and my family in that they were taking my wife out to dinner and being very nice to my maternal family in Miami. Also, in spite of the fact that the State Superintendent Doctor of the State Hospital said in a formal report to the court that I was as sane as any normal man- sane and competent- another doctor was mysteriously summoned and, all by his lonesome, filed an un-requested report to the Court there in Kent County: The Court refused to accept its own court-ordered report STATING THAT I WAS SANE, and instead accepted the "strange uncalled" report exonerating me of all responsibility which, by the way, could have gotten me fifteen years in the Maryland State Prison. I was "found" incompetent and returned to the same State Hospital, where, two months later, I was formally released scott-free. You add up two and two and see if you don't get five everytime! C'est la vie. At that time, I had the right juice and in this country, it is the JUICE that counts. I was in prison in Canada and immediately released with an apology after making the right phone call...prison..not jail! That was in 1965 and the US had me flown back to a very private hospital in Miami (where they really do have underground cells-right on the Miami River) so its only a hop-skip-and-jump into a waiting boat for the final trip to anywhere. Yes, the CIA was notorious for high-speed boats on the Miami River. Anyway, because of a technicality in that the two accompanying agents let me sign myself in on a Friday evening-unknowingly- I signed myself OUT the first chance I had...and split the hell out of the state. Wherever I go, there is always the SS checking up on my whereabouts. Right now, here they have on my card a notation that "IN THE EVENT OF TRANSFER NOTIFY THE SECRET SERVICE & CIA" A friend of mine Billy Holloway, worked that area and mentioned it to me. Since all of this is being sent to you en-clair, you can anticipate that half of it is recorded and the proper subsequent action executed. I've had periodic visits by various agents who physically reminded me that I had a duty to myself before anyone or anything else. Tucuman, N.M. 1965; San Jose (Santa Clara County Jail) 1974-75; and other places...they are all starting to merge now and dates do blur...but with help and previous records, they should all come back. Yes, without question, at least two months before it happened, I reported what I had gathered to be the assassination of either Robert and/or JFK. I think the fact that it was NEVER made public is the most interesting thing of all. In my own mind, I have no doubts that it was covered up and diluted with all the agency's cliché crap: insanity, unreliability, etc, etc. Now, I have a life sentence and I don't give a bloody hell what they do. I have seen the face of the beast and have come to know his potential well. In visiting, I suggest that you align yourself with press credentials of any sort and call the BUREAU OF PRISONS there in D.C....or better yet; someone there you might have contacts with in their boss: The Justice Department. If you have any Congressional friends, let them push it for you...otherwise you might never get in here(?). Yes, tape-recorders are allowed...but get your ENTREE there so that it will be un-revocable here..compris? I do have the original reports and other papers here that I mention above. One other thing I noticed in all the FBI FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT MATERIAL I have, there is no mention of the Kennedy affair at all.

I find that rather strange in that they did go to Sheriff Vickers in 1972 asking him to state that I was a malingerer...attempting to destroy the defense that they had created for me in the first place. Confusing? You'll get over it.

I don't know if you are aware of it or not, but there is already a book out on me; done by Eliot Asinof and published in 2/12/76 by Wm. Morrow of N.Y.C. Have you yet had the opportunity to read it? Very little is mentioned in it about anything to do with the Kennedy's. I was afraid at that time to mention the subject but now that there is an investigation in the works and the chances of getting knocked off are rather slim....I'll fill you in on the details...if we have something going....\$\$\$?

I am under the impression from your letter that you have offered some sort of arrangement financially and I categorically forbid you to reprint, copy, and or record any of this letter for publication without my express and written permission.

I am in total agreement with you that someone in our government is pulling the strings unbeknownst to the people. Paranoia? Hell man, I'm the one who taught the Mexican Laundry Trick to the President of the US and his greasy side-kicks. Not only the CIA and Kennedy; but tricksie-Nixie and BE-BE baby would smoke your rump all to hell. Just handle the responsibility I've dropped in your lap and if they write and tell you that I "took a turn for the worst" light their asses up with a good editorial blast, because I have no intention of dying or getting ill in the near future. (Sickie? Hell yes, it sounds sick; but it is a product attitude of what I've seen and otherwise know about our RED WHITE AND BLUE US of A.)

Life isn't all too bad. I've just received word from Eliot that Paramount has assigned him to write the screen-play for the motion picture...a few beans there. On what you're talking about, I'm free as the wind. Why? Well, can you imagine any writer listening to a guy in the joint claiming to have known about the Kennedy assassination before it happened? I never knew that Vickers was really an uninterested party who would be willing to corroborate my story...without him it is a lot of nonsense...face it. If you ever doo see him again, do me a favor and let him know that I did appreciate him as a real human being...not a bad fellow at all. And, as far as the committee goes, I could really light their fires with dates and witnesses that will INDEPENDENTLY corroborate my story.

I hope that I have been able to insure that you will not be making a futile trip out here? Let me know about it?

Trap

Garrett V. Trapnell
Box 1000, Marion, IL
62959

(*) Book Title: THE FOX IS CRAZY TOO

P.S: If you have the chance, what's the possibilities of sending a copy of your book: "Peruian Contract"

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY,
11/22/63,
DALLAS, TEXAS

(OO: DALLAS)

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies and for Dallas two copies of an LHM reflecting interview of [redacted] at Key West, Florida.

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas, the following regarding [redacted] is set forth:

On 8/19/76, [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Key West, Florida was contacted and advised he has known [redacted] for 20 years or more and considers him a close friend. [redacted] advised, however, that several years ago [redacted] sustained a broken neck and is currently suffering from high blood pressure and a bad heart. [redacted] stated he feels that [redacted] is prone to exaggeration, and although not intentionally, [redacted] has been known to fabricate stories and tell them because he believes in his own mind that they are true. [redacted] was asked specifically if any Cuban Transport planes could have come into Key West to pick up passengers in late summer of 1962 or 1963 and he stated that to his knowledge they did not as the United States had broken diplomatic

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relations by that time. [REDACTED] stated he would not accept any story put forth by [REDACTED] without hard evidence to substantiate it.

Also on 8/19/76, [REDACTED] Major, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Key West, Florida advised in his opinion he has never known [REDACTED] to tell an outright lie, however, he does feel that [REDACTED] is prone to exaggeration and making more of an incident than there is to it.

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MIAMI

At Miami, Florida:

Will interview [REDACTED] at WTVJ TV regarding his knowledge of [REDACTED] and the movie film allegedly sent to him by [REDACTED] in 1962 or 1963.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 89-35

Miami, Florida
August 25, 1976

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

The following reflects interview of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at Key West, Florida on August 19, 1976:

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ENCLOSURE

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Date of transcription 8/24/76

[redacted] who resides at [redacted] Key West, Florida appeared at the Key West Resident Agency (RA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and furnished the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and SA [redacted].

[redacted] advised he has recently retired as the Manager of the Key West International Airport at Key West, Florida after 31 years of service. [redacted] advised he is able to recall an incident which occurred in the late summer of 1962 or 1963. The incident involved a group known as "Fair Play For Cuba". This was a group of "Hippie" looking people who were in the Airport most of one whole day waiting for a plane to Cuba. During the course of the day, [redacted] noticed a man at the doors near the boarding gates and engaged him in a casual conversation. During this conversation another man approached and addressed the man talking to [redacted] as Mr. RUBY and asked whether RUBY had heard from the "Old Bird" yet. RUBY replied that he had not and told the man to go back to the "Fair Play For Cuba" group and wait.

[redacted] later through other conversations he heard, was able to determine that this second man was named LEE OSWALD.

[redacted] advised that at the time these people had no significance to him, but he did recognize the photographs of RUBY and OSWALD when they appeared in the papers after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. FARALDO advised he had not come forth earlier with this information as he was afraid for the safety of himself and his family. [redacted] advised he saw OSWALD get on a C-46 aircraft bearing the emblem CU-T-583.

Interviewed on 8/19/76 at Key West, Florida File # Miami 89-35
 by SA [redacted] JCV:lsp Date dictated 8/24/76

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The letter stood for Cuban Transport. [REDACTED] advised he did not observe RUBY get on the plane with OSWALD, but assumes he did.

[REDACTED] claims he took both movie films and still photographs of the group which includes OSWALD and RUBY. [REDACTED] stated he sent the roll of undeveloped film to the FBI Headquarters in a plain brown envelope with a note inside stating only "Fair Play For Cuba". [REDACTED] stated he sent the movie film to [REDACTED] (phonetic), a news reporter for WTVJ Television in Miami, Florida. [REDACTED] advised he sent both the films on the same day he took them.

[REDACTED] stated he sent the film to [REDACTED] because he was at that time a "Stringer" for WTVJ Television in Miami. In this capacity, [REDACTED] would furnish items of news interest on a commission basis.

[REDACTED] advised he has furnished all of the above to [REDACTED] a Staff Investigator for Senator RICHARD S. SCHWEIKER, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., telephone number 202-224-9024. [REDACTED] advised that within the last three months [REDACTED] has been to Key West to interview him concerning the above, but to his knowledge nothing is being done about it. [REDACTED] also stated he has contacted [REDACTED] about one year ago and again three months ago, but again nothing has been done.

[REDACTED] advised he is coming forth now because he is getting old and feels the truth should be known as the Warren Commission did not investigate the case thoroughly. [REDACTED] advised he is not seeking any sort of publicity and in fact has had his houseboat shot at and sunk since bringing up this information to [REDACTED]

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██████████ advised he is a white male, born ██████████
██████████ at Key West, Florida.

In conclusion, ██████████ advised that the manifests which would prove the trip made by OSWALD and RUBY were all removed from the storage rooms of the Airport Terminal Building and are not now available. These documents were removed by the New Airport Manager.

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9/16/76

To: SACs, Miami (89-35)
Dallas

From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

1 - Mr. Burton

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS
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ReMiami airtel and LIM dated 8/25/76.

A review of Bureau indices reflects that on 5/3/62 a Bureau name check was conducted for another Government agency on [redacted] date of birth [redacted] at Key West, Florida, who was employed as [redacted] Monroe County, Key West, Florida.

[redacted] was interviewed at Key West, Florida, on 6/3/63. This interview is reported in Miami report of SA [redacted] dated 6/3/63 captioned [redacted].

[redacted] was also interviewed on 10/24/63 at Key West, Florida. This interview is reported in Miami report of SA [redacted] dated 11/6/63 captioned [redacted].

Regarding film allegedly mailed to FBIHQ, a review of indices failed to locate any reference to receipt of such film. A manual review of [redacted] captioned [redacted] for the years 1962 and 1963 also failed to reveal any reference to the receipt of the film [redacted] alleges he mailed to FBIHQ.

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Airtels to SACs, Miami and Dallas
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

NOTE: Miami by airtel dated 8/25/76 submitted an LHM reporting results of interview of [REDACTED] at Key West, Florida. [REDACTED] advised that in the late Summer of 1962 or 1963, a group of persons known as "Fairplay for Cuba," assembled at the Key West Airport while awaiting the arrival of a Cuban transport aircraft. [REDACTED] claims that Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald were in this group. [REDACTED] also claims he took both still photographs and movie film of this group. He alleges he mailed the movie film to [REDACTED] a news reporter in Miami for whom he worked as a "stringer", and he mailed the still film in a plain brown envelope to FBI Headquarters. He stated he included a note in the envelope which stated only "Fairplay for Cuba." Miami is continuing investigation. This advises Miami and Dallas of results of indices search.

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TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 9/15/76

FROM : B. H. Cooke

- 1 - Mr. Held
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. O'Connell
- 1 - Mr. Cooke
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
 JOHN F. KENNEDY
 11/22/63
 DALLAS, TEXAS

GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

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PURPOSE: To record information regarding Garrett Brock Trapnell in anticipation of possible inquiries relating to information he furnished the FBI in 1963.

SYNOPSIS: [REDACTED] at the United States Penitentiary, Marion, Illinois, furnished copies of letters from [REDACTED] to Garrett Brock Trapnell and from Trapnell to [REDACTED] Trapnell and [REDACTED] are planning a book or magazine article based upon Trapnell's alleged knowledge of the Kennedy assassination plot which he furnished to the FBI in August of 1963. File review reveals Trapnell is a well-known criminal with numerous arrests including a conviction for aircraft hijacking. In August, 1963, he furnished information relating to an alleged Cuban plot to assassinate Attorney General Robert Kennedy. This information was thoroughly investigated and was determined to be without foundation. Attorney General Kennedy was furnished the results of this investigation. After the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas, Trapnell changed his previous story to include the name of Oswald. The allegation was again investigated without success and the results were furnished to the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy. Trapnell has been diagnosed as having a mental disorder and he has been incarcerated in several mental institutions as well as serving extended periods in prison. He is currently serving a life sentence for aircraft hijacking at the United States Prison, Marion, Illinois.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
Re: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

DETAILS: On August 13, 1976, [REDACTED] United States Penitentiary, Marion, Illinois, furnished the Springfield Division a Xerox copy of a letter dated August 9, 1976, from one [REDACTED] Maryland, to inmate Garrett Brock Trapnell. The letter dealt with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and inquired of Trapnell what additional information he might possess concerning the assassination. The letter also indicated that Trapnell was interviewed by Bureau Agents while incarcerated in Kent County, Maryland, in 1963.

On August 17, 1976, [REDACTED] at Marion furnished a Xerox copy of an outgoing letter dated August 12, 1976, from Trapnell to [REDACTED]. In this letter Trapnell advised [REDACTED] that in 1963, he was associated with numerous Cuban exile groups in Miami, Florida, and during this association he came across the basic plans of an assassination attempt on either Robert Kennedy or John F. Kennedy.

The letters indicated that in view of the current congressional interest in alleged Cuban participation in assassination attempts upon United States leaders, Trapnell and [REDACTED] are exploring the possibility of using the Trapnell information as the basis for a book or magazine article.

[REDACTED] advised it is his interpretation of Bureau of Prison Correspondence Regulations that his staff can inspect all correspondence except mail from United States Courts, members of Congress or attorneys, for contraband and content, and that questionable letters may be referred to the warden for review. This interpretation is the basis upon which [REDACTED] made copies of the letters available to the FBI.

Bureau indices contain no reference to [REDACTED]. A review of numerous Bureau files revealed the following information regarding Garrett Brock Trapnell:

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Memorandum to A. J. Gallagher
Re: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

On August 19, 1963, Trapnell was interviewed, at his request, at the Kent County, Maryland, Jail where he was incarcerated after his arrest on the basis of a warrant issued in Miami, Florida. Trapnell told of information he obtained regarding the planned assassination of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. He advised that in May of 1963, he was contacted by a Cuban revolutionary group in Miami, Florida. This group consisted of Miguel Amador Fuentes, Antonio Ventura Bart, Bart's wife, Cecelia Bart and a Mr. Sousa. This group furnished him with a Russian made rifle and attempted to recruit him for their plot but he refused to take part and left the Miami area. Extensive investigation in Miami failed to identify Trapnell's coconspirators or to locate buildings allegedly used by the conspirators as meeting places. Contact with various exile groups was also unsuccessful in locating anyone who knew Trapnell or the other conspirators. Attorney General Kennedy was furnished the results of this investigation.

Trapnell was reinterviewed at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital for Mental Defectives at Jessup, Maryland, on November 23, 1963, after he claimed to recognize a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald as one of the four persons he had previously reported as plotting to kill Attorney General Robert Kennedy. He said Oswald was introduced to him by the name Oswaldo. In this interview he named members of the group as Marta (first name unknown), Oswaldo and first name unknown (FNU); last name unknown (LNU). It is noted he had previously named the members of the group as Antonio Ventura Bart, Cecelia Bart, Miguel Amador Fuentes and FNU Sousa. It is further noted that Trapnell claimed to have been in the Army with Miguel Amador Fuentes but a review of Army records failed to show that Fuentes was ever in the Army. Trapnell later admitted the entire story about the alleged plot was a fabrication. The results of this investigation were furnished to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy on January 13, 1964 and March 11, 1964.

Bureau files indicate Trapnell was deported from Cuba where he went after medical discharge from the Army in 1958. In 1961, he was arrested for Interstate Transportation of a Stolen Motor Vehicle and Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property and was removed to Miami. In 1962, he was a Selective Service delinquent and was located in the South Florida State Hospital where he was undergoing treatment, study and rehabilitation for mental disorders. In 1970, he was under investigation by Canadian authorities as a suspect in bank robberies in Nova Scotia. In 1971, he was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Miami for transporting stolen emeralds into the United States. The charge was dismissed because of subject's insanity at the

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time of the crime. In 1972, he was charged with the armed robbery of an American Express Company and coin shops in Southern California. He was next arrested for Theft by Bailee, Unlawful Flight and ITSMV but the United States Attorney declined prosecution because of his mental state and because of other charges filed against him. In 1972, he was charged in Miami with transporting a stolen aircraft from Florida to Haiti. The United States Attorney declined because of prosecution pending on an aircraft hijacking charge. He was arrested in Dallas for posing as a constable and issuing tickets to motorists. He was operating a stolen automobile but the United States Attorney declined prosecution in favor of a local Impersonation charge.

In 1973, he was arrested again in a stolen automobile but the United States Attorney in Los Angeles declined prosecution in favor of local prosecution in Maryland. In 1972, Trapnell and two accomplices committed a \$10,000 armed robbery of the SS Princess Louise, a floating restaurant at Terminal Island, California. Trapnell was convicted in New York for the hijacking of a 707 airliner and received concurrent life, 20-year and 10-year sentences. While incarcerated at Leavenworth, Kansas, Trapnell and others formed a plan to free Trapnell from prison by hijacking a helicopter and landing on the prison grounds. The United States Attorney declined prosecution because Trapnell was already serving a life term. In 1974, Trapnell masterminded a plan to kidnap a foreign diplomat and demand \$250,000 ransom, his release from prison and asylum in Sweden. He was sentenced to an additional 15 years on this charge. He is currently incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, Marion, Illinois.