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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
(ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (89-35) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS
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Re Miami airtels and LHM's to the Bureau dated
6/28/77, 4/29/77 and 4/15/77.

In order to clarify Mr. [redacted] request for confidentiality in referenced airtels, it was understood by him that any information he furnished to the FBI would be disseminated to the U. S. Department of Justice and the Congressional Assassination Committee. It was also understood by him that any information he furnished would possibly be disseminated to other official sources.

Mr. [redacted] did request that the information he furnished would not be released to the general public.

Inasmuch as no further investigation remains outstanding within the Miami Division, this matter is being RUC'd.

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JOHN F. KENNEDY: 11/22/63

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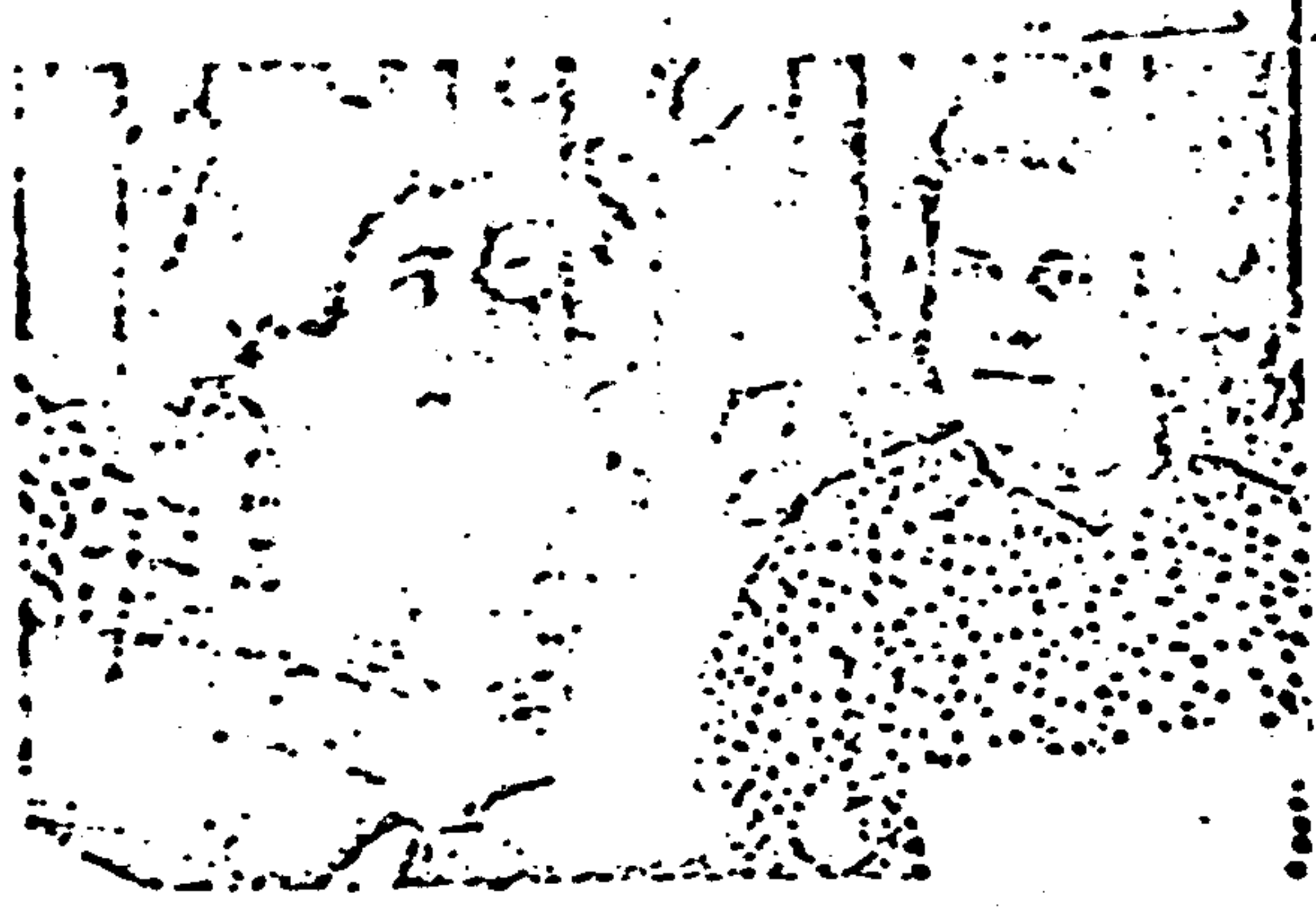
Hard Evidence Links Oswald

By MALCOLM ABRAMS

'A Watergate type of investigation into the JFK killing would have uncovered a sinister plot against our President'

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD was in Cuba less than two months before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. There is evidence that he met with Fidel Castro's brother Raul and finalized plans for Kennedy's assassination and for his own escape after the murder.



FRANK STURGIS produced a secret FBI document containing evidence that Lee Harvey Oswald was working with the Cubans in the plot to assassinate Kennedy.

- The Washington Post
 - Washington Star-News
 - Daily News (New York)
 - The New York Times
 - The Wall Street Journal
 - The National Observer
 - The Los Angeles Times
 - Midnight/Globe
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the hundreds of thousand pages written about the assassination. There is not a line connecting Oswald, the alleged assassin, with Fidel Castro, the man we now know had the most to gain from Kennedy's death.

There is not even a line placing Lee Harvey Oswald in Cuba.

The evidence is also in direct contradiction to Fidel Castro's statements on the recent Barbara Walters interview, in which he denied any involvement in the JFK assassination.

Yet the FBI has known all along of evidence linking Oswald and Castro. FBI agents were told about the secret trip, the rendezvous and the plot only weeks after the murder of President Kennedy.

There is an FBI document to prove it — Number MM105-8342, dated March 24, 1964.

A copy of this document is in the hands of Frank Sturgis, once America's top spy in Cuba and more recently a Watergate burglar.

In an exclusive interview with MIDNIGHT/GLOBE, Sturgis read at length from the document — but he would not allow it to be photographed.

"Not on my life!" he protested.

At all cost, he said, the names of the contacts who gave the information to the FBI must be protected. There are nine names on the document — all reliable FBI and CIA contacts on Cuban intelligence.

Their lives could be in danger if their identities are made public.

Sturgis says Oswald made a secret trip to Cuba while visiting Mexico in late September of 1963. That Oswald went to Mexico has been definitely established. On September 27, he visited the Cuban and Russian embassies in Mexico City.

This was on his first day south-of-the-border. He spent five days there altogether, but no accounting of how Oswald spent those last four days has ever been given.

"Oswald contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City and the report from the Russians is that they didn't want anything to do with him. Which is a natural report, under the circumstances," says Sturgis.

"Then Oswald showed up at the Cuban Embassy and the Cubans said, 'We don't want to have anything to do with him.'"

"Yet he spent four more days in Mexico. My conclusions are that he used this time to make contact with Cuban Intelligence for his getaway after the assassination."

Sturgis has three good reasons for arriving

at this conclusion. He knows how the Soviet works and how the Cuban intelligence agency, G-2, works. And he knows the contents of that secret FBI report. Oswald, Sturgis believes, was trained in espionage by the KGB during the three years he spent in Russia.

"It was so easy for Oswald to get into Russia and at that time, in 1959, at the height of the Cold War, it was damn difficult for anyone to get into Russia, or out, unless he had connections high up.

"Oswald was sent to Minsk by the Russians after he defected from the United States.

"Minsk happens to be an intelligence center. It's where the Russians had set up a school for the training of Cuban intelligence officers.

"During Oswald's time in Minsk, thousands of Cubans were trained in intelligence work.

"I have no proof, but I believe that Oswald made contact with Cuban agents there and eventually agreed to work with them."

Frank Sturgis, right from the moment of Kennedy's assassination, has had further reason to believe that Fidel Castro was involved.

While serving as Castro's chief of security for the Cuban Air Force after the revolution, Sturgis, working with U.S. intelligence, was involved in plots to assassinate the Cuban dictator.

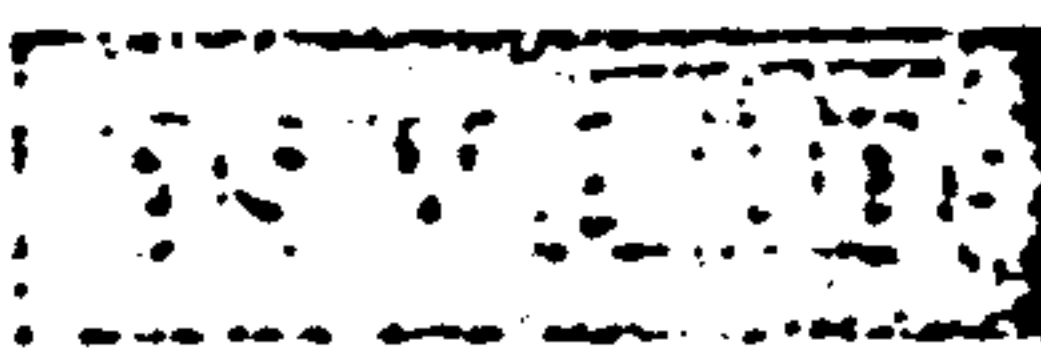
The American people didn't learn of these attempted assassinations until they were revealed in the Senate committee hearings on intelligence less than two years ago. But Sturgis, the FBI and CIA knew all along that Fidel Castro had a motive to kill Kennedy.

As Sturgis rather bluntly told MIDNIGHT/GLOBE, "Fidel is capable of murder and he has participated in the assassinations of other foreign leaders in Latin America.

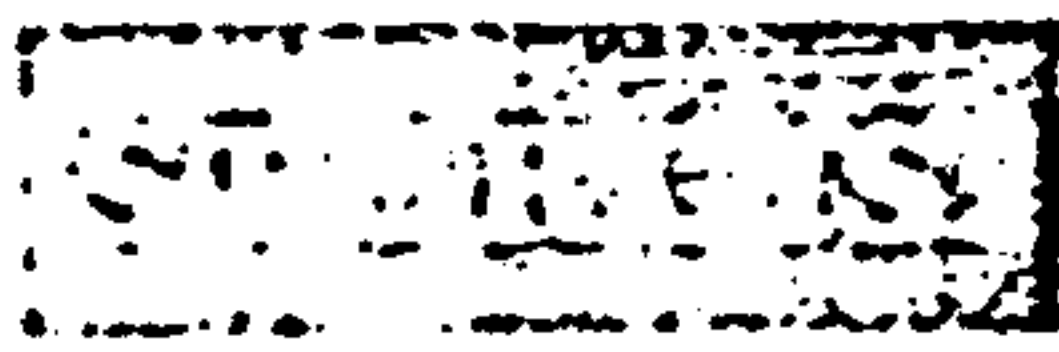
"And let's face it, if you're trying to kill me and I know you are trying to kill me and you've made attempts and failed... I'd be a fool not to try and rub you out before you rub me out."

On the recent Barbara Walters TV interview with Castro, the Cuban dictator said he knew of more than 20 separate CIA-inspired attempts on his life. The CIA has admitted to six.

There is no doubt that Castro knew



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...was out to get him.
The third reason that Sturgis gives his "friend Fidel" was involved in Kennedy assassination is the most convincing of all. He has a copy of the FBI report which links Lee Harvey Oswald with the late Raul Castro, brother and former right-hand man to the Cuban leader. He died several years ago.

The following is excerpted from that document, omitting only the name of the FBI informant.

"Mr. _____ believe that Oswald had travelled from Mexico to Oriente Province, Cuba, prior to November, 1963, then returning to the United States.

"Reportedly Oswald used an airstrip located on the estate of former Mexican President Lazaro Cardenas in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico.

"The trip by Oswald to Oriente Province was reportedly for the purpose of making contact with Raul Castro, the brother of Fidel Castro.

"This information came from Cubans in the Miami area."

According to Sturgis, the FBI was told of Oswald's secret flight to Cuba by a former high-ranking Cuban official who escaped Castro's regime. His story was then confirmed by eight other Cubans in the Miami area, who had supplied the FBI and CIA with intelligence in the past.

"They were all regular contributors of information to the various intelligence agencies," Sturgis said. "They were considered to be reliable sources by the FBI and CIA."

Sturgis personally knows all of the nine informants. "I would say out of all these people, only one I would not consider 100 percent reliable.

"They all had the same information," he continued. "They were in a lock together. But at the beginning, they received the information independently.

"They were all people who had held high positions in Cuba, who had maintained contact with other Cubans inside of Cuba

and they were receiving information either by mail or by secret code."

At the time of President Kennedy's assassination in November of 1963, Sturgis himself was involved in what has come to be known as "The Secret War Against Cuba."

He had personally piloted 100 air operations over Cuba and taken part in another 60 raids by boat. He had dropped anti-Castro pamphlets, sabotaged military installations, dropped agents and supplies onto the island.

**Participated
in the
assassination
of other foreign
leaders**

**By 1964 knew
Oswald had
been in Miami,
Cuba and had
met with
Castro's brother**

He was also interviewed by the FBI after the Kennedy assassination. Two agents spent three and a half hours grilling Sturgis at his Miami home.

Particularly, the agents wanted to know if Lee Harvey Oswald had been in the Miami area prior to the assassination. There has never been any printed evidence to this effect.

Yet Sturgis told the FBI that Oswald had been seen and had been active in the Miami area. Sturgis' testimony is in the FBI record. "They asked me -- because it seems they had information to this effect -- if I knew something about Lee Harvey Oswald being in the Miami area and I answered to the best of my knowledge.

"I told the FBI that a friend of mine, whose name I gave them, had told me Oswald was in Miami attempting to infiltrate anti-Castro organizations as a spy for Castro.

"At one particular time, this associate of mine got in a fight with Oswald in Miami. The incident occurred when Oswald was observed distributing pro-Castro literature. (This is not to be confused with another scuffle in which Oswald was involved in New Orleans.)

"At another time he reported to me that Oswald had tried to join an organization that I headed called the International Anti-Communist Brigade, which helped to supply resistance fighters in Cuba.

"I told the FBI that I had tried to search my memory but that I could not remember Oswald."

On that same FBI document MM105-8342, it states that Oswald tried to join two other anti-Castro organizations and failed.

The FBI by early 1964 had hard evidence that Lee Harvey Oswald had been in Miami, had been in Cuba, had met with Raul Castro. Yet none of this information was included in the Warren Report.

Either the FBI didn't tell the Commission... or the Commission decided not to tell the American people.

"It's a shame," says Sturgis. If the investigation had been handled with the thoroughness of the Watergate investigation, the world would have known the truth long ago. This type of investigation into the Kennedy assassination would have uncovered a sinister plot against our President."

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FROM: *JK* SAC, LAS VEGAS (55-1) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *JK* ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS
OO: Dallas

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an LHM, two copies are being furnished to the Dallas Division.

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas Division, no further attempts will be made by the Las Vegas Division to interview [REDACTED] UACB.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Las Vegas, Nevada

July 18, 1977

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

On June 15, 1977, [REDACTED] a resident of Sun Valley, Nevada, contacted the Home Resident Agency and advised that she was a slight acquaintance of [REDACTED] who was presently confined to the Nevada State Prison (NSP), Carson City, Nevada, serving a life sentence for murder. During conversation, [REDACTED] had advised [REDACTED] that he had knowledge as to who had killed President Kennedy and sent by letter to her a list of items captioned "Phase One: Proposed Stipulated Conditions and Considerations." He apparently requested these items in return for his information concerning the assassination.

Records located at the NSP reflected that [REDACTED] was convicted of First Degree Murder on May 20, 1972, in Arizona. He was sentenced to a life term in the Arizona State Prison, however, on August 13, 1976, [REDACTED] was transferred to the NSP to serve the remaining time of his sentence. On September 6, 1976, [REDACTED] attempted suicide while incarcerated, later explaining that the Mexican Mafia was attempting to kill his son and that if he [REDACTED] was able to kill himself, the Mafia would no longer pursue his son. Psychiatric records maintained at the NSP described [REDACTED] as extremely paranoid and a prolific letter writer. He is an admitted "Con Artist" and homosexual who advised the examining psychiatrist, "I can adapt to any shape, fashion or style of life."

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Name [REDACTED]

Alias [REDACTED]



JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Sex Male
Race White
Date of Birth February 15, 1947
Place of Birth Wichita Falls, Texas
Height 5'10"
Weight 170 pounds
Hair Brown
Eyes Hazel
Social Security Account Number [REDACTED]
FBI Number [REDACTED]
Military U. S. Navy
1964-1967

On July 13, 1977, [REDACTED] was contacted at the NSP whereupon he refused to discuss the matter while inside the prison. On the same date, Captain [REDACTED] NSP, advised that a Federal Court Order would be required to remove Durham from the prison.

A copy of the [REDACTED] interview and his "Proposed Stipulated Conditions and Considerations" is attached hereto.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/18/77

[REDACTED] was contacted at the Nevada State Prison, Maximum Security Section, whereupon he was advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent. [REDACTED] was advised that the inquiry concerned a letter entitled "Phase One: Proposed Stipulated Conditions and Considerations" which he had furnished to his girl friend, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] acknowledged that he had written this letter, however, refused to discuss any aspect of this letter or furnish any information he might have concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY unless he were immediately removed from the prison. [REDACTED] was advised that his removal from the prison was not possible at this time at which time he terminated the interview.

On 7/13/77 at Carson City, Nevada File # IV 55-1

by SA [REDACTED] :cae Date dictated 7/15/77

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PHASE # One

PROPOSED STIPULATED CONDITIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

I. SECURITY PRECAUTIONS: (Must be adhered to at all times)

- a. I am to be taken from this prison facility immediately (never to return) and taken to a safehouse located at an undisclosed destination. I am not to be housed in any incarcerated environment of confinement, (e.g. prison facility, city jail, county jail, or hospital facility of anykind).
 1. "Safehouse"-- Any accommodating facility resembling that of freeworld housing, (i.e. a house, an apartment, a hotel, a motel, a cabin, etc.)
- b. All food is to be purchased at various supermarkets, and will mainly consist of can goods, dry goods, bakery items, fresh produce, etc. and will be prepared by me for my personal consumption.
- c. There is never to be any leaks to the news media or to any publication that will expose me and my identity. So that I can be assured of this, I must insist on receiving daily copies of the following publications:
 1. The New York Times
 2. The Los Angeles Times
 3. The Washington Post
 4. The Dallas Times Herald
 5. Newsweek (weekly)
 6. Times (Weekly)
 7. Playboy (monthly)
 8. Penthouse (monthly)
- d. I will also want at my disposal at all times a TV and AM/FM radio, a Smith/Corona Galaxie 12 typewriter and typing materials, and a mini-cassette tape recorder and blank tapes. I will also want an unbugged telephone at my disposal at all times.

II. LEGAL ASSISTANCE:

- a. I must insist upon being provided the legal assistance of an attorney immediately, retained to represent me by the Federal Government, and cost for his legal services rendered to be absorbed by the Federal Government. He is to be an attorney of my choice and thoroughly screened.

III. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

- a. A private meeting between me, my attorney, and the Chairman of the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS is to be arranged immediately, once I have been settled into the "safehouse". Pursuant to that meeting, a complete change of identity for myself will be immediately documented on record from new birth certification on. I shall personally direct this procedure to insure its thoroughness. Possible plastic surgery will also be considered.



- Mr. Cunningham
- Mr. FehI
(Attn: Mr. George Foster)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Dallas (89-43)

August 4, 1977

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 62-109060

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

LAB. NO. PC-N1449 PR
PC-N6718 PR

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PURPOSE INFORMATION IN
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Examination requested by: Dallas

Reference: Airtel 12/1/76 and specimen received 7/28/77

Examination requested: Firearms

Remarks:

As received, the Q632 bullet was mutilated and mushroomed to such an extent that it was not possible to accurately determine its caliber. Only when the mushroomed portions of jacket were pulled away from the sides of the bullet was it possible to determine that it was a 6.5mm bullet.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Dallas (89-43)

August 4, 1977

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS
11/22/63

FBI FILE NO. 62-102060

LAB. NO. PC-N1449 PR
PC-N6718 PR

Re: MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Specimens received

12/7/76 under cover of communication dated
12/1/76 (PC-N1449 PR):

Q632-C332

Bullet found next to railroad tracks above
triple underpass by RICHARD HAROLD LESTER

Specimen personally delivered by Mr. James Leahy, Archives
Technician, National Archives and Records Service, on 7/29/77
(PC-N6718 PR):

Resubmitted from PC-78243 BX

C14A

Two bullets fired from the K1-C14 6.5mm
Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, Serial Number
C2766

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Result of examination:

Specimen Q632 is a mutilated 6.5mm "Jacketed Soft Point" or "Jacketed Hollow Point" (sporting-type) bullet which has a solid base and no cannelures. This bullet is mushroomed and has sustained some weight loss. When received, the Q632 bullet weighed approximately 105 grains.

The C14A test bullets, like the previously submitted Q1-C1 crime scene bullet and Q3-C3 fragment, are 6.5mm "Full Metal Jacket" (military-type) bullets which have open bases and cannelures near their bases.

The Q632 and C14A bullets bear rifling impressions of four grooves, right twist. However, the widths of the land and groove impressions in these bullets vary by approximately .01 inch. Further, the individual microscopic marks (striations) on these bullets were microscopically compared without effecting an identification. Therefore, nothing was found to indicate the Q632 bullet was fired from the previously submitted K1-C14 6.5mm Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, Serial Number C2766, represented by the C14A test bullets.

Following the completion of the examination, the C14A test bullets were returned to Mr. Leahy, who had maintained custody of them during the examination.

The Q632 bullet is being temporarily retained in the Laboratory.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. Kelleher
- 1 - Mr. Silas
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DATE: 7/28/77

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TO : Mr. Kelleher

FROM : F. D. Silas, Jr.

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

PURPOSE: To report the results of the microscopic comparison of the bullet found in the general area of the President Kennedy Assassination in Dallas, Texas, by Richard Harold Lester with the assassination weapon test bullets maintained by the National Archives and Records Service.

DETAILS: The questioned bullet was furnished to the Dallas FBI Office on 12/1/76 by Richard Harold Lester, 1440 Hansboro, Dallas, Texas, telephone 337-0812. Mr. Lester advised he had found the bullet next to railroad tracks above the triple underpass with a metal detector about two years ago and now suspected that this was possibly a bullet relating to the assassination.

The examination of this bullet required that the test-fired bullets obtained from the 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano Rifle, Serial Number C2766 be furnished to the Laboratory by the National Archives and Record Service. These test bullets were fired by the Laboratory in 1963 and are presently maintained by the National Archives and Record Service.

On July 28, 1977, Mr. James Leahy, Archives Technician, National Archives and Record Service, appeared at the Laboratory with the two test-fired bullets. The examination was conducted by SA Robert W. Sibert of the Firearms Identification Unit.

The questioned bullet and the test bullets are 6.5 mm bullets bearing rifling impressions of four grooves, right twist. The questioned bullet is a mutilated 6.5 mm "Jacketed Soft Point" or "Jacketed Hollow Point" (sporting-type) bullet which

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- 1 - Mr. Fehl (Attention Mr. George Foster)
- 1 - Mr. Mintz

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F. D. Silas to Mr. Kelleher Memo
Re: Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy
Miscellaneous - Information Concerning

has a solid base and no cannelures. The test bullets, like the original crime scene bullet and fragment, are 6.5 mm "Full Metal Jacket" (military-type) bullets which have an open base and a cannelure near the base. Therefore, the questioned and test bullets are different type bullets of the same caliber.

Both the questioned and test bullets have four groove, right twist rifling impressions. However, the widths of the land and groove impressions vary by approximately .01 inch. The individual microscopic marks (striations) on these bullets were microscopically compared without effecting an identification.

In view of the above, nothing was found to indicate the questioned bullet was fired from the assassination weapon represented by the test bullets.

Following the completion of the examination, the test bullets were returned to Mr. Leahy, who had maintained custody of them during the examination.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information only.

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

August 2, 1977

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Held
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Fehl
- 1 - Mr. Peelman
- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Clark
- 1 - Mr. Mintz (Attn: Mr. Daly)
- 1 - Mr. Kelleher

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

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Enclosed is a memorandum setting forth the results of an FBI Laboratory comparison of a questioned bullet fragment to test bullets obtained by the FBI in 1963 from the Lee Harvey Oswald assassination rifle. The questioned bullet fragment was furnished to the FBI by Richard Harold Lester of Dallas, Texas, on December 1, 1976.

As you have been previously advised, Mr. Lester has been awaiting a response to his request for return of the fragment since June 13, 1977.

Your earliest decision with regard to the further disposition of Mr. Lester's fragment will be greatly appreciated. At the present time, the FBI would certainly be amenable to returning the fragment to Mr. Lester, per his request, as it is of no apparent connection to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Enclosure

1 - SAC, Dallas (Enclosure)

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

NOTE: F. D. Silas, Jr., to Mr. Kelleher memorandum of 7/28/77, captioned as above, sets forth the results of pertinent FBI Laboratory examination. The Department has been kept informed of all prior matters concerning this examination on a continuing basis. Bureau letter to the Attorney General on 6/22/77, and subsequent personal contacts by members of the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Office, Legal Counsel Division, have advised Mr. Keuch, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, of Lester's 6/13/77, request for return of his fragment. This is to furnish results of the 7/28/77, Laboratory examination and to request the Department's earliest decision with regard to further disposition of Lester's fragment.

- 1 - Mr. Held
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- 1 - Mr. Foster

August 2, 1977

- 1 - Mr. Clark
- 1 - Mr. Mintz (Attn: Mr. Daly)
- 1 - Mr. Kelleher

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

On December 1, 1976, Richard Harold Lester, Dallas, Texas, turned over to the FBI what he thought to be a bullet fragment which he claimed to have found at the John F. Kennedy assassination site during 1974. He requested that only the FBI conduct examination of the fragment to determine, if possible, whether or not it might be connected to that assassination.

The FBI has since endeavored to obtain test bullets which it produced in 1963 from the Lee Harvey Oswald 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano Rifle and which are held in custody at the National Archives and Records Service (NARS).

On July 28, 1977, a representative of NARS delivered the Oswald rifle test bullets to the FBI Laboratory where an examination of the questioned bullet fragment and comparison to the test bullets disclosed the following:

The questioned bullet and the test bullets are 6.5 millimeter bullets bearing rifling impressions of four grooves, right twist. The questioned bullet is a mutilated 6.5 millimeter "Jacketed Soft Point" or "Jacketed Hollow Point" (sporting-type) bullet which has a solid base and no cannelures. The test bullets, like the original crime scene bullet and fragment, are 6.5 millimeter "Full Metal Jacket" (military-type) bullets which have an open base and a cannelure near the base. Therefore, the questioned and test bullets are different type bullets of the same caliber.

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

Both the questioned and test bullets have four groove, right twist rifling impressions. However, the widths of the land and groove impressions vary by approximately .01 inch. The individual microscopic marks (striations) on these bullets were microscopically compared without effecting an identification.

In view of the above, nothing was found to indicate the questioned bullet was fired from the assassination weapon represented by the test bullets.

At the conclusion of the examination on July 28, 1977, the test bullets were returned to NARS by its representative who had maintained custody of them throughout the examination.

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DATE 8-17-77

REPLY TO
ATTN OF

LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (89-6) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

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

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

ENCLOSURES: Copy of letter dated 3-29-75, to U. S. Senator
FRANK CHURCH from [redacted]; copies of
letters dated 1-25-77 and 7-12-77, to President CARTER from
[redacted]; copy of letter dated 8-5-77, to U. S. Ambassador
PATRICK LUCEY from [redacted]

Enclosures were turned over to Legat on 8-8-77 by
the office of Ambassador LUCEY. An acknowledgement has been
sent to Mr. [redacted] by Legat, a copy of which is
enclosed.

No further action contemplated here, UACB.

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

August 17, 1977

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE
ACAPULCO, MEXICO

Mr. [REDACTED]

Acapulco, Guerrero
Mexico

Dear Mr. Gamrecki:

Your letter, with enclosures, of August 5, 1977, to United States Ambassador Patrick Lucey was turned over to this office for processing. Since the material therein concerns a matter of possible interest to the FBI and the United States Department of Justice, it has been forwarded to Washington for consideration and appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]
Legal Attache

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ENCLOSURE

[REDACTED]
Mexico City, Mexico; Mexico
August 5, 1977

U. S. Ambassador Patrick Lucey
United States Embassy
Reforma 305
Mexico D.F., Mexico

Dear Ambassador:

It is necessary to inform you of certain events which relate to my experiences before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy as well as after particularly after my charge that the Rockefeller corporate interests did conspire to assassinate President Kennedy.

Enclosed are some papers that will give to you the substance of my experiences. Events have now progressed to the point where I am now forced to leave the United States because of an attempt by elements in the U. S. Dept. Health, Education & Welfare to murder me late last November and after the national elections.

I have reported the attempt to Secretary Califano of the H. E. W. and to U. S. Attorney General Griffin Bell as well as to President Jimmy Carter and have yet not received a notice that a serious investigation shall be made by the Justice Department nor, significantly, have I received a denial that an attempt on my life had been made as I had indicated. No substantial reaction, whatsoever, and I had first reported this attempt about three months ago. It can be proven that the United States Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare had become Rockefeller's American Auschwitz. The years of torture, attrition, harassment and now this attempted murder is proof enough.

There is increasing disappointment in the Carter Administration by many of those that helped place him in power and now there are suspicions and articles in the news media that he has embraced Rockefeller as a guide and a God.

These are my suspicions also. Read the article in the Atlantic monthly.

If you need more elaboration of my experiences with the Rockefeller disposition then I shall relate them to you, however, the substance of my experiences is available through the U. S. Dept. of Justice, the H. E. W. as well as, I am now sure, through the President.

Respectfully,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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FBI

Date: 8/24/77

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Via (Precedence)

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

Handwritten signatures and initials on the right side of the document.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is an original and three copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Enclosed for New Orleans are two copies of same.

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NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. Will review indices concerning [redacted] aka [redacted], white male, date of birth, January 25, 1919. Identifiable files and references should be summarized and submitted for the information of the Bureau and Dallas by LHM.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Assistant Attorney General
CRIMINAL DIVISION
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Kouch
FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: August 31, 1977

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

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

an LHM and its enclosure

There is enclosed one copy of ~~the report of Special Agent~~ _____
dated 8/24/77 at Dallas, Texas.

A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE: A check of FBI files at New Orleans, Louisiana, is being made. You will be advised if additional information re _____ is retrieved.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

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

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

Re FBI Laboratory reports dated 8/4/77, and
 Bureau memo to U. S. Department of Justice, 8/2/77, Bureau
 telephone calls from SA JOHN W. KILTY, 8/22/77.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is an original
 and four copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Dallas, Texas
August 24, 1977

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.:

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

Reference is made to a memorandum dated August 2, 1977, from Director, FBI, to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, captioned as above and pertaining to the FBI Laboratory examination conducted on the bullet fragment found by Richard Harold Lester of Dallas, Texas.

On August 22, 1977, Richard Harold Lester, Dallas, Texas, was telephonically contacted by SA [REDACTED] FBI, Dallas, Texas, in an effort to schedule an interview appointment and to obtain from him a written release authorizing the Federal Bureau of Investigation to turn over to the House Select Committee on Assassinations a bullet fragment that he previously recovered and furnished to the FBI on December 1, 1976.

Mr. Lester was very cordial to the contacting Agent, but immediately stated he would not consider signing such a release and demanded his bullet fragment be returned to him immediately. Lester stated he does not want the bullet fragment harmed in any way through scientific examination. Lester additionally advised that he is willing to "spend some money to get it back", and that if necessary, will take his story that his bullet fragment is not being returned, to the news media.

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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ENCLOSURE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

OUTSIDE SOURCE

MAY 1964

SUBJECT: J.F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE F.B.I. PROCEDURE IS, WHEN AN AGENT IS CALLED TO TESTIFY IN A COURT CASE. IN THE CLAY SHAW CONSPIRACY TRIAL IN NEW ORLEANS, F.B.I. AGENT REGIS KENNEDY WOULD NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WITHOUT CLEARING THEM WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. THE PROSECUTOR WAS ALLOWED ONLY TWO QUESTIONS.

1) Q- PRIOR TO YOUR INTERVIEW WITH DEAN ANDREWS WERE YOU ENGAGED IN AN INVESTIGATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION?

A- YES, I WAS. FRANK E. SULLIVAN JR. J.C. DENNIS

2) Q- WERE YOU SEEKING CLAY BERTRAND?

A- YES, I WAS. ROBERT A. PHILLIPS 1741 WEST 50th ST. S.W. ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

OVER THE YEARS, WE HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE WARREN COMMITTEE AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THAT THE F.B.I. HAD INVESTIGATED THE NAME CLAY BERTRAND, BECAUSE OF THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY ATTORNEY DEAN A. ANDREWS. ANDREWS HAD STATED, CLAY BERTRAND CALLED HIM AND ASKED HIM TO DEFEND OSWALD, THIS WAS PRIOR TO OSWALD'S DEATH. IT IS RATHER STRANGE, AGENT KENNEDY COULD NOT ANSWER WHY F.B.I. INVESTIGATED BERTRAND. IT APPEARED F.B.I. AGENTS WERE ALLOWED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON C.B.S. ASSASSINATION PROGRAMS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY THE F.B.I. INVESTIGATED THE NAME CLAY BERTRAND.

THANK YOU
SINCERELY

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Assistant Director
Special Investigative Division

DATE: 8/3/77

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: INQUIRY CONCERNING THE
JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

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*President's Office
TITZEL*

PURPOSE: To advise regarding one aspect of inquiry by [redacted] Concord, California, concerning the Bureau's procedures when an agent is called to testify, and the Bureau's investigation of one Clay Bertrand.

SYNOPSIS AND DETAILS: By letter dated 5/13/77,

[redacted] Concord, California, inquired of President Carter concerning the FBI's procedures when an agent is called to testify in a court case, and why the Bureau investigated Clay Bertrand. This correspondence was forwarded by Carolyn A. Morse, Records Management Division, to Legal Counsel by routing slip dated 7/14/77.

The Legal Counsel Division has set forth in the next three paragraphs an appropriate response regarding testimony of Bureau Agents and restrictions applied to such testimony. Legal Counsel Division will not attempt to enter into a discussion regarding the Clay Bertrand investigation.

Attorney General Order No. 3464 (Supplement 4) (Revised), dated 1/13/53, and the explanatory memorandum promulgated therewith, articulate the policy that each Department of Justice attorney in charge of

- 1 - Mr. Fehl
- 1 - Mr. Decker
- (Attn: Miss [redacted])
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Legal Research Unit
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]

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Memorandum to the Assistant Director
Special Investigative Division
Re: Inquiry Concerning the
John F. Kennedy Assassination

any Government litigation, or any matter which may involve litigation, is authorized to determine, as he deems necessary or desirable to the discharge of his official duties, what information secured by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) shall be made available to a court, either during or preparatory to a judicial proceeding, to which the United States is a party, including any agent or Department thereof. No such attorney shall reveal or furnish any documents or information when by so doing, in his opinion, injury might be done to the public interest.

Furthermore, Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 16.21, et seq., sets forth procedures concerning the production or disclosure of information in response to subpoenas or demands of courts or other authorities. These regulations provide that when an Agent of the FBI receives a demand for production or disclosure of information relating to material contained in the files of the Department of Justice, the agent must immediately notify the United States Attorney who shall immediately request instructions from the appropriate Departmental official who is authorized to approve production or disclosure. Absent appropriate Departmental authorization, an FBI Agent is not allowed to give testimony regarding information which has been the subject of an FBI investigation.

In instances where testimony of an Agent has been authorized, the Agent is instructed to give his official status by stating that he is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to testify clearly, modestly, without bias or display of emotion, without exaggeration or misrepresentation. He is further instructed to avoid giving testimony not relevant to the case, and to prevent prejudice to the rights of the accused. Agents, during attendance at any trial, should avoid unnecessary contact or conversation with jurors or witnesses.

Memorandum to the Assistant Director
Special Investigative Division
Re: Inquiry Concerning the
John F. Kennedy Assassination

The above sets forth appropriate directions and restrictions placed upon Bureau Agents when giving testimony in a court of law.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Special Investigative Division, Congressional Inquiry Unit, prepare a response to the correspondent in this matter incorporating comments of the Legal Counsel Division concerning conduct and restrictions of agents when giving testimony and answering the query in the last sentence of incoming communication.

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- 1 - Mr. Monahan
- 1 - Mr. Peelman
- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Mintz

August 16, 1977

- 1 - Mr. Decker (Attn: Miss [redacted])
- 1 - Legal Research Unit
- 1 - Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted]
 [redacted]
 Concord, California 94521

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Reference is made to your letter to the President dated May 13, 1977. This letter was referred to the FBI on July 1, 1977.

Special Agent Regis Kennedy testified on May 17, 1967, before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in accordance with Department of Justice instructions. These instructions were that Kennedy answer questions about which he was knowledgeable from a personal standpoint and refuse to answer questions which related to investigations of the FBI or to his position as a Special Agent of the FBI. You may desire to contact appropriate authorities in New Orleans regarding availability of a transcript of Kennedy's entire testimony, which lasted over one hour.

Procedures regarding FBI Agent testimony in court require that an appropriate attorney of the Department of Justice determine what information secured by the FBI shall be made available to a court. No documents or information can be revealed if, in this attorney's opinion, injury might be done to the public interest. Absent appropriate Departmental authority, an FBI Agent is not allowed to give testimony regarding information which has been the subject of an FBI investigation.

With respect to the basis for FBI investigation of Clay Bertrand, you may wish to review the public report "Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy," Volume XI, Pages 325-339.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy
 Sincerely yours,
 C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
 Director

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Mr. Robert A. Phillips

NOTE: In letter to the President, 5/13/77, [REDACTED], et al., requested information as to what FBI procedure is when an Agent is called to testify in a court case. He also wanted to know why the FBI investigated the name Clay Bertrand. Legal Counsel, by memo 8/3/77 (attached), replied to the first request, which has been summarized in this letter.

Above pages from the public report contain the testimony of Attorney Dean A. Andrews, July 31, 1964. He alleged that Clay Bertrand had called him at the Hotel Dieu (hospital), New Orleans, and asked him to represent Oswald. This passage clearly states basis for our investigation, which included several interviews with Andrews prior to his Warren Commission testimony. Our investigation failed to locate anyone identical to Clay Bertrand.

APPROVED: [REDACTED]

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

OO: DALLAS.

RE FBI LABORATORY REPORTS DATED AUGUST 4, 1977, AND BUREAU MEMO TO USDJ, AUGUST 2, 1977, BUREAU TELEPHONE CALLS FROM SA JOHN W. KILTY, AUGUST 22, 1977.

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ON AUGUST 22, 1977, RICHARD HAROLD LESTER, DALLAS, TEXAS, WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY SA [REDACTED] IN AN EFFORT TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT AND TO OBTAIN FROM HIM A WRITTEN RELEASE AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU TO TURN OVER TO THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS A BULLET FRAGMENT THAT HE PREVIOUSLY RECOVERED AND FURNISHED TO THE FBI ON DECEMBER 1, 1976.

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MR. LESTER WAS VERY CORDIAL TO THE CONTACTING AGENT,
BUT IMMEDIATELY STATED HE WOULD NOT CONSIDER SIGNING SUCH
A RELEASE AND DEMANDED HIS BULLET FRAGMENT BE RETURNED TO
HIM IMMEDIATELY. LESTER STATED THAT HE DOES NOT WANT THE
BULLET FRAGMENT HARMED IN ANY WAY THROUGH SCIENTIFIC
EXAMINATION. LESTER ADDITIONALLY ADVISED THAT HE IS WILLING
TO "SPEND SOME MONEY TO GET IT BACK" AND THAT IF NECESSARY,
WILL TAKE HIS STORY THAT HIS BULLET FRAGMENT IS NOT BEING
RETURNED TO THE NEWS MEDIA.

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Date 9/6/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69) (RUC)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
 DALLAS, TEXAS,
 11/22/63
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ReDLairtel to Bureau, 8/24/77.

New Orleans indices negative re MAX ALLEN LONG, aka MAXIE LONG.

Inquiry of the New Orleans PD computerized records system reflects a [redacted], white male, DOB 1/25/19, residing [redacted], Metairie, La., as of Dec., 1974. Record reflects unspecified municipal arrest and no felony arrests. No other information reflected.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

FROM : Director, FBI

DATE: September 13, 1977

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
MISCELLANEOUS -
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dated _____ at _____.

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

NOTE: The FBI New Orleans Office searched its indices re [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED] and retrieved no information identifiable with him.

Inquiry of the New Orleans Police Department computerized records system reflects a [REDACTED] white male, date of birth 1/25/19, residing [REDACTED] Metairie, Louisiana, as of December, 1974. Record reflects unspecified municipal arrest and no felony arrests. No other information reflected.

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

ReButelcall to Los Angeles 9/2/77; Los Angeles airtel and LHM to the Bureau 11/23/63 captioned "DICK WATLEY, 3350 NW 18th Terrace, Miami, Florida."

Submitted for completion of Bureau files is one copy each of memoranda prepared by SA ROBERT H. MATHESON, JR. on 11/23/63 and SA JEROME K. CROWE on 11/23/63, both under the "Assassinator" caption.

Instant memoranda are the basis of Los Angeles contacts with RICHARD HATHCOCK, Allied International Detectives, Los Angeles, re DICK WATLEY.

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RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO DALLAS, SEPTEMBER 20, 1977;
AND DALLAS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 1977.

AT 9:35 AM, SEPTEMBER 21, 1977, BULLET FRAGMENT WAS
RETURNED TO RICHARD HAROLD LESTER, DALLAS, TEXAS, BY SA
[REDACTED], WHO OBTAINED RECEIPT. PACKAGE CONTAINING
BULLET FRAGMENT AS RECEIVED FROM THE BUREAU BY DALLAS ON
SEPTEMBER 20, 1977, WAS OPENED IN THE PRESENCE OF MR. LESTER,
AND HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS REPRESENTATIVES
KENNETH D. KLEIN, AND CLIFFORD A. FENTON, JR. KLEIN SERVED
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REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT TAKE CUSTODY OF THE BULLET FRAGMENT,

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