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# Second Rifle Deepens Mystery Over Oswald

Special to The Washington Post  
DALLAS, Dec. 7—Information gathered today indicates the possibility that Lee Harvey Oswald had a rifle mounted with a telescopic scope near here, but that this was not the rifle with which President Kennedy was assassinated.

It was disclosed yesterday that Oswald's Italian rifle came from Chicago with a scope ready for mounting.

But a gunsmith in suburban

Irving says that one of his service tickets, undated and cryptic, tells him that he mounted a scope for someone named "Oswald" on a gun that could only have been a .303 British Enfield or an GSA3 Springfield, a former U.S. Army weapon. President Kennedy was shot with an Italian rifle.

### Identity Uncertain

The only Oswald in Irving other than Lee Oswald has been checked and did not have the work done. But the gunsmith does business with many persons from out of town.

"This could have been another gun of his or another Oswald with a gun," says Dall Ryder, service manager of the sports shop. "It is very well possible, but we can't place it. There's no recollection of the guy being in the store."

Lee Oswald was also reported inquiring in a second-hand furniture store near the sports shop about gun work.

Edith Whitworth, who works at this store, said that Oswald came in early last November and asked her "something pertaining to a gun," but that the work could not be done for him there. She said she referred him to the sports shop a block away, where Ryder works.

Mrs. Whitworth said that a woman carrying a new baby girl then came in and Mrs. Whitworth showed them furniture Oswald said they would need soon.

### Sure It Was Oswald

The infant had been born two weeks before, Mrs. Whitworth said she was told. The Oswalds' second child was born Oct. 30.

"It was definitely him," Mrs. Whitworth said.

This information could suggest that early in November

Oswald was having a second rifle prepared for pinpoint firing.

[The Associated Press reported that the owner of a public gun range said today the FBI had taken pounds of empty shells in an attempt to confirm that Oswald had practiced shooting there as recently as five days before the assassination of President Kennedy.

[Floyd Davis, owner of the Sportsdrome Gun Range near Grand Prairie, said neither he nor his wife, Virginia, had ever seen Oswald at the range. "But there were three different people here at three different times who told us about seeing Oswald," Davis said.]

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*What about this?*

- The Washington Post and Times Herald \_\_\_\_\_
- The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- The Evening Star \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_
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- New York Mirror \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Daily News \_\_\_\_\_
- New York Post \_\_\_\_\_
- The New York Times \_\_\_\_\_
- The Worker \_\_\_\_\_
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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: December 10, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

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

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials, including "J. Edgar Hoover" and "A. Rosen"]*

A news article datelined, Dallas, Texas, December 7, 1963, appeared in the Washington Post on December 8, 1963, speculating on the possibility that Lee Harvey Oswald in November, 1963, had a telescopic sight mounted on a rifle which was different from the one used in the assassination of President Kennedy. The article also referred to Mrs. Edith Whitworth, who allegedly identified Oswald and his wife as persons who were in her second-hand furniture store in the early part of November and asked Mrs. Whitworth "something pertaining to a gun."

Our investigation has failed to establish any basis to support either of the above allegations and investigation points to the fact that Oswald had only one rifle, which is the rifle definitely identified as the weapon used in the assassination of President Kennedy. Previous stories have appeared in the press, based primarily on rumor and speculations, to the effect that Oswald had a confederate and that a second rifle must have been involved.

The article in the Washington Post of December 8, 1963, refers to the possibility that a gunsmith in Irving, Texas, may have mounted a scope on a rifle for a person named "Oswald" and this weapon was different from the assassination weapon. The gunsmith referred to is Dial D. Ryder, service manager of the Irving Sport Shop in Irving, Texas, who was previously interviewed by the Dallas Office on November 25, 1963, concerning work which he performed for a person using the name of "Oswald" between November 1, and November 14, 1963. Ryder could not positively identify Lee Harvey Oswald as the customer and he was not certain of the type of weapon the

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Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

scope was mounted on, but he believed it was an Argentine made rifle. Investigation conducted in this case, including interview of Mrs. Oswald, check of available records, has indicated that Oswald had only one rifle and this was the 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano bolt-action rifle used in the assassination of President Kennedy.

The allegation of Mrs. Edith Whitworth referred to in the Washington Post article is not supported by the facts. Mrs. Whitworth alleged that two individuals, whom she believed to be Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife, came into her used-furniture place in Irving, Texas, between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m., on November 6 or 7, 1963, making inquiry about the location of a gun shop. Mrs. Whitworth stated that these persons left in an automobile with a man driving.

Investigation by the Dallas Office has shown that Lee Harvey Oswald was working at the Texas School Book Depository in Dallas at the time these persons were allegedly seen by Mrs. Whitworth. Investigation has further established that Lee Harvey Oswald could not drive an automobile and Mrs. Ruth Paine, landlady of Mrs. Oswald in Irving, Texas, has stated that Mrs. Oswald was definitely at her residence at the time the individuals were allegedly seen by Mrs. Whitworth.

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Date: 12/31/63

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (62-8943) (RUC)

NORBERT NADER  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Enclosed are five copies of an LHM setting forth the interview with CHESTER H. OPAL, concerning NADER. WFO indices are negative concerning NADER.

OPAL stated that other people in the U. S. Embassy at Warsaw, Poland, during the time he was there would probably know NADER; however, the only person who would know him better than he was ED SYMANS, who was Assistant Cultural Officer, USIA, who was attached to the Embassy at Warsaw. He stated that SYMANS, because of his position as Cultural Officer, would have had more contact with NADER than he, OPAL. He stated that SYMANS has since retired and his whereabouts is unknown.

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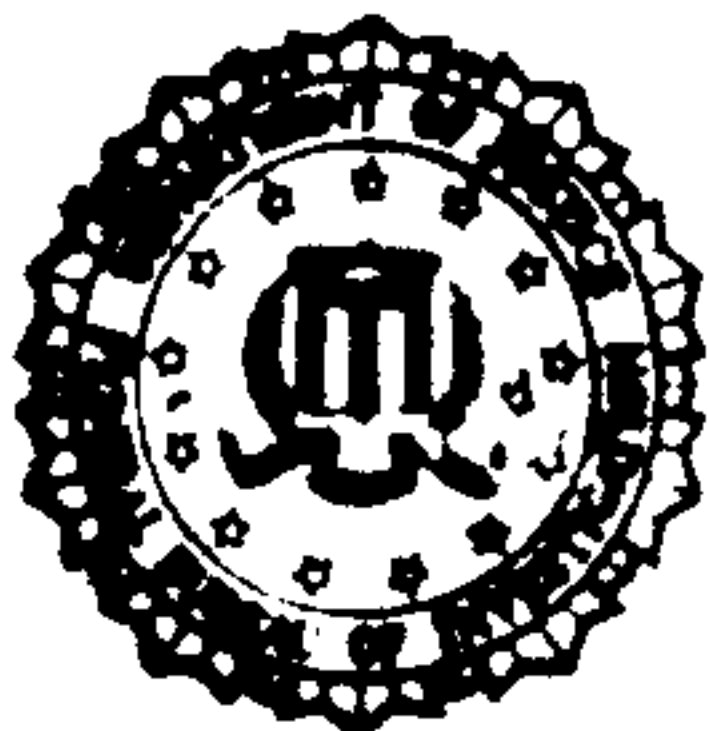
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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.  
December 31, 1963

NORBERT NADER

Chester H. Opal, Assistant Director for Europe, U. S. Information Agency, Washington, D. C., furnished the following information concerning Nader on December 31, 1963:

He stated he first met Nader in 1947 or 1948 when he, Mr. Opal, was Information Officer attached to the U. S. Embassy in Warsaw, Poland. He stated that he saw Nader approximately 10 or 15 times during the next year and a half at which time he, Mr. Opal, returned to the United States. Their contact, according to Mr. Opal, was at the U. S. Embassy and they never visited in each other's residence.

Mr. Opal described Nader as a well-known actor but not the leading role type. He stated that this was Nader's only means of livelihood and to his knowledge Nader was not employed in any other capacity.

Mr. Opal advised that Nader was single and that he did not have any knowledge of Nader's family background. He did know that Nader was a Polish citizen.

He stated that they never delved into political discussions, however, Nader voiced opposition to the communist control of the Polish Government and spoke of plans to escape from Poland. Mr. Opal stated that he considered Nader sincere in these comments.

According to Mr. Opal, there was a rumor that Nader was a homosexual but he cannot recall the source of the rumor. He stated that he had no reason to believe that Nader was a homosexual and he knew that Nader dated girls during this period.

RE: ROBERT NADER

Mr. Opal stated that he considered Nader a mentally stable individual but would tend to screen any information received from Nader. He advised that if he thought that Nader had access to the type of information he may furnish he would tend to consider it reliable. He stated he never had any reason to believe that Nader was unreliable.

Mr. Opal advised that during his association with Nader, Nader never sought information of any type from him and never furnished any information to him. He advised that he has had no contact with Nader since he, Mr. Opal, left Warsaw.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka;  
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DATE: 12/31/63

Assassination of  
 President John F.  
 Kennedy 439461

There is enclosed a 35mm Kodachrome transparency depicting the Texas School Book Depository building.

The photographer was Mr. JAMES N. POWELL, assigned to Region Two, of the Army Intelligence Corps, at Dallas, Texas. He has stated that he took this picture of this building at approximately 30 seconds after the last shot was fired on 11/22/63, on the occasion of the assassination of President KENNEDY. Mr. POWELL has advised he took the shot of this building because he saw several people pointing up to it. Lieutenant Colonel E. E. BOYD of the Region Two Intelligence Corps, at Dallas, has made this photograph available and has requested it be returned to Mr. POWELL when it is no longer needed.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine this photograph to determine if an enlargement reveals anything of pertinent value. Following examination, it is requested it be returned to Dallas.

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Date: 1/7/64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (89-21)

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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John E. \_\_\_\_\_

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Re Portland teletype to Bureau, Dallas and San Antonio, 12/30/63, re ELIZABETH CRONIN. Re also San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 12/31/63. This airtel also concerned CRONIN and contained a lead for Portland at Astoria, Oregon, to identify RUSSELL R. YATES, aka RADOVICH, who was said to reside at the Commercial Hotel in Astoria.

Enclosed herewith are ten copies for the Bureau and two each for Dallas and San Antonio of a letterhead memorandum concerning investigation relative to YATES and also containing additional information concerning ELIZABETH CRONIN. In view of the information set out in the letterhead memorandum, no further investigation relative to YATES or CRONIN is contemplated by Portland.

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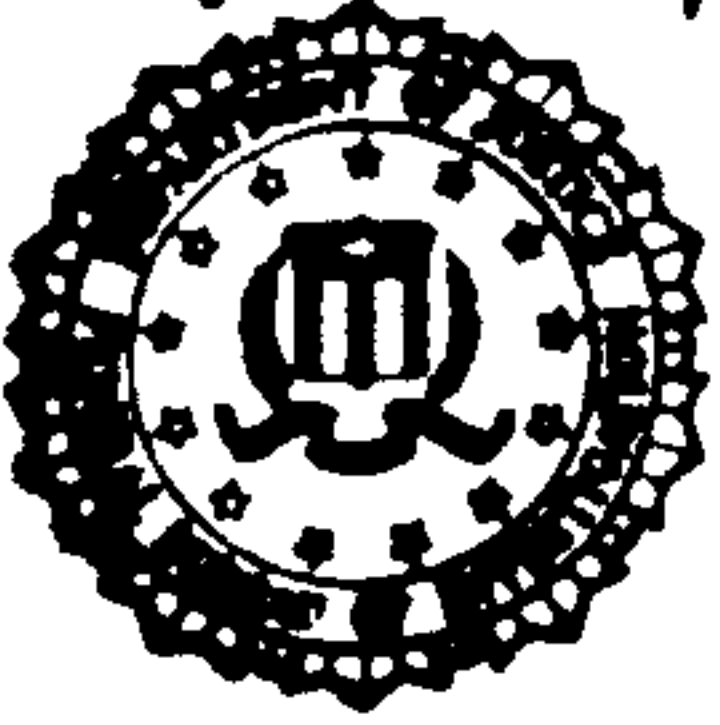
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Portland, Oregon  
January 7, 1964

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Re Elizabeth Cronin

On December 30, 1963, Richard S. McCully, Special Agent, United States Secret Service, LBJ White House, Texas, advised that a Miss Elizabeth Catherine Cronin, 1457 Exchange Street, Astoria, Oregon, had arrived in Johnson City, Texas, on December 30, 1963, with the intention of warning President Johnson concerning information that she had received "television messages relating to assassination of President Kennedy." He stated that Miss Cronin named Russell R. Yates, also known as Radovich, a former employer of Miss Cronin, as being "behind" the assassination of President Kennedy.

According to McCully, Miss Cronin worked for Yates at Portland, Oregon, from 1927 to 1929, at which time Yates was operating the National Professional Bureau, a secretarial service in the Selling Building, Portland.

McCully further said that Miss Cronin was to leave Johnson City, Texas, by bus at 10:30 p.m., December 30, 1963, or 10:35 a.m., December 31, 1963, to return to Astoria.

At Portland, Oregon

The current city and telephone directories for the city of Portland do not contain the names Russell R. Yates, Russell R. Radovich or the National Professional Bureau.

Mrs. Donna Crandall, clerk, Retail Credit Association of Portland, Inc., advised on January 6, 1964, that the files of that agency also contained no information concerning a Russell R. Yates or Russell R. Radovich. The following persons also informed that the records of their departments contained no information on this individual: Clara Sexton, Records Section, Don Williams, Identification Division, and Orville Kellerman, Intelligence Division, all Portland Police Department, and Ruby Guengerich, Identification Division, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

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A check of the Portland city directory covering the years 1927 to 1960 discloses no mention of Yates, Radovich or the National Professional Bureau. However, the Polk's City Directory for the year 1930 listed a Russell R. Yates as manager of the National Professional Bureau, with residence in the University Building. The same directory listed the National Professional Bureau as auditors and counselors to the medical and dental professions, 553 Medical Arts Building, Portland. Similar information was carried in subsequent issues of the city directory through the year 1934. This 1934 edition showed Yates as president of the National Professional Bureau with residence at 911 SW 21st Avenue, Apartment 22. City directories thereafter did not carry Yates' name or indicate his connection with the National Professional Bureau. The National Professional Bureau itself was last carried in the 1950 issue of the city directory.

At Astoria, Oregon

On January 30, 1964, Chief of Police Gerald T. Arrington, Astoria Police Department, advised that he had caused a district inquiry to be made in Astoria in an effort to locate and identify a Russell R. Yates, also known as Radovich, with negative results. Chief Arrington said that since 1950 Miss Cronin had made numerous complaints to his department and was referred to her following Miss Cronin's around with obvious intent to attack her sexually. In her various complaints, she claimed that men came at her out of the walls of her home and from under her front porch. On one occasion, she complained that one Russell R. Yates, alias Radovich, had, by some inexplicable means, attacked her with a "sex machine." Chief Arrington stated that inquiry into Miss Cronin's complaints determined that all were groundless and that his department has long listed Miss Cronin as a chronic complainant and mental case.

Chief Arrington said that records of his department show that Miss Cronin first complained of Yates on January 30, 1962. Efforts were made at that time to identify such a person as Yates without success. Neither could sufficient specific information be obtained from Miss Cronin at that time to conduct any kind of logical investigation. A similar incident occurred

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on February 14, 1968, when Miss Cronin again complained concerning this case and again endeavor to identify and locate him proved fruitless.

Miss Cronin further said that the Commercial Hotel in Astoria, Oregon, in operation and records of that hotel are now maintained by the John Jacob Astor Hotel in Astoria. A check of the Commercial Hotel records through this latter hotel failed to develop any information concerning Russell R. Yates or Russell R. Hudson Jr.

Miss Cronin stated that inquiries at the following places in Astoria had failed to develop any information concerning Yates, aka Russell R. Hudson Jr.

- Astoria City and Telephone Company
- Astoria Police Department - records
- Miss Cronin's identification of the records
- Pacific Power and Light Company
- Columbia Hospital
- St. Mary's Hospital
- St. Vincent's Hospital
- Clatsop County Health Agency
- Clatsop County Welfare Agency
- Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company
- United States National Bank
- First National Bank
- Astoria Water Department

Both Astoria's credit bureaus (Lower Columbia Rating Bureau and Commercial Adjustment Company)

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Bumble Bee Seafood Company, a large commercial fish  
canning concern in Astoria

Miscellaneous

On December 31, 1963, Mrs. Vera Lafrenz, 602 East  
18th Street, The Dalles, Oregon, advised that she had noted  
a news story that gave regarding information reportedly  
provided by Miss Elizabeth Cronin to the U. S. Secret Service  
in Texas, concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.  
Mrs. Lafrenz stated that Miss Cronin is a sister-in-law of  
Patrick Haney, who is an uncle of Mrs. Lafrenz. In the summer  
of 1963, Patrick Haney died and Miss Cronin was appointed  
executrix of the Haney estate. In August, 1963, Mrs. Lafrenz  
and her brother, A. Bernard Brunelle, 2412 Fendleton Drive,  
Boise, Idaho, (an employee of the Bureau of Land Management in  
Boise) were in Astoria, Oregon, in connection with handling  
the estate of Patrick Haney. At that time, Mrs. Lafrenz and  
Mr. Brunelle both observed Elizabeth Cronin remove a small  
automatic pistol from her safety deposit box and place it in  
her purse. Mr. Brunelle asked Miss Cronin what she hoped to  
do with the weapon, but Miss Cronin declined to say. Mrs.  
Lafrenz stated that she is convinced that Miss Cronin is  
mentally unstable and has hallucinations, believing that  
people are constantly following her around.

Oliver S. Groce, Chief Tax Deputy, Multnomah County  
Sheriff and Tax Collector's Office, Multnomah County Court  
House, Portland, Oregon, furnished the following information  
on December 31, 1963:

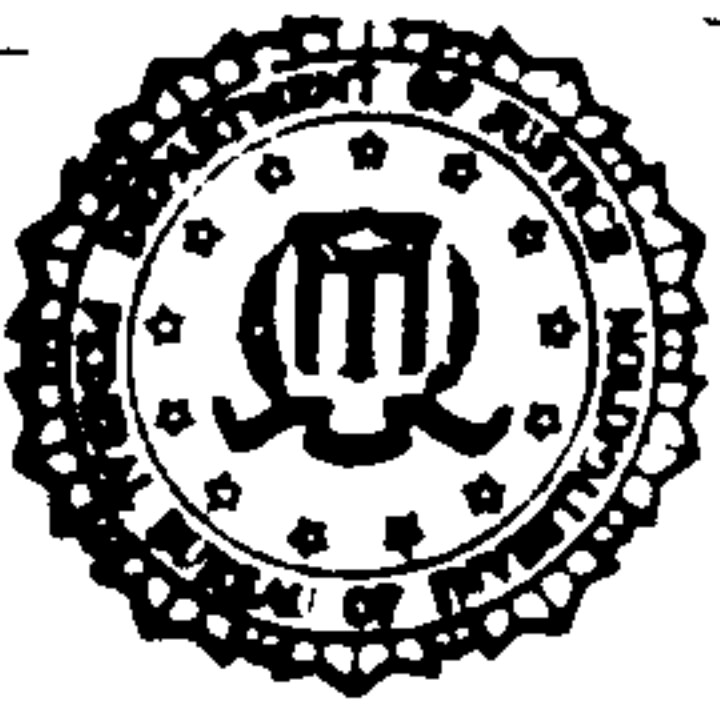
Groce recognized the photograph of Elizabeth  
Cronin, carried on the front page of The Oregonian, Portland  
daily newspaper, December 31, 1963 issue, as a photograph of  
the Elizabeth Cronin who was an employee of the Tax Collector's  
Office, Portland, Oregon, from May 4, 1934 to October 31, 1945.

Miss Cronin was aged 33 in 1934. She exhibited  
evidence of delusions of persecution prior to her discharge  
from the Collector's Office on October 31, 1945, by Sheriff  
Martin Pratt (now deceased). Groce stated that Sheriff Pratt  
discharged her for insubordination after she called the  
sheriff a "big fat politician."

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Mr. [redacted] said he has had no contact with Miss Cronin since 1945 and knows nothing about her activities or condition since that time.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535  
January 7, 1964

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Date: December 31, 1963

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (89-67) (P)  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,  
11/22/63, Dallas, Texas  
OO: DALLAS

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a LHM captioned CONRAD and ANGIE MAXWELL.

Two copies of this LHM are enclosed for the Dallas Office and one copy for the Miami Office for information. One copy is being furnished U. S. Secret Service, San Antonio.

It is to be noted that initially this information was furnished the Dallas Office by FD-302s and returned to San Antonio for submission of the information in LHM.

The information set forth in enclosed LHM from [redacted] was enclosed in an insert which was submitted to the Dallas Office by Miami airtel to Dallas dated 12/3/63 (Interoffice).

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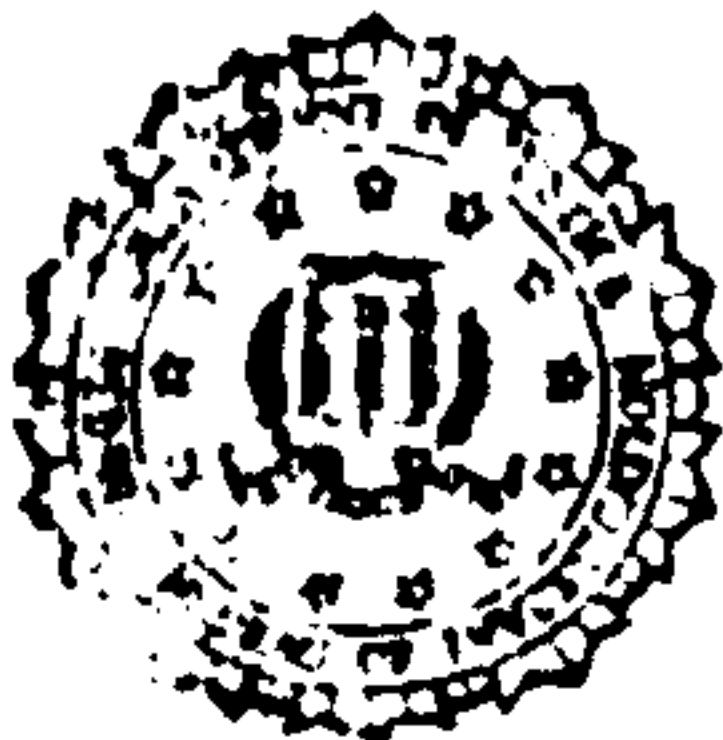
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San Antonio, Texas

December 31, 1963

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CONRAD AND ANGIE MAXWELL

On December 2, 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Homestead, Florida, advised [REDACTED] Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that about one and one-half years ago while in Laredo, Texas, he visited with some old acquaintances by the name of CONRAD and ANGIE MAXWELL whom he has known over a period of about fifteen years through previous visits to Texas.

He said at the time of this visit during the [REDACTED] a discussion of communism arose and that ANGIE MAXWELL made a comment that she hated President KENNEDY and "all that he was trying to do" and that she also posed the question "What is he trying to do with the Spanish-speaking people?"

[REDACTED] said he was unable to recall specific details concerning this discussion but that he did recall that ANGIE MAXWELL made the specific statement that she was an avowed communist and a backer of FIDEL CASTRO.

[REDACTED] said he did not know what CONRAD MAXWELL's feelings were in this regard to the United States Government but to the best of his recollection CONRAD MAXWELL was "washed out" of the U. S. Air Force during World War II.

On December 13, 1963, TOM GALLAGHER, Inspector and Assistant Chief of Police, Laredo, Texas, advised that he has known ANGIE and CONRAD MAXWELL for approximately 20 years, during which time he has visited with them in their home and been socially acquainted with them.

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RE: CONRAD AND ANGIE MAXWELL

Inspector GALLAGHER advised that he knows that CONRAD MAXWELL is a very heavy drinker and is frequently unemployed. He stated that Mrs. MAXWELL has worked for years as Manager of Las Damas Elegantes Dress Shop in Laredo. GALLAGHER further advised that Mr. MAXWELL has expressed pressure on himself inasmuch as he does not have to work and his wife support the family.

GALLAGHER stated that during his years of acquaintance with the MAXWELLS he has never known either ANGIE or CONRAD and has never heard anything which would indicate that they are pro-castro.

He further stated that to his knowledge, the MAXWELLS are not involved in any type of subversive activities.

On December 12, 1963, [REDACTED] Laredo Retail Merchants Association, Laredo, Texas, advised that [her] records reflect that credit rating for CONRAD and ANGIE MAXWELL is rated C [REDACTED]

[She] stated that Laredo Retail Merchants Association had received a credit report from Louisiana which stated that CONRAD MAXWELL was born and reared in Opelousas, Louisiana, the son of the late THOMAS MAXWELL, photographer, and Mrs. MARGUERITE MAXWELL. The report stated that MAXWELL attended school in Opelousas, was never regularly employed, joined the Army and returned after several years. [REDACTED]

On December 12, 1963, [MANUEL VASQUEZ] Identification Division, Laredo, Texas Police Department, advised SA ELDON E. HASTINGS that his files contain no arrest record for either CONRAD MAXWELL or ANGIE MAXWELL.

RE: CONRAD AND ANGIE MAXWELL

The indices of the San Antonio FBI Office fail to contain any information identifiable with CONRAD or ANGIE MAXWELL.

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Date: 1/2/64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

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

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReBuairtel to Baltimore dated 12/23/63 and Dallas airtel to Miami dated 12/27/63, both of which relate to investigation of JACK L. HODGE.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for Dallas is one copy of the letterhead memorandum.

- 3 - Bureau (Encl-6) (AM)
  - 1 - Dallas (89-43) (Info) (Encl-1)
  - 2 - Miami
- FPG:sll  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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C.C. McE...

Received to Sec. 1/7/64  
R. [Signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Miami, Florida  
January 2, 1964

RE: JACK LEE HODGE

Information was received that on November 16, 1963, an unknown man telephoned long distance from Wheaton, Maryland, to a woman, apparently his wife, in Florida. During the telephone conversation, the man allegedly mentioned that someone would be killed, the state of Texas was also mentioned, and the man allegedly stated the woman would read about it in the newspaper. The woman identified the caller as "Jack."

Inquiry indicated that the caller may possibly be one Jack L. Hodge, Eau Gallie, Florida, who was allegedly in the Washington, D. C. area on approximately November 16, 1963, seeking employment.

Jack Lee Hodge, who advised he was born March 2, 1921, at Huntington, West Virginia, on December 20, 1963, stated he is an unemployed electronics engineer; that he was last employed by Comprehensive Designers, Inc., a sub-contractor, doing work for Radiation, Inc., Palm Bay, Florida; and that while so employed, he had had a "secret" clearance. He stated he was discharged from this employment on November 8, 1963; that he and his wife, Patricia Hodge, left Palm Bay, Florida, November 8, 1963, spent one night at Melbourne, Florida, and then traveled to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Hodge said that on November 9, 1963, he left his wife in Fort Lauderdale and traveled to Washington, D. C., to seek employment with Defense Electronics, Rockville, Maryland. He said he stayed one night at Arlington, Virginia, and then moved to Rockville, Maryland, where he remained until November 19, 1963. Hodge's anticipated employment did not materialize and he returned to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Hodge said that while in Rockville, Maryland, he made several long distance telephone calls to his wife in Fort Lauderdale. He stated that he had also made other long distance calls; that most of the calls were made from

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telephone booths near the Rainbow Motel Lodge, Rockville Heights, Rockville, Maryland. He said he also made one or more calls from the Rockville Bar.

Hodge stated he has a brother, ~~Charles A. Hodge~~, who resides at 2217 18th Street, Lubbock, Texas, and that he also has a close friend, ~~Bruce Stanbaugh~~, who lives in Denton, Texas, but is now working in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Hodge said that during early November, 1963, Stanbaugh was involved in an automobile accident in Texas; that prior to leaving Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Hodge received a letter telling of the accident and while he was in Maryland, he telephonically contacted Stanbaugh's wife in Texas regarding the accident. Hodge recalled that during one conversation with his wife, he mentioned the accident and stated that Stanbaugh could have been killed in the Texas accident. Hodge stated that he could not recall making any reference to his wife's having read about this or anything else in a newspaper. Hodge denied knowledge of any killings in Texas and also denied that he had discussed any such thing by telephone or by any other means with his wife or any organization. Hodge denied any acquaintanceship or association in any way with Lee Harvey Oswald or anyone else in Dallas, Texas. He denied any knowledge of or any connection with the assassination of President Kennedy and indicated he knew nothing of the assassination until it was announced publicly on November 22, 1963.

Patricia Hodge, wife of Jack Lee Hodge, corroborated the information furnished by her husband. She recalled that her husband had called her several times from Maryland around November 16, 1963, but denied that he had made any statement about a killing in Texas which she would read about in the newspaper. Patricia Hodge also cited the automobile accident involving Stanbaugh and indicated that Jack Hodge had discussed this incident during his calls, indicating that Stanbaugh could have been killed in Texas.

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Date 1/6/64

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Via Airtel Registered  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (89-17) (RUC)  
John F.  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT/KENNEDY

OO: Dallas

Re: [REDACTED]

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning [REDACTED]. Two copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished the Dallas Office for their information.

On 1/4/64, the Portsmouth, Virginia, Police Department received a letter reportedly written by [REDACTED] Portsmouth, Virginia, confessing to his participation in the killing of President KENNEDY. Investigation in Portsmouth reflects that the letter was actually written by [REDACTED], wife of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a mentally ill person who has been separated from her husband, [REDACTED], since 1946.

No dissemination was made to the U. S. Secret Service at Norfolk regarding this letter and no further action is being taken by the Norfolk Division UACB.

The letter written by [REDACTED] and the handwriting samples obtained from [REDACTED] are being maintained in the Norfolk Division.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 10) (Registered)
- 2 - Dallas (Enc. 2) (Registered)
- 1 - Norfolk

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 1-6-64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (89-41)  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS  
AFO

Re Dallas Airtel to Oklahoma City 12-23-63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies and for Dallas one copy of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information furnished by PAUL F. KEPLEY, Okmulgee, Oklahoma on 12-12-63 and setting out information by [redacted] Okmulgee, Oklahoma on 12-12-63, regarding captioned matter.

By letter dated 12-13-63, JACK C. NIELSEN, Special Agent in Charge, Secret Service, Oklahoma City, Okla. advised the Oklahoma City Office that NIELSEN had received correspondence from one [redacted] Okmulgee, Oklahoma which indicates that one PAUL KEPLEY has information concerning the assassination of the President in Dallas. NIELSEN advised the Secret Service was conducting no investigation in this matter and that it was being forwarded to the FBI for appropriate action.

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  - 1 - Dallas (Enc.1)
  - 1 - Oklahoma City
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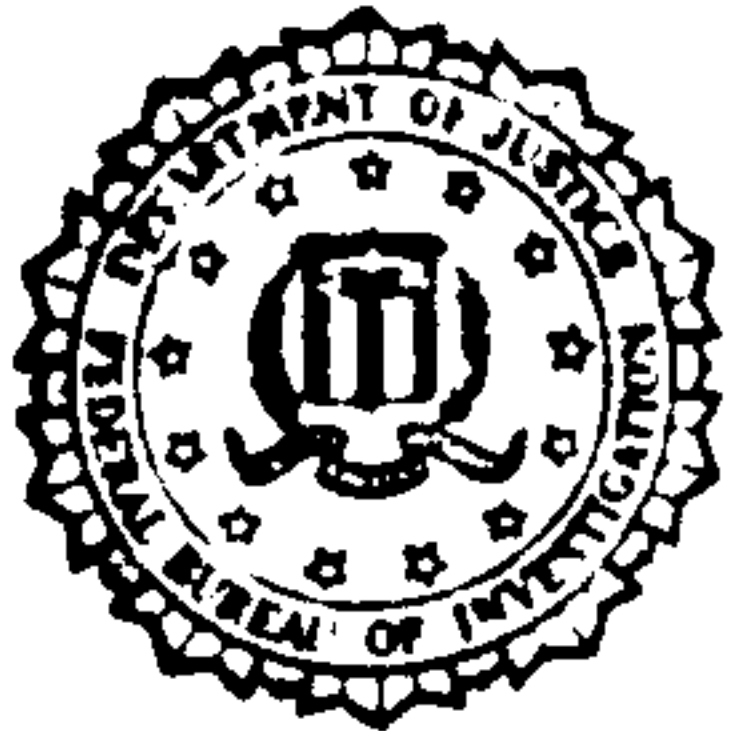
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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

January 6, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

ASSASSINATION OF  
PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963

On December 12, 1963, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Okmulgee, Oklahoma was interviewed  
by Special Agent Joseph Y. Cates concerning a letter he  
sent to the Secret Service in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
reflecting statements allegedly made by Paul Kepley,  
Okmulgee, regarding the assassination of President Kennedy.  
[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

He advised that he and Kepley first became acquainted  
on November 22, 1963, the day President Kennedy was  
assassinated when they worked together unloading beer for  
Bryan and Sons, Okmulgee; however, he had heard of  
Kepley through his father, Ted Kepley, who runs a locksmith  
shop on North Morton Street, Okmulgee.

[REDACTED] said he was with Paul Kepley in Paul's  
father's shop along with others on December 3, 1963, and  
they were discussing Kennedy's assassination when Paul  
Kepley said he heard on a news broadcast on December 2, 1963,  
that Oswald was not guilty and they were going to hang  
Ruby. [REDACTED] said Kepley said "I knew all along that Oswald  
was not guilty. How could he have fired a bolt action rifle  
three times in five seconds?" [REDACTED] said another man who  
was present said to Kepley "The FBI said Oswald was guilty",  
and Kepley said "They don't know everything." [REDACTED]  
said Kepley also said during their discussion that he did not  
like Kennedy. [REDACTED] advised Kepley said he was in Dallas,  
Texas when Oswald was shot but later said he was about eight  
miles from Dallas when Oswald was shot. [REDACTED] said Kepley  
seemed serious when he was talking.

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PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

██████████ said Kepley is a white male, about 21 or 22, a good worker, but odd acting. He said when Kepley talks to anyone he will look away and will hardly look at the one he is talking to. ██████████ advised Kepley resides on West 6th Street, Okmulgee.

He stated that Kepley's sister, Augusta Kepley, is married to a serviceman but does not know his name. He said Augusta is an American, was in Germany with her husband for about three years, and came back to the United States around the first of November of this year.

He said Kepley said Augusta was going to Dallas, Texas to open a night club, and he, Kepley, was going to work for her.

██████████ said Kepley stated he had been to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on December 2, 1963, to take a physical examination for the Army.

██████████ advised that Paul Kepley goes to Garland, Texas quite often to visit his mother, an Indian, who resides there most of the time and resides in Okmulgee part of the time.

On December 12, 1963, Paul F. Kepley, 1341 West 6th Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma was interviewed by Special Agent Joseph Y. Cates at his father's, Ted C. Kepley's Door Closer Shop, 204 North Morton Street, Okmulgee, concerning statements reportedly made by him on December 3, 1963, in his father's shop in the presence of others regarding the assassination of President Kennedy. He was interviewed in the presence of his father and mother, and at the onset of the interview he was advised that he did not have to say anything, anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney. No threats, promises, or force were used to get him to make a statement. He furnished the following information:

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He advised he did not recall what he said or did on December 3, 1963; however, he believed he was at home, 1341 West 6th Street, Okmulgee, on that date. He said he has made the statement in the past that he did not like President Kennedy, but his only reason for saying that is because he did not like some of the things Kennedy did and that he (Kepley) is a Republican. He said the only statement that he recalled making recently was, "In my opinion I don't think Oswald was guilty." Kepley said he does not in his own opinion believe Oswald was the type of person from looking at his pictures in the papers and on television who could have killed the President. Kepley stated in spite of what he said about not liking Kennedy, he did not want him killed or anyone for that matter. Kepley said he drank and it is possible he could have made some statements while drunk which he does not recall.

He stated he has no information concerning Kennedy's assassination other than what he had read in the newspapers and saw on television.

Kepley advised he was in Garland, Texas in the vicinity of 2525 Lakeside Drive picking up some friends to go deer hunting in Texarkana, Texas on his sister's, Madeline Ruth Long, farm the day Oswald was killed.

Kepley advised his sister, Augusta Kepley Reed, resides at his mother's home, 1220 Nash Street, Garland, Texas; is married to Sergeant Ivan W. Reed who is in the U. S. Army and stationed in Germany; she has four children and does not plan to open a business any place.

Kepley said he went to Oklahoma City on December 2, 1963, to take a physical examination upon instructions of Local Draft Board No. 58, Okmulgee. He furnished his Selective Service Notice of Classification card which reflects his Selective Service Number to be 34 58 43 42 and that he was classified in 1-A on March 30, 1962.

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Date: 1/7/64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43)  
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISC. INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Little Rock airtel to the Director, 12/18/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS, RE: DEWEY A. JORDAN."

JORDAN was interviewed at Dallas, Texas, by SAS WILLIAM G. BROOKHART and GEORGE T. BINNEY.

Two copies of letterhead memorandum being furnished locally to Secret Service, Dallas.

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2-Dallas  
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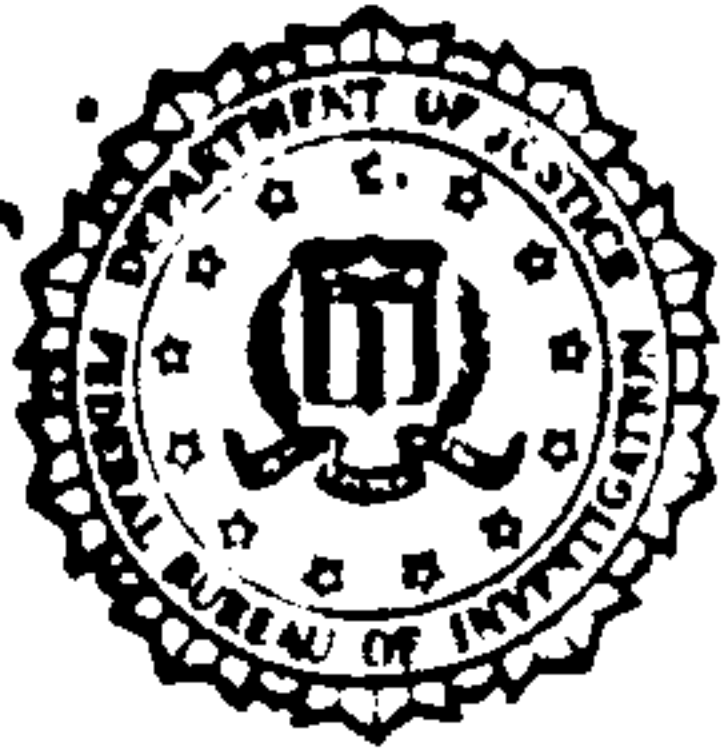
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer  
File No.

1114 Commerce Street

Dallas, Texas 75202

January 7, 1964

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

RE: DEWEY A. JORDAN

On December 17, 1963, the Little Rock Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was advised by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both of Paris, Arkansas, that Dewey Jordan, of Dallas, Texas, made the comment in the summer of 1963 that President Kennedy would be killed if he ever came to Dallas. *B NOV 6, 1963*

On January 2, 1964, [REDACTED] Merchants Retail Credit, 2112 Jackson, Dallas, Texas, advised that the records of [her] office indicate that Dewey A. Jordan, wife Lena H. Jordan, reside at 4006 University Boulevard, Dallas, Texas. [REDACTED] advised that all information available would be as of 1958. Jordan was described as age 58 and employed by Edwin D. Cox Company, Dallas, Texas, since 1951, in charge of production and as general superintendent. He was formerly employed by the Atlantic Refining Company from 1927 to 1951, and had previously resided at Midland, Texas, where he had been transferred from Great Bend, Kansas, in 1939.

[REDACTED] advised that Jordan's credit was rated as satisfactory.

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RE: DEWEY A. JORDAN

On January 4, 1964, Mr. Dewey A. Jordan, 4005 University Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at his residence. He was advised that he did not have to say anything, that any statement which he did make would be voluntary, that he had a right to consult an attorney, and that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law.

Mr. Jordan advised he had no reason not to talk to the FBI and he categorically denied any remarks to the effect he had made the statement that President Kennedy was hated in Dallas, Texas, and would not live if he came to Dallas.

Mr. Jordan said he disagreed with President Kennedy for purely political reasons only, and that he admired him as a person and as a family man.

Mr. Jordan said on the day that President Kennedy was in Dallas that he was going up in the elevator in the Adolphus Tower office building and remarked to some individuals, whose identities he could not recall, that someone, name unknown, said that the cavalcade moved along the streets in downtown Dallas so fast that they couldn't get a chance to see the President. Jordan said he remarked it was probably moving so fast because he wasn't liked very well by the people of Dallas.

Jordan said he never remarked at any time that he wished to see President Kennedy harmed in any way. He said that he never made any such statement, either in Dallas, Texas, or in any other part of the United States.

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E: DEWEY A. JORDAN

The following description of Jordan is based upon observation and interview:

Name	Dewey A. Jordan
Date of Birth	November 6, 1898
Place of Birth	Minneapolis, Kansas
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	195 pounds
Hair	White and balding
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars and Marks	Cut or operation scar on right side of neck
Occupation	Oil production,
Employer	Edwin B. Cox 2100 Adolphus Tower Dallas, Texas

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

URGENT 11-29-63 8-08 PM CST HEP  
TO DIRECTOR AND SACS NEW YORK, DALLAS.

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON.

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /89-45/ 2P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO,  
LAST, DALLAS, TEXAS. OO DALLAS.

RE/STEPHEN YVES L/EANDES.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

A REVIEW OF THE QUOTE THUNDERBOLT END QUOTE NEWSPAPERS FILED IN  
BIRMINGHAM OFFICE FAILS TO LOCATE THE PHOTOGRAPH OF L/EANDES TAKEN  
BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD. ISSUE NUMBER THIRTYEIGHT, JANUARY SIXTYTWO,  
ISSUE THIRTYNINE, FEBRUARY, SIXTYTWO, ISSUE FORTY, MARCH SIXTYTWO,  
ISSUE FORTYONE, APRIL, SIXTYTWO, ISSUE NUMBER FORTYTWO, MAY SIXTYTWO,  
ISSUE FORTYTHREE, JULY SIXTYTWO, ISSUE FORTYFOUR, AUGUST SIXTYTWO,  
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SIXTYTWO, ISSUE FORTYSEVEN, NOVEMBER, SIXTYTWO, ISSUE FORTYEIGHT,  
JANUARY, SIXTYTHREE, ISSUE FORTYNINE, FEBRUARY, SIXTYTHREE, ISSUE  
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cc Rosen

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FOR INFORMATION OF NEW YORK AND DALLAS THE QUOTE THUNDERBOLT  
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IN BIRMINGHAM. DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF NSRP  
REFUSE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI.

NEW YORK SHOULD FURNISH OTHER DETAILS AS TO APPROXIMATE DATE  
PHOTOGRAPH APPEARED IN QUOTE THUNDERBOLT END QUOTE AND SOURCE OF  
THIS INFORMATION. IT IS NOTED THAT THE ABOVE LISTED QUOTE THUNDERBOLTSS  
END QUOTE SHOW ISSUE FORTYTWO FOR MAY, SIXTYTWO AND ISSUE  
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THUNDERBOLT END QUOTE WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN SEPTMEBER AND OCTOBER,  
SIXTYTHREE. THUS FROM JANUARY SIXTYTWO THROUGH NOVEMBER, SIXTYTHREE,  
SEVENTEEN ISSUES OF THE QUOTE THUNDERBOLT END QUOTE WERE PRINTED.  
THE CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION AT THE BUREAU, WHO ALSO HAS COPIES OF  
THE QUOTE THUNDERBOLT END QUOTE IS REQUESTED TO CHECK ITS FILES AND  
ASCERTAIN IF THEY HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF ISSUES DURING THIS PERIOD,  
AND IF ANY OF THEM CONTAIN A PHOTOGRAPH OF L/EANDES TAKEN BY  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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*Review of available issues of  
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question 11/2/63 RAB*

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11/2/63  
RAB*

FBI

Date: 12/30/63

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (62-6115)

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

ReBuairtel dated 12/27/63.

Chicago teletype and airtel dated 12/19/63, captioned, "LLOYD JOHN WILSON, Aka sets forth results of interview with WILSON, which occurred on 12/19/63. These communications reflect WILSON given honorable discharge from United States Air Force on 12/17/63. Both the Bureau and Dallas were furnished letterhead memorandums suitable for dissemination.

*cc - sent to C-2, FBI, OSI, CRD  
IS & ad on 12-23-63.*

*Refer to return necessary for*

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C. C. Wick

Approved: 93 *J. DWS*

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Special Agent in Charge  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: ~~LEE HARVEY OSWALD~~

~~IS - R~~

*Assassination of President  
John F. Kennedy  
12 Dallas Texas*

File # 62-109060

Lab. # PC-78397 HB

Examination requested by: SAC, Detroit (100-31965)

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Examination requested: Spectrographic - Document

Date received: 12/4/63 hw

Result of Examination:

Examination by: *Heiberger*

*Specimens submitted for examination*

- Q199 Scrapings from ~~word~~ "Oswald" and "future man of destiny" 1
- Q200 Samples from "man of destiny" 2
- Q201 Samples from "Lee Oswald, Dallas, Texas" 3
- Q202 Samples from "Apr. 4, 1963" 4
- Q203 Sample from ~~word~~ "future" 5
- Q204 Samples taken from all words and figures 6
- Q205 Samples taken from both sides of boxcar 7
- Q206 Samples obtained ~~xxx~~ from Oswald notation 12
- K45 Samples outside boxcar 8
- K46 Sample outside boxcar 9
- K47 Samples outside boxcar 10
- K48 Scrapings from east side of boxcar 11

Also Submitted: Two photographs - *12/5/63*

*Q 205 light yellow station card bearing*

*Q 206 light yellow station card bearing*

*K 45 - 11*

*K 45 7 JAN 14 1964*

RECORDED  
12/4/63

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R

File #  
Lab. # PC-78397 HB

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Examination requested by: SAC, Detroit (100-31965) (let 12/3)

Examination requested: Spectrographic - Document Date received: 12/4/63 hw

Result of Examination: Examination by: Heiberger

Dict: A definite conclusion could not be reached whether Lee Harvey Oswald, K4 and K5 in this case, prepared the hand printing in chalk on the inside of the box car due to the peculiar nature of the questioned handprinting. *shown in the photographs listed as "also submitted"*

Admin: A number of hand printing similarities were noted between the questioned hand printing and the available known hand printing of Lee Harvey Oswald which indicate the questioned hand printing could well have been prepared by Oswald. K4 + K5. A photograph of the hand printing in the Box Car is attached for Dallas.

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q199 Scrapings from name Oswald
- Q200 Samples from man of destiny
- Q201 Samples from Lee Oswald, Dallas, Texas
- Q202 Samples from Apr. 4, 1963
- Q203 Sample from word future
- Q204 Samples taken from all words and figures
- Q205 Samples taken from both sides boxcar
- Q206 Samples obtained ~~xxx~~ from Oswald notation
  
- K45 Samples outside boxcar
- K46 Sample outside boxcar
- K47 Samples outside boxcar
- K48 Scrapings from east side of boxcar

Also Submitted: Two photographs of the handprinting inside New York Central Box Car # 1244 75.

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 To check age of shells or when put  
 to sample of P.P. lath.

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X-45-47		+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
2199-203	2nd	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+

Q 2 are light yellow in color } entirely different color  
 (darker)  
 K 2 are dark yellow in color }

Cl/Cl<sub>2</sub> - white on white - day  
 Cl/Cl<sub>2</sub> - on K<sub>2</sub>

Antonia bleed Q<sub>2</sub> white - day

JA - 7A on Q<sub>2</sub>  
 - on K<sub>2</sub>

P.P.P. on K<sub>2</sub> 4X-18415 } White shell  
 R.F.P. K<sub>1</sub> - 84247 } 27mm length  
 7mm width

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Date: 12-31-63

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-8255) and SAC's ATLANTA,  
KANSAS CITY, OKLAHOMA CITY and SAN ANTONIO

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

B. J. JAMES, aka "BRJ"; JOHN CONNALLY,  
GOVERNOR, STATE OF TEXAS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
OO: SAN ANTONIO

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN  
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11-22-63,  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
OO: DALLAS  
DALLAS FILE 89-43

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka  
IS R CUBA  
OO: DALLAS  
DALLAS FILE 100-10461

Re San Antonio teletype to Bureau and Oklahoma City  
12-27-63 which is quoted as follows:

"Today O. NEWT HUMPHREYS, Jr., Chief, Internal  
Security Division, Texas DPS, Austin, Texas, made available to

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Atlanta
- 2 - Kansas City
- 2 - Oklahoma City
- 2 - San Antonio
- 2 - Dallas (100-10461)

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SOVIET SECTION  
JAMES

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FILED IN 100-10461

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

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

DP 100-10461

SA H. T. BURK a typewritten letter to Honorable JOHN CONNALLY postmarked McAlester, Okla. but bearing typewritten initials

12-12-63 addressed Texas, Austin, Texas, 10 P.M., unsigned

Return typed address on envelope reads 'B. J. JAMES, General Delivery, McAlester, Oklahoma'. HUMPEREYS advised above letter turned over to his office as 'crank letter' by Governor's Office and inquiry through Chief of Police, McAlester, Okla., failed to identify B. J. JAMES or B. R. JAMES and Texas DPS unable to identify same from available information. Letter reads as follows:

December 12, 1963, Honorable JOHN CONNALLY, Governor, State of Texas, Austin, Texas.  
Dear Governor CONNALLY, LYNDON JOHNSON was desperate to be President of the United States and Major EDWIN A. WALKER is desperate to be Governor of the State of Texas. What were these men's chances to achieve their ambition with JOHN F. KENNEDY and JOHN CONNALLY alive? --- So they began early in 1963 to plan the assassination of YOU and President KENNEDY. It was understood that Mr. JOHNSON would immediately take over the duties as President of the U. S. and be in a position to direct all investigations into the assassinations; as has been the case thus far. Following a closeout of investigations Mr. JOHNSON was to begin using his influence as President to aid Major WALKER's bid for Governor of Texas during the next election in Texas.

Trace all LEADS - Major WALKER had his house fired into early in the year. Mr. JOHNSON had a private interview filmed of himself in which he stated how happy he was as Vice President. At the same time it had been hinted that Mr. JOHNSON might be dropped from the Democratic ticket as President KENNEDY's running mate in 1964. Mr. JOHNSON remembered what happened to JACK GARNER and HENRY WALLACE. Hence they began the plans for the double assassination.

'You will note that Major WALKER has been a frequent visitor to New Orleans, the place where OSWALD has lived until it was announced that President KENNEDY was coming to Texas. (Who arranged this Texas trip for the President?) Who secured this job for OSWALD in this PARTICULAR building? Whose STATION wagon from Texas had transported OSWALD to and from New Orleans? Who arranged the parade in Dallas? Who designated this particular MEET at this PARTICULAR hour? Why was Mr. JOHNSON's car arranged so far from the President's car? Why the Governor, President and Vice President were riding together in the same car and Mr. JOHNSON's car was not? Why did Major WALKER leave the President's car? Why the President didn't offer you, the President more protection than a BOY SCOUT PATROL of boys with hand axes? Why was the LADY judge so handy for swearing Mr. JOHNSON in as President? Pen her in for information. Why was she so well prepared to go on the plane? Whose Bible was used? Why nothing has been said about her since? Why Mr. JOHNSON didn't let Mr. HOOVER and the FBI complete the investigation? Why bring Justice WARREN into the picture? Mr. JOHNSON knows that Justice WARREN is not going into the South to gather information about President KENNEDY's assassination. Mr. JOHNSON knows that Judge WARREN is not well favored by the leading politicians of the South. Mr. JOHNSON knows that the people in authority in the South are not going to give Judge WARREN much information about the assassination of President KENNEDY.

'Why is Mr. JOHNSON shielding his girls with so much protection? (He is afraid someone will get information from them about the assassination).

'Mrs. JOHNSON's family and friends are mostly located in Alabama and some high officials from down that way have been recent visitors to President KENNEDY's home state. For what purpose?



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- 'You are still the number ONE man on the JOHNSON and WALKER LIST. If they are not exposed and brought to trial they will continue to carry through their plans.
- 'All these threats on Major WALKER and Mr. JOHNSON are prepared hoax to divert attention from their HIDEOUS crimes.
- 'Who had OSWALD's wife to lie about the April shooting into the WALKER home??????
- 'Has there been an investigation of the LBJ Ranch to see if they were really prepared for the President and his party?
- 'Why some of the party didn't go to the ranch?
- 'It is understood that there was not to have been a Dallas parade. Who planned it? Why along this street where OSWALD had been working?????
- 'What about the other workers of this building?
- 'RUBY was selected beforehand to carry out this mission--just in case./s/ BRJ'

"The above letter has been discussed with USA, San Antonio on 12-27-63 and prosecution under extortion statute declined.

"OC endeavor to identify JAMES.

"Secret Service will be advised if JAMES is considered potentially dangerous."

Dallas indices reflect B. J. JAMES is one of many aliases of BRIDGEMAN SOLOMON PRICE, FBI No. 451137, who in January, 1960 was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	7-4-92 or 94 at Johnson County, Georgia

100-10461

Height	5' 6"
Weight	194 lbs.
Hair	White
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Wears moustache and glasses; well-dressed

The information available in the Dallas files reflects that PRICE was sentenced 11-22-57 to seven years in custody of the Attorney General, by U. S. District Judge FRANK A. HOOPER, in Georgia (Atlanta file 87-2762; Bufiles 87-45727, 62-20548 and 50-2683).

Dallas files also reflect that on 1-22-60 PRICE was removed from the El Paso County Jail, El Paso, Texas by the U. S. Marshal, en route to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

It is not known by the Dallas Office if PRICE is now in custody. He is known from available information at Dallas to have threatened people on several occasions.

LEADS

REQUEST OF BUREAU

Will check the identification records for PRICE under FBI No. 451137 to determine if he may now be in custody and thus eliminate him as the writer of the letter referred to above.

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Will ascertain if PRICE is in custody at the Federal Penitentiary, and, if not, determine his release date and indicated destination and set out leads to have him interviewed.

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THE ATLANTA DIVISION

Review its files concerning PRICE to determine if PRICE's present whereabouts known, and, if not in custody, set out lead to have him interviewed re letter set forth above.

All offices receiving this communication are requested to endeavor to identify JAMES in order that he may be interviewed in connection with captioned Dallas case, 100-10461.

1-8-64

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, Dallas (100-10461)**

**FROM: Director, FBI (105-82555)**

62-109060

**B. J. JAMES, AKA "BRJ"; JOHN CONNALLY,  
GOVERNOR, STATE OF TEXAS - VICTIM**

**EXTORTION**

**OO: SAN ANTONIO**

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN**

**FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11-22-63,**

**DALLAS, TEXAS**

**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING**

**OO: DALLAS**

**DALLAS FILE (89-43)**

**LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.**

**IS R CUBA**

**OO: DALLAS**

**DALLAS FILE (100-10461)**

Reurairtel 12-31-63 captioned as above.

Records of the Identification Division indicate that Eldridge Solomon Price, FBI Number 451137 was received at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth on 1-24-60 to commence serving a seven year sentence. These records further indicate he was transferred to the FCI, Seagoville, Texas, on 11-13-62. Identification records do not indicate if Price is still incarcerated.

For the information of receiving offices, the data contained in San Antonio teletype to the Bureau and Oklahoma City dated 12-27-63 was furnished to the headquarters of Secret Service on 12-30-63. Logical efforts should be continued to identify sender of the anonymous communication.

- 3 - Atlanta
- 2 - Oklahoma City
- 2 - Kansas City
- 2 - San Antonio

1 - J. P. O'Keeffe

1 - O. H. Bartlett

RDR:map

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82 JAN 15 1964 <sup>93</sup> DATE YELLOW

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**NOTE:**

Above referenced Dallas airtel and San Antonio tel 12-27-63 relates to a communication dated 12-12-63 directed to Governor John Connally of Texas, which was postmarked at McAlester, Oklahoma, on 12-16-63, and bore the return address of B. J. James. The letter, which was quite lengthy, indicates the assassination of President Kennedy and the wounding of Connally was a deliberate conspiracy on the part of President Lyndon Johnson and Major General Edwin A. Walker to eliminate President Kennedy and Governor Connally so that they could succeed to the Presidency of the United States and Governorship of Texas. It also cautions Governor Connally to be careful as he is "the number one man on the Johnson and Walker list." This information has been furnished to Secret Service in Washington, D. C.

In re airtel Dallas has come up with a suspect in Eldridge Solomon Price, who has in the past threatened people. Investigation is being conducted to run Price out as a suspect.

Identification Division records checked by Louise Oakes on 1-3-64 and furnished to Rogge.

Inasmuch as this letter was directed to the Governor of Texas and makes allegations concerning prominent individuals, including the President of the United States, it is felt we should make reasonable efforts to determine the author of the communication.

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Date: 1-6-64

To: Director, FBI

(Bufile : )

Attention : \_\_\_\_\_

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

( 105-364 )

SECRET

Title ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11-22-63 Dallas, Texas		Character MTC
		Reference

Remarks:



The enclosures are being submitted for information purposes.

*1cc cos. Public Encls.  
To OX & SA  
1/19/64*

SECRET

Dissemination

- May be made as received
- May be made as indicated by stamp on enclosure

Classified by 2040 7/2/77  
Exempt from GDS, Category 1  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

Following offices would be interested in receiving copies of enclosures:

Dallas

Status with this office:

- RUC
- Pending

3 - Bureau (1 cc - Dallas)

(Enc. 3)

1 cc Ottawa

(4) Jhc

**ENCLOSURE ATTACHED**

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FBI

Date: 1/2/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
Attention: FBI Laboratory  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (89-35)(P)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

439454

Re Miami teletype to Bureau and Dallas, 11/20 P.M., 11/23/63; Miami airtel to Bureau dated 11/25/63; Miami airtel to Bureau dated 11/27/63; Bureau letter to Miami dated 11/29/63; FBI Laboratory report dated 11/29/63, Laboratory file D-436724AX.

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of hand printed specimens of JOHN T. DUTCHER and DANIEL QUINN. These specimens were forwarded to the Miami Office by JOHN A. MARSHALL, Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, Miami. Mr. MARSHALL's letter indicates that on 12/21/63, his Service questioned DUTCHER and QUINN at Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. MARSHALL requested that the hand printing on the enclosures be compared with the hand printing appearing on an anonymous post card received by the "Palm Beach Times," West Palm Beach, Fla., which has previously been furnished to the Laboratory. Mr. MARSHALL stated that the original hand printing specimens, if needed, are available at U. S. Secret Service, Protective Research Section, Washington, D. C.

The Laboratory is requested to conduct the indicated examination.

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- 4 - Bureau (Encl-2) (AM)(RM)
  - 2 - Miami
- FDG:slr  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_  
Per \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL AGENT REMAINED IN LAB  
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K55

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*[Handwritten initials]*

12 DEC 1963  
62-10906-2198  
JAN 4 1964



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Miami (89-35)**

Date: **January 9, 1964**

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
No: JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11-22-63,  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION  
CONCERNING**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FBI File No.  
Lab. No.

62-109060

D-439454 AX

Examination requested by: **Miami**  
Reference: **Airtel 1-2-64**  
Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks: **////// Specimens received 1-6-64**

**Kc54 Photocopy of sheet of paper bearing known hand printing of JOHN T. DUTCHER**

**Kc55 Photocopy of sheet of paper bearing known hand printing of DANIEL QUINN**

Remarks:

MAILED  
JAN 9 - 1964  
COMM-FBI

The limited hand printing on the postcard, Q60, previously submitted, is highly distorted and does not contain sufficient number of significant hand printing characteristics for an adequate comparison with Kc54 and Kc55.

Q60 is a postal card bearing postmark "RIVIERA BEACH, FLA. NOV 22 1963 8 PM" addressed "The Palm Beach Times West Palm Beach, Florida" and bearing hand printed message on reverse side "Mission fulfilled. The rest of the Kennedys next."

The submitted evidence is retained.

No Laboratory report is being made.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Dallas (89-48)

1 - Mr. Schutz, Room 5722 (Sent direct)

1 - Mr. Turner, Room 649 RB (Sent direct)

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*John F. Schutz*  
649 RB  
5722



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FBI

Date: 1/6/64 + L... ..

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (62-455) (P)  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS TEXAS.  
AFO

Re Dallas airtel to Tampa 1/2/64 (IO).

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of letterhead memorandum containing information relative to EDISON VANCE SMITH. This letterhead memo supplements letterhead memo submitted by Dallas on 12/21/63, captioned "Unknown Subject, aka EDISON VANCE SMITH".

The source of the information is EDISON VANCE SMITH, who specifically requested that his identity not be disclosed, and that he desired that his supervisor and fellow employees not know that he was interviewed by the FBI.

Two copies of above described letterhead memorandum are enclosed for the Dallas Office.

The Bureau will note that SMITH claims he was instrumental in developing information concerning Nazi espionage in the vicinity of Saranac Lake, New York, during World War II.

C.C. Wick

- 3-Bureau (Encl 10) (RM)
- 2-Dallas (89-43) (Encl 2) (RM)
- 1-Tampa
- LEB/dk
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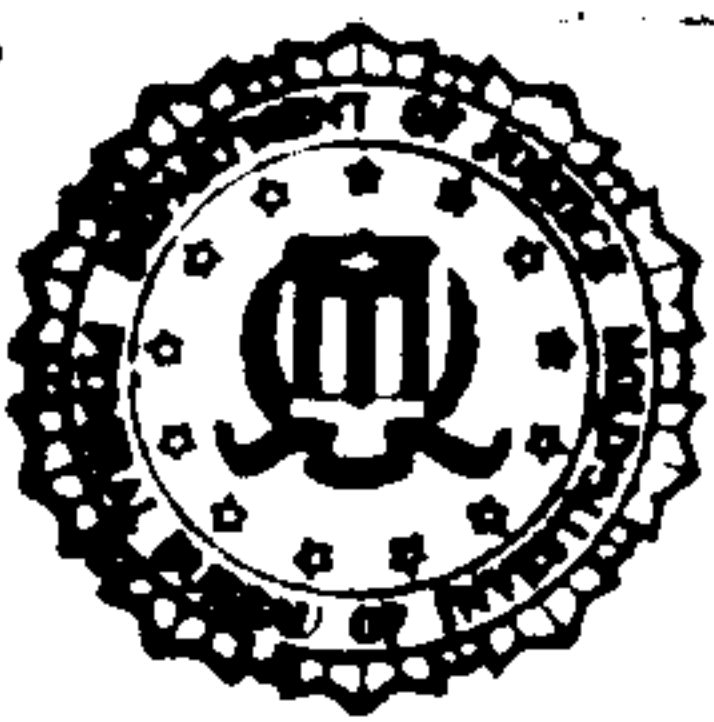
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US Corp of Eng called  
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Approved: [Signature] Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Tampa, Florida  
January 6, 1964

EDISON VANCE SMITH

This memorandum supplements memorandum dated December 21, 1963, and captioned "Unknown Subject, also known as EDISON VANCE SMITH".

A source, who has not been contacted a sufficient number of times to establish his reliability, advised on December 24, 1963, that he was certain that EDISON VANCE SMITH, Mechanical Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Merritt Island, Florida, had sent a note to E. W. SPEAR, Dallas, Texas on November 30, 1963, concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

The above source advised that the reason that SMITH sent the letter to SPEAR was that approximately November 25, 1963, SMITH overheard a conversation among five or six men in Daytona Beach, Florida, and heard one of the men say that information from the underground in Tampa was that President KENNEDY was to have been shot in Florida. Another man said that the "job had been muffed in Tampa". Source said that SMITH was of the opinion that CASTRO or Pro-CASTRO elements in Tampa were the plotters of the assassination. Source added that SMITH had been unable to further identify the men whom he had overheard.

By way of background information concerning SMITH, source advised that SMITH had been employed by the United States Corps of Engineers for the past thirty years; held the office of Grand Chef de Train, in the State of Florida, in the 40 and 8, World War I veterans' organization; and was a member of the Voiture 304 at Daytona Beach, Florida.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 6 1964

The attached album "New Year's  
1963" was sent to the Director  
Leonard H. Goldenson, President  
American Broadcasting-Paramount  
Theatres, Inc., 7 West 66 St.,  
New York 23, N. Y.

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*Handwritten note:*  
copy of album sent to  
Director

MR. TOLSON	_____
MR. BELMONT	_____
MR. MOHR	_____
MR. DELOACH	_____
MR. ANAN	_____
MR. AID	_____
MR. BACH	_____
MR. SULLIVAN	_____
MR. TAVEL	_____
MR. TROTTER	_____
MR. JONES	_____
TELE. ROOM	_____
MISS HOLMES	_____
MRS. METCALF	_____
MISS SANDY	_____

American Broadcasting Company  
7 West 66 St. New York 23, N. Y.

J. EDGAR HOOVER  
F. B. I.  
HOLC BLDG  
1ST ST & INDIANA AVE NW  
WASHINGTON D C OTW

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This album has been produced by the ABC Radio Network as an historical document in sound. It consists of events surrounding the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, radio-reported to the nation throughout the 80 hours following the first broadcast to the country and the world at 1:36 PM, Friday, November 22 on the ABC Radio Network.

We are pleased to present this album to you as a living record of tragic national events as they happened and as they were heard.

LEONARD H. GOLDENSON

PRESIDENT

CASTING-PARAMOUNT THEATRES INC.

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January 8, 1964

Mr. Leonard H. Goldenson  
President  
American Broadcasting-Paramount  
Theatres, Inc.  
7 West 66 Street  
New York 23, New York

Dear Mr. Goldenson:

The record album, "November 22,  
1963," was received on January 6, 1964, and I  
do want you to know how much I appreciate your  
kindness in sending it to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding Mr. Goldenson. The recording he sent contains news reports presented over the American Broadcasting Company Radio Network on 11-22-63, and on the days following the assassination of President Kennedy. The only mentions of the FBI on this record were in connection with news reports concerning the investigation conducted re the assassination weapon and a statement issued after the death of Lee Oswald to the effect that the investigation of this case by the FBI would continue in spite of Oswald's death.

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

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FBI

Date: Jan. 8, 1964

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (89-67) (Sub 1)  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY  
11/22/63, Dallas, Texas

Reference Portland teletype to Bureau 12/30/63,  
7:06 P. M.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies  
of a letterhead memo captioned ELIZABETH CATHERINE CRONIN.  
Also enclosed herewith are 2 copies of this LHM for Dallas  
and one for Portland for information.

Inasmuch as the information appearing in the  
LHM was obtained from Secret Service at the LBJ White  
House in Texas, no copies of this LHM are being furnished  
to Secret Service locally.

*1 cc each  
returned to [unclear] PPR*

*Documentation not  
included in [unclear] PPR*

- 3 Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 2 cc. Dallas (89-43) (Enc. 2)
- 1 cc. Portland (Enc. 1) INFO
- 2 San Antonio
- SMK:JMW
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Approved: [Signature] 81 JAN 12 1964  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
San Antonio, Texas  
January 7, 1964

ELIZABETH CATHERINE CRONIN

On December 30, 1963, Mr. RICHARD S. MC CULLY, Special Agent, U. S. Secret Service, LBJ White House, Texas, advised that a Miss ELIZABETH CATHERINE CRONIN, 1457 Exchange Street, Astoria, Oregon, was at the Johnson Motel, Johnson City, Texas. He stated that Miss CRONIN arrived in Johnson City on December 30, 1963, from Austin, Texas. He advised that she had stopped at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel in Austin prior to her travel to Johnson City. He advised that Miss CRONIN traveled by plane from Portland, Oregon, to Austin, Texas, with intention of warning President KENNEDY concerning information that she had received "television messages relating to assassination of President KENNEDY." He stated that Miss CRONIN named WELL R. YATES, also known as RADOVICH, a former employer of Miss CRONIN, as being "behind" the assassination of KENNEDY.

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According to McCULLY, Miss CRONIN worked for YATES at Portland, Oregon, from 1927 to 1929, at which time YATES was operating the National Professional Bureau, a secretarial service in the Selling Building, Portland. McCULLY said that Miss CRONIN claims to have a 12th grade education and her only living relative is a brother, EDWARD C. CRONIN, who resides at an unknown address in Sacramento, California, and is a retired cook.

Mr. McCULLY stated that Miss CRONIN was to leave Johnson City by bus at 10:30 P. M., December 30, 1963, or 10:35 A. M., December 31, 1963, to return to Astoria, Oregon, via Austin, Texas.

Mr. McCULLY described Miss CRONIN as follows:

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DOB: August 29, 1898  
Black Bear, Idaho  
Height: 5'4"  
Weight: 125  
Hair: Gray  
Eyes: Blue  
Dress: Well dressed and unemployed

Mr. McCULLY described Miss CRONIN as a "borderline mental case," and that apparently she was having no recollections.

Mr. McCULLY said that he was successful in convincing Miss CRONIN that the information she had in her possession would be passed on to the proper authorities and she made no further effort to contact the LBJ White House.

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1000 Welby Way  
Castro Park, Calif. 91306  
December 31, 1963

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Last night on the 5:45 newscast on KCOP here, Bill Johns mentioned that the wife of Lee Harvey Oswald, who is accused of the assassination of Pres. Kennedy, is the daughter of a Russian Colonel in the Military (?) Intelligence, and also that on the trip he took to Mexico, he was accompanied by two women and a man. (On second thought, I do not believe that Bill Johns said "Military", so please delete that). This fact immediately set me to thinking and what I believe is fantastic in the extreme, but, knowing the Communist tactics as I think I do, from wide reading and listening, particularly your "Masters of Deceit", it is certainly not beyond credibility.

Could it be that the Communists plotted the assassination of Pres. Kennedy - oh, I know it sounds extreme - but think of these things: Kennedy and Khrushchev had reached a point where there was a certain rapport between them, so much so that NO ONE would possibly blame the Communists for this terrible deed because of this. And he was following their "line" to a degree that I had almost become hopeless for the state of our country. Dallas would have been the "perfect" place for a deed of this kind, as it has been called the center of the "hate" elements - probably because there are a great number of Conservative anti-communists there - so the Communists could plot the murder of the President, and immediately blame it on these right-wing hate groups, thereby discrediting them so much in the eyes of the country that they would, in essence become forgotten men. You yourself have said that the main goal of the Communists is to destroy the anti-communists, haven't you? If our Almighty God had not intervened and saw to it that Oswald was captured, the plot could have gone off perfectly and I firmly believe that if Oswald had not been caught that many of the Conservative anti-communists in this country would have been murdered within less than a week by the liberal left-wing group. Remember that Sen. Goldwater has strengthened his security since he received threats on his life. I have no doubt that Robert Welch has also received similar threats. Even Gen. Walker, whom Oswald attempted to kill.

Do you recall that as soon as the news was flashed around the world that our president was dead, the Communist "Tass" immediately blamed it on the right-wing extremists. That was, in my opinion, already set up, and they have clung to this line, as you can see by reading "The Worker".

There is still too much mystery to be cleared up in this case, and the reason I am writing to you, Mr. Hoover, is to tell you of my suspicions, and to urge you and your committee investigating the crime, NOT to discount ANY theory. The truth will probably never be known, but - as God is my witness (and I am a born-again Christian) - I firmly believe this assassination was engineered and planned by the Communist Conspiracy and only because of the fact that Oswald was caught and the plan for him to return to Russia was not carried out, they were caught in a net they cannot wriggle out of. At first I believed, like you do, that Oswald was a "loner", but have had to revise my thinking. I beg you not to be too sure that there are not elements to this that reek of a Communist conspiracy, Mr. Hoover.

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There is another matter which I should like to have clarified by you, as I trust you and believe what you say. It is the matter of the directive given to our Attorney-General Robert Kennedy in December, 1961, by the Reuther brothers, Victor and Walter, in which they laid down several plans for dealing with the Conservatives. This is mentioned in the book, "The Far Right" by Janson of the N.Y. TIMES and Bernard Eisner of CBS-TV news team.

This has so incensed me that I had difficulty believing such a thing could happen until I saw, with horror, that this directive was being carried out by the Attorney-General and others in the Administration. The latest thing is the "muzzle" of stations which carry anti-communist programs. Now, Mr. Hoover, this is strictly against the Constitution, as these people are being denied "free speech". I know of several radio speakers who have had stations cancel their contracts because of the pressure of the F.C.C. What do you suggest that we, the people, do to stop this immediately?

I was shocked at an article I read in READER'S DIGEST about management of the news to learn that the FBI had been used in Gestapo-like tactics against citizens of this country. I should also like to have an explanation of this.

Mr. Hoover, I cannot tell you how very much I have admired you for many, many years for your superb handling of your job as Director of the FBI, and I do not mean to criticize you, personally, in any way, for I am well aware that you have a superior in the Dept. of Justice, who is the Attorney-General, and I am also well aware that you must carry out his directives; however, it is sickening to me, that a part of this 24-page directive of the Reuther boys (who, I believe, are as pro-communist as they were when they were in Russia) consisted of suggestions that YOU be reprimanded for your part in exposing the communist conspiracy - or some such rot.

Now, may God bless you with the very best He has to give, in the coming year and always is my sincere prayer. I only hope that, when you retire, we shall have another Director who is half as good as you have been. We, the people of the United States, owe you a great debt which can never be paid. We only wish it could be.

Sincerely yours,

*Rita H. Dahlgren*  
Rita H. Dahlgren

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January 7, 1964

*Handwritten signature/initials*

Miss Nita H. Dahlgren  
20,000 Welby Way  
Canoga Park, California 91306

Dear Miss Dahlgren:

Mr. Hoover received your letter of December 31st and asked me to thank you for your kind comments regarding his administration of the FBI and for the sentiments you expressed. He appreciates your interest in giving him the benefit of your views regarding the assassination of President Kennedy.

In connection with the article you read in "Reader's Digest," Mr. Hoover wants you to be assured that the FBI has never been used to manage the news. This Bureau does, of course, conduct investigations when there are indications of violations of the laws relating to espionage.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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NOTE: Correspondent wrote in December, 1961 concerning a local news commentator she felt was spreading the Communist Party line. Her letter was acknowledged and she was sent appropriate reprint material. An in-absence reply is being sent in view of the nature of her communication and the statements regarding the so-called "Reuther memorandum" are intentionally being ignored. This memorandum has previously come to the Bureau's attention. The "Reader's Digest" article has also come to the Bureau's attention and alleges the Government was controlling the news. Much of it deals with alleged muzzling of the military and it claims the FBI has been used. Actually, we have conducted some espionage investigations because of the unauthorized release of classified information.

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Date: 1/6/64

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75)

RE KENNETH VALENTINE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*

Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memo captioned as above. This letterhead memo is submitted to the Bureau for dissemination to Secret Service, based upon subject's alleged statements that he would have done the same thing to President KENNEDY as OSWALD did and that he would have given a medal to OSWALD for doing same.

One copy of the letterhead memo is being disseminated to Secret Service, Los Angeles.

No additional investigation is being conducted.

No record identifiable with VALENTINE or WILMER E. HEPBURN contained in Los Angeles files.

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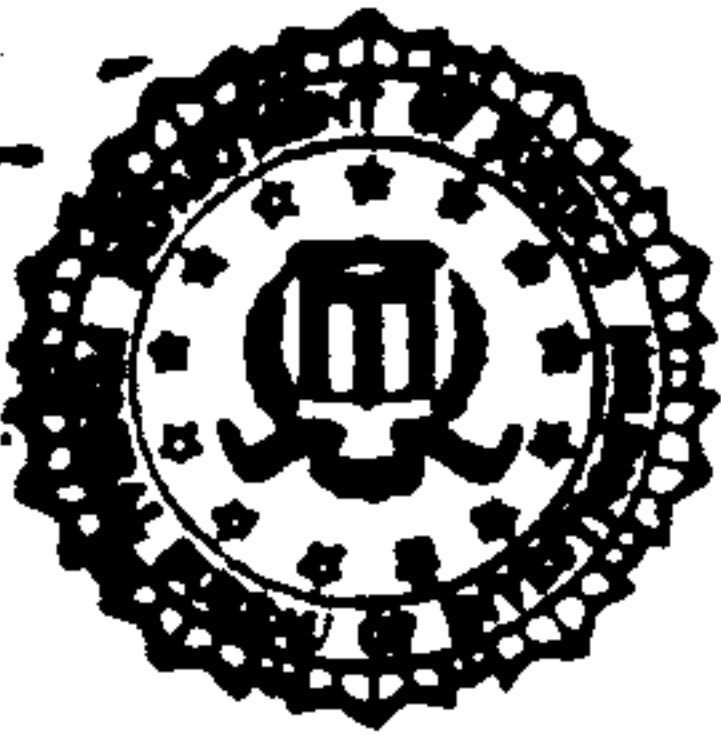
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California  
January 6, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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KENNETH VALENTINE

WILMER E. HEPBURN, 11908 East Lambert Avenue, El Monte, California, on January 6, 1964, visited the Pasadena, California Resident Agency of the FBI with his eight-year old daughter, WILMA L. HEPBURN. HEPBURN said he is a steel worker, who has been unemployed for more than two years, and is currently receiving public assistance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Welfare.

*Mrs. W. E. HEPBURN* reported that his wife, EDITH VALENTINE HEPBURN, is KENNETH VALENTINE's sister. In about 1950 or 1951, KENNETH VALENTINE served time for armed robbery in the Maryland Penitentiary, Baltimore, Maryland. When it came time for VALENTINE's parole in about 1951, HEPBURN assisted him by permitting him to live in his home until VALENTINE could make a satisfactory social adjustment. Several months ago, VALENTINE again returned to the HEPBURN home, since he was unemployed. He has been residing for some months with the HEPBURNS.

During the televised funeral proceedings for President KENNEDY in November, 1963, while HEPBURN and his family were watching, VALENTINE came in and said, "What are you watching that junk for--if I'd of had the chance I would have done the same thing OSWALD did--I would also have put a medal on OSWALD for doing it." HEPBURN said VALENTINE had made statements indicating he did not believe in what KENNEDY stood for and that KENNEDY was better off dead for the sake of the people of the United States.

HEPBURN reported that on December 22, 1963, because of personal differences between he and VALENTINE, he requested VALENTINE to leave his home. At that time, Mrs. HEPBURN said that if VALENTINE was forced to go she would also leave. Two daughters, JANET M. HEPBURN, 12 years of age, and LAURA K. HEPBURN, 5 years of age, decided to go with their mother and VALENTINE. WILMA decided to remain with her father. Because

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RE: KENNETH VALENTINE

HEPBURN felt VALENTINE was breaking up his home, he telephoned the El Monte Police Department for assistance. The police visited his home and explained to HEPBURN that Mrs. HEPBURN and the children could go if they so desired. HEPBURN pointed out that his wife had been working during the past two years and was the primary means of family support.

HEPBURN has not been able to locate his wife and their two children to this time and stated he had decided to report the above information regarding VALENTINE since he felt it might be of interest to this country.

According to HEPBURN, his wife was employed at the machine shop of the El Monte Tool and Die Company, 2425 Tyler Street, El Monte, California. KENNETH VALENTINE is believed by HEPBURN to have been born about March 24, 1925 in Pennsylvania.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions. 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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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (62-2758) (P)

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

Re San Antonio airtel to Director, 1/2/64, copies to Dallas and Cincinnati, enclosing letterhead memorandum dated 1/2/64, referring to EUGENE ALPHONSUS O'DOHERTY and JACK PAYTON, Texas

It is noted that San Antonio airtel shows informant SA T-1 as a highly confidential source of the Cincinnati Office whose identity is not known to the San Antonio Office.

For the information of the Bureau and Dallas, the identity of this informant of the Cincinnati Office is set forth on Cover Page B of report of SA THOMAS B. ESTEP, at Cincinnati, 12/2/63, in case captioned LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Aka., IS - R.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

December 4, 1963

SAC, DETROIT (100-31965)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Re Detroit letter to Bureau dated December 3, 1963.

Referenced letter requested the Laboratory to attempt to determine if certain chalk samples obtained from NYC railroad car #124475 at Newport, Michigan, could have been made by chalk commonly used by railroads.

Enclosed herewith for the assistance of the Laboratory is a medium hard "lumber crayon" of the type used by the NYC RR in Detroit to make various markings on freight cars in this area.

The Bureau is requested to compare <sup>THIS</sup> "lumber crayon" with the samples submitted with relet to determine if the samples came from a similar crayon.

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Director, FBI (105-82555)

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Reurtel 12/5/63, and letters 12/3/63, and 12/4/63.

The Laboratory examinations of the twelve specimens of chalk taken from a boxcar which were submitted by your office under letter dated 12/3/63, and the crayon submitted by your office under letter of 12/4/63, were discontinued on the receipt of your teletype of 12/5/63.

These specimens are being returned to you under separate cover by registered mail.

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