

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 3-27-64

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER *LJG*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
VISUAL AIDS

By letter dated March 18, 1964, the President's Commission requested that the Bureau provide a verbal description of the assassination site in Dallas. The attached exhibits provide a verbal and pictorial description of Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas, which was the scene of the assassination of President Kennedy on 11-22-63. Information copies attached for your use.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter and exhibits be approved and forwarded to the President's Commission.

- Enclosures - 2 3 31.64 *LJG*
- LJG:bod  
(6)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont (Enclosure)
  - 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Malley) (Enclosure)
  - 1 - Mr. Conrad (Enclosure)
  - 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Enclosure)

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4 ENCLOSURE

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PLACE: Dealey Plaza  
Dallas, Texas

OWNERSHIP: City of Dallas, Texas

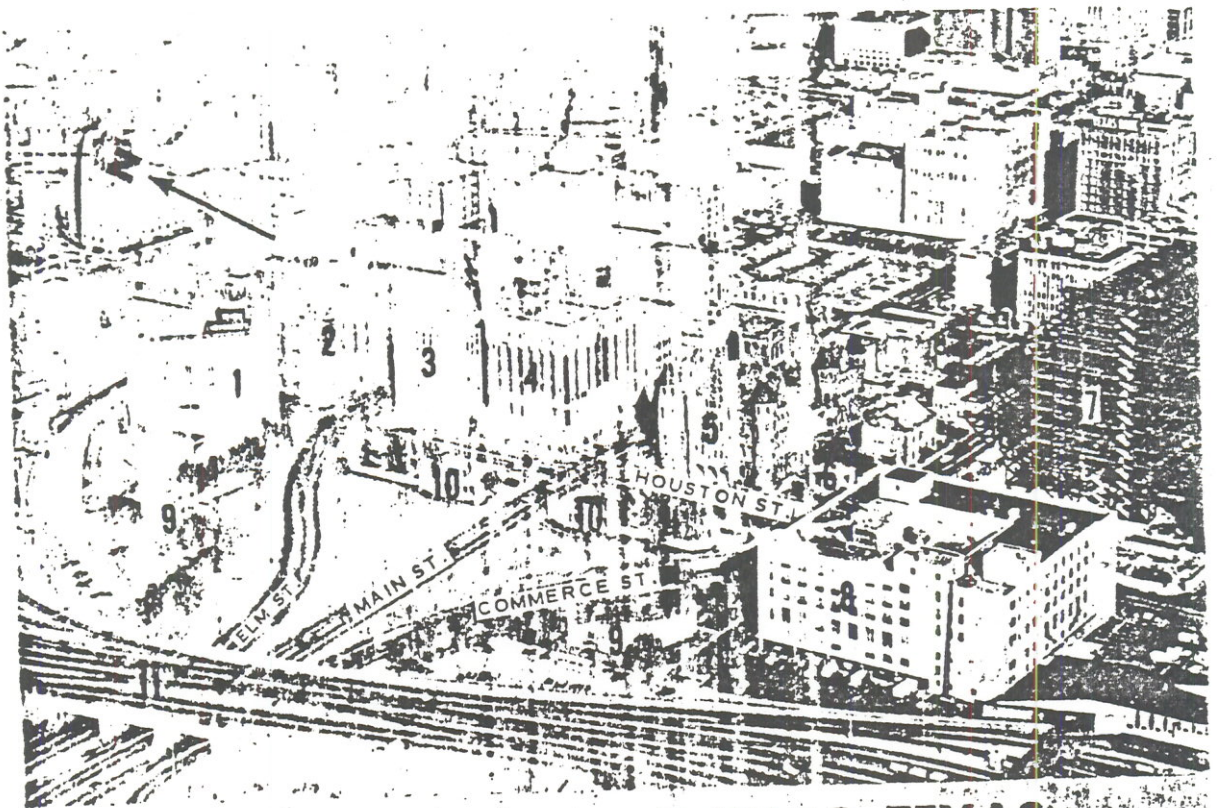
**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** This area (3.07 acres), called "The Front Door of Dallas," was acquired by the City of Dallas for the construction of the Triple Underpass at Commerce, Main and Elm Streets. The property was transferred to the Park Board for maintenance purposes in 1936. Named Dealey Plaza, September 19, 1935 (city minutes, City of Dallas, Dallas, Texas, Volume 8, page 457), in honor of George B. Dealey, Publisher of the Dallas News and long outstanding in Dallas civic affairs, the Triple Underpass was officially opened on Friday afternoon, May 1, 1936. On March 2, 1940, funds were appropriated to carry out improvements consisting of a program for complete re-landscaping and new structures.

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** Dealey Plaza focalizes on incoming and outgoing traffic between downtown Dallas and the major highway systems to the north, west and south of the city. The Plaza is bounded on the north by Elm Street, on the east by Houston Street, on the south by Commerce Street, and on the west by the Triple Underpass. The width of each concrete roadway through the Plaza is 40 feet. The Main Street roadway divides the Plaza and handles both eastbound and westbound traffic. The Elm Street roadway flows traffic one way toward the west from Elm Street, sweeping southwesterly toward the Triple Underpass. The Commerce Street roadway flows traffic one way eastward in a southeasterly direction from the Triple Underpass to Commerce Street. The declining angle, east to west, of the entire Plaza area is approximately 3 degrees, or about a 1-foot drop per 20 linear feet. The distance from Houston Street to the Underpass is approximately 495 feet by way of Elm and Commerce Streets. When traveling by way of Main Street, this distance is approximately 425 feet. The road level at the Triple Underpass is approximately 24 feet lower than at the Houston Street level. Sidewalks, 10 feet wide, exist on the north side of the Elm Street roadway, on the west side of Houston Street and on the south side of the Commerce Street roadway.

EXHIBIT 1

Concrete pergolas are located on the northwest and southwest corners of the Plaza overlooking the roadways and lawn areas. Concrete peristyles, pylons and reflecting pools are located on the northeast and southeast corners of the Plaza. Evergreen shrubs, trees, and flower borders are situated in the Plaza area.

Steel and masonry structures enclose the Plaza. At the northeast corner, the Texas School Book Depository and Dal-Tex Buildings rise to heights of 94 feet and 110 feet respectively. On the Plaza's east side stand the Dallas County Records Building, 93 feet high; the Dallas County Criminal Courts Building, 124 feet high; the Old Court House, 73 feet high; the Neeley Bryan House, 12 feet high; and the 179-foot-high steel superstructure for the Dallas County Government Center. On the south side of the Plaza, the United States Post Office Building rises to a height of 114 feet, and to the west is the railroad right-of-way, which passes over the triple roadways at a height of 23 feet, 4 inches.



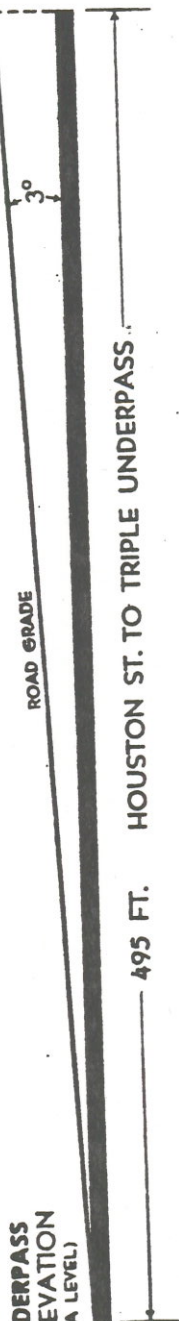
## DEALEY PLAZA -- DALLAS, TEXAS

1. TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY
2. DAL-TEX BUILDING
3. DALLAS COUNTY RECORDS BUILDING
4. DALLAS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING
5. OLD COURT HOUSE
6. NEELEY BRYAN HOUSE
7. DALLAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)
8. UNITED STATES POST OFFICE BUILDING
9. PERGOLAS
10. PERISTYLES AND REFLECTING POOLS
11. RAILROAD OVERPASS (TRIPLE UNDERPASS)

EXHIBIT 2



**HOUSTON ST.**  
430 FT. ELEVATION  
(ABOVE SEA LEVEL)



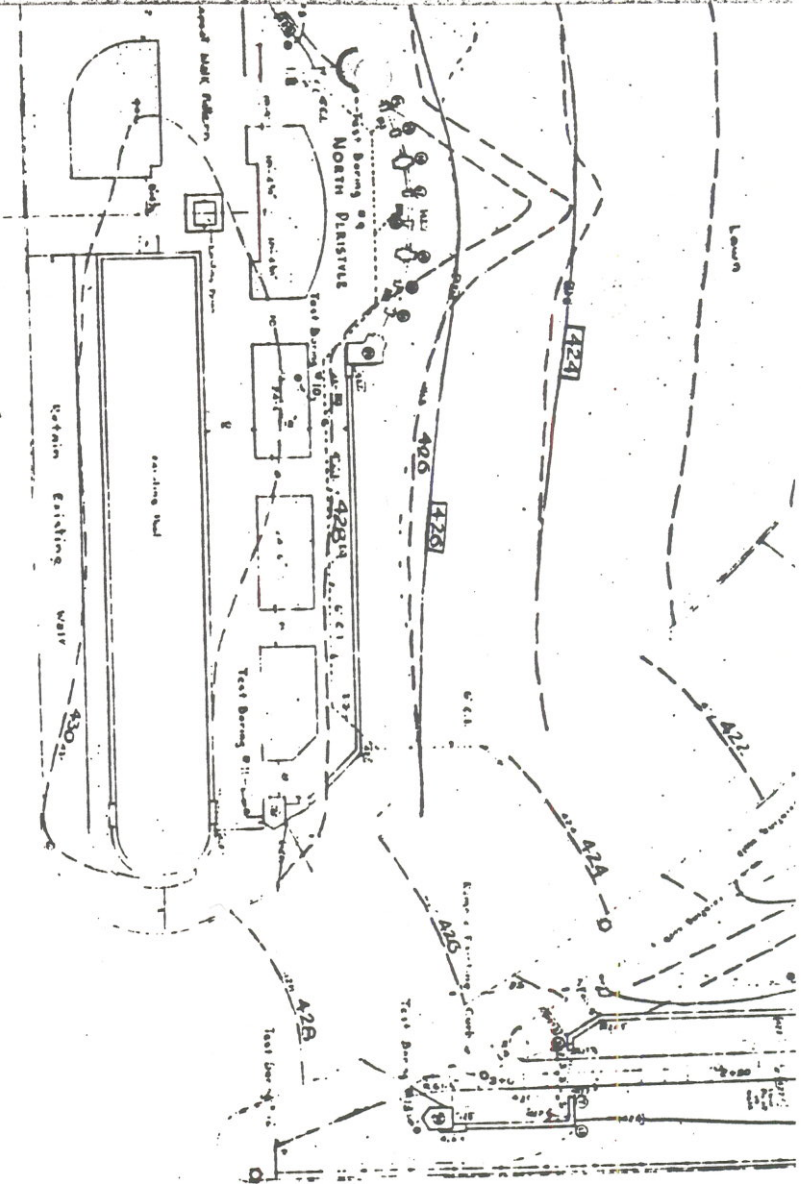
**TRIPLE UNDERPASS**  
406 FT. ELEVATION  
(ABOVE SEA LEVEL)

495 FT. HOUSTON ST. TO TRIPLE UNDERPASS

**RATE OF DECLINE ALONG PARKWAY AT ELM ST. BETWEEN HOUSTON ST. AND  
TRIPLE UNDERPASS--1 FT. DROP PER EACH 20 FT. (APPROX.)**

**EXHIBIT**

HOUSTON ST



**LEGEND**

Contours of existing surface ———

Contours of proposed grade ———

Existing elevations are

Proposed elevations are

Existing ornamental lights ○

Existing traffic signal lights ◆

Cultivated area

EXHIBIT

SHEET NO. 1	
DATE	11/20/73
BY	W. J. H. / J. H. / J. H.
SCALE	1" = 30'
<p><b>DIMENSION &amp; GRADING PLAN</b></p> <p><b>DEALEY PLAZA</b></p> <p>DALLAS, TEXAS.</p> <p>Prepared for</p> <p><b>THE DALLAS PARK BOARD</b></p> <p><b>HARE &amp; HARE</b></p> <p>Landscape Architects - City Planners</p> <p>Kansas City, Missouri, and Newton, Kansas</p>	

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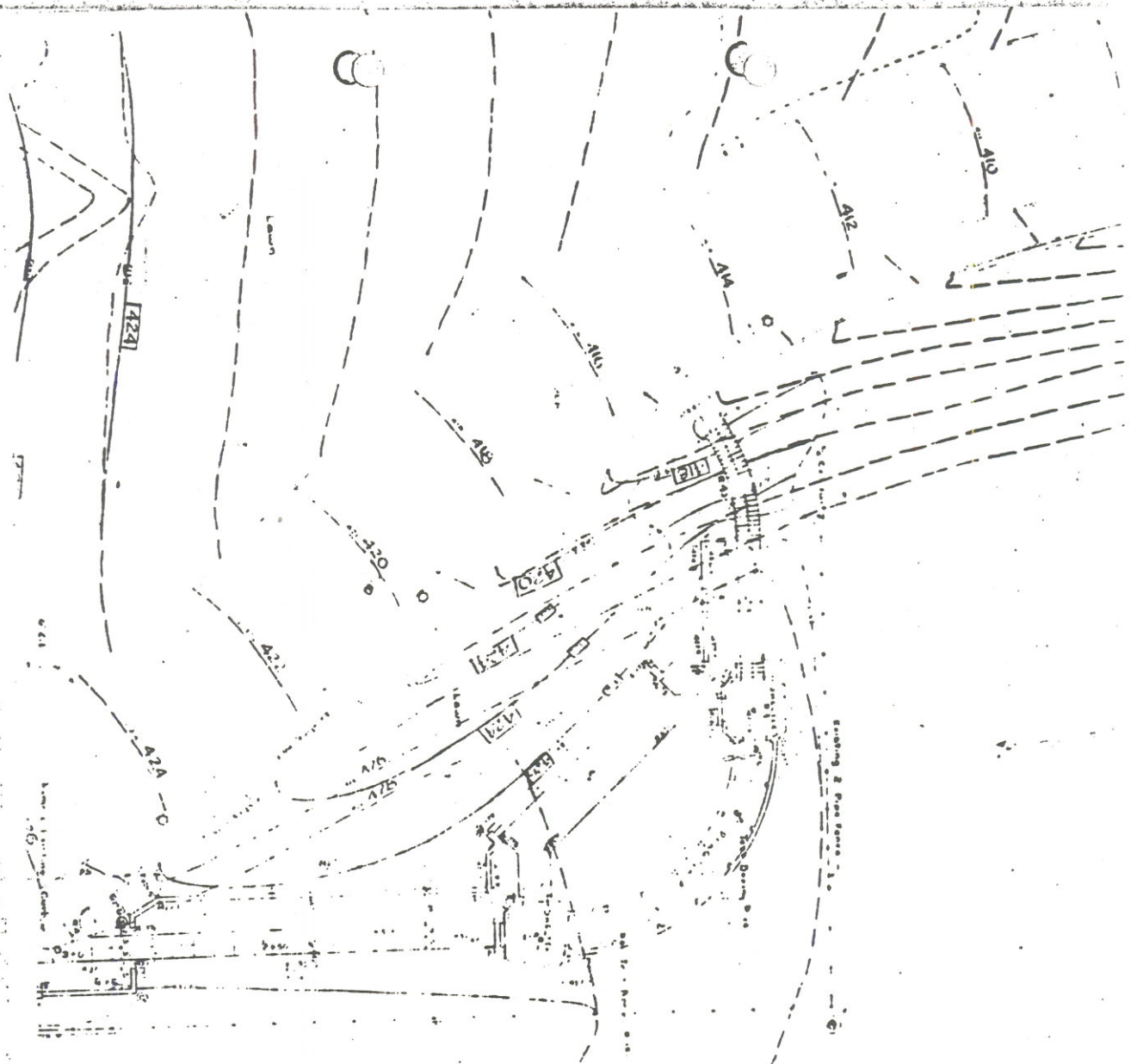
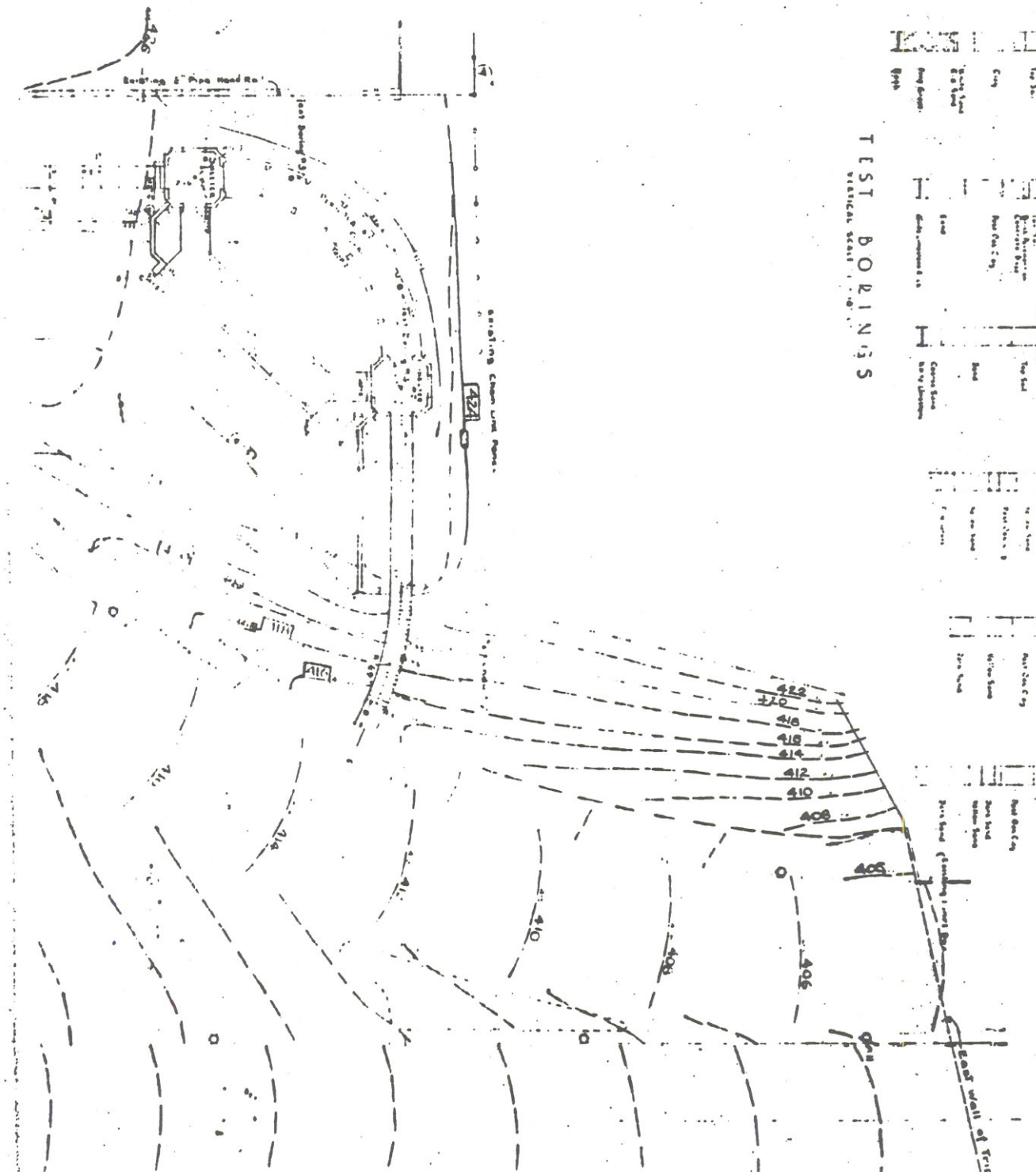


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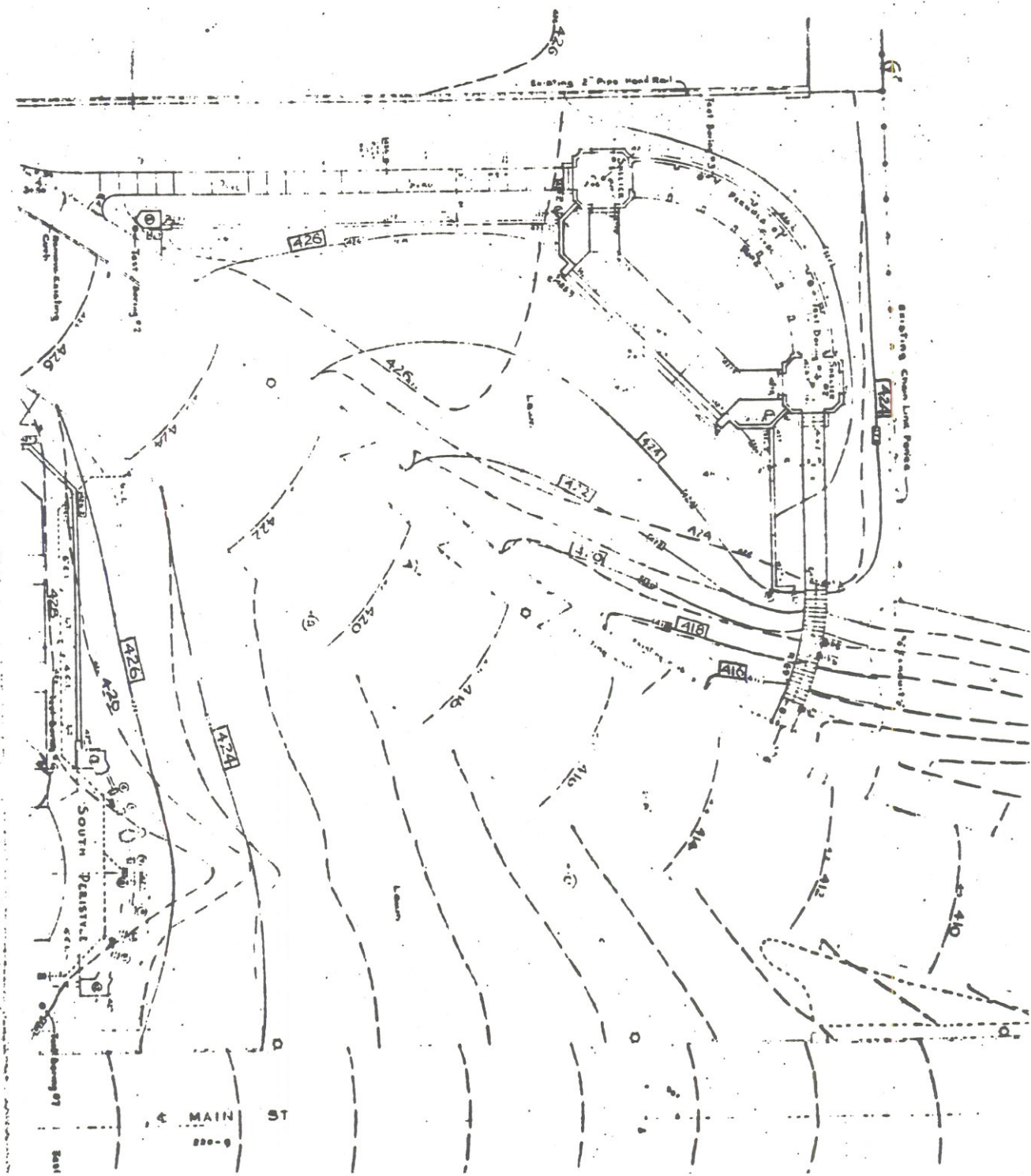
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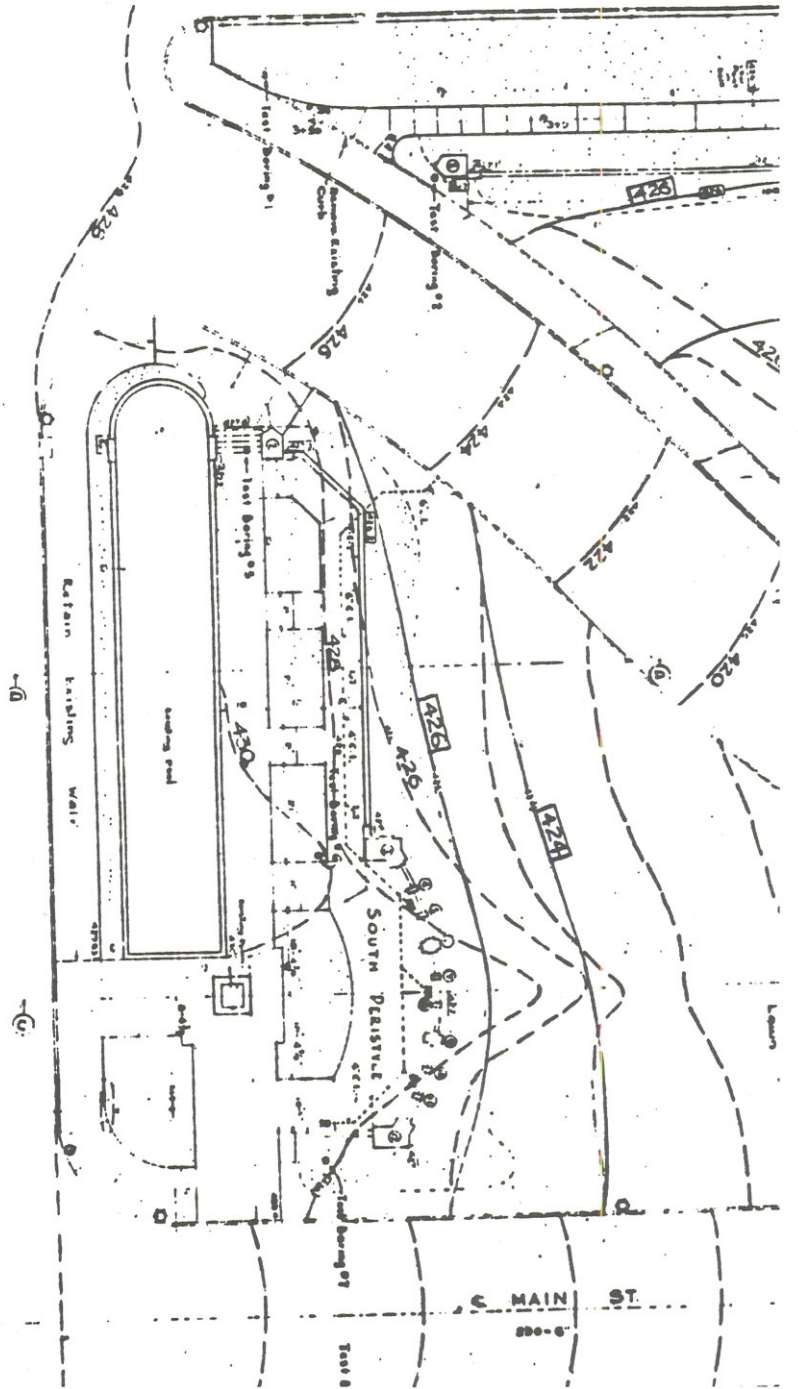






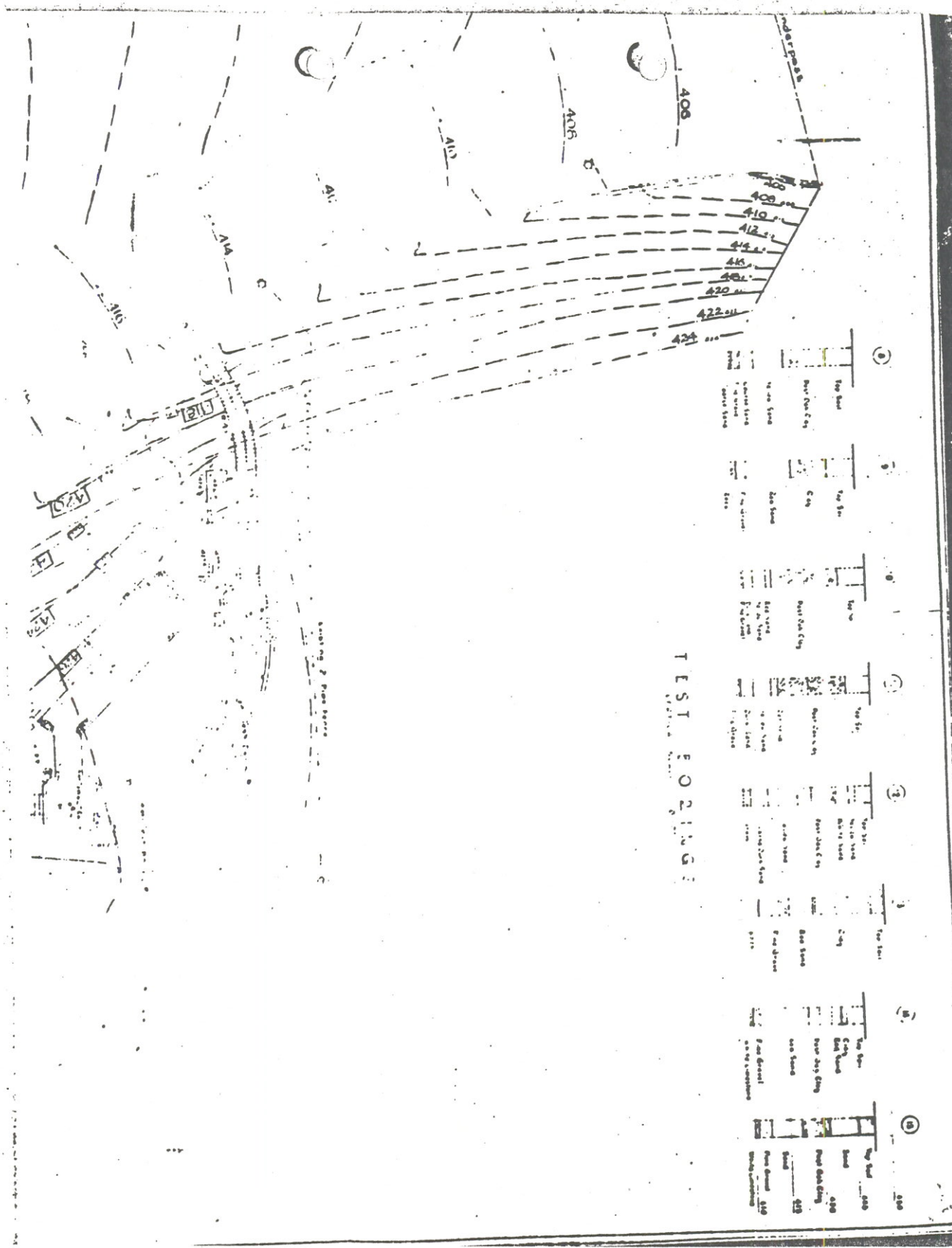


COMMERCE ST



C MAIN ST

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TEST BUILDING

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	415	Top Room		

# Memorandum

REC-16  
DATE: 3/16/64

*WFA*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
INSPECTOR JAMES P. MALLEY

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (89-75)

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

ReNYtel to Bureau, 3/13/64.

Enclosed are six (6) copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

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2 - Bureau (62-109060) (Enclosure 6)  
1 - New York (89-75)

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

March 16, 1964

Assassination of President  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy,  
November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas

On March 13, 1964, Mr. Tennyson Schod, assistant NY  
general attorney, and Mr. Richard Billings, assistant  
director of photography, Time Corporation, New York,  
New York, advised they had obtained the photograph of  
Lee Harvey Oswald which appeared on the cover of "Life"  
magazine from a confidential source. They then negotiated  
with Marina Oswald, through her business agent, James H. TEXAS  
Martin, obtaining the rights to this photograph for the  
sum of \$5,000.00. Mr. Schod, who handled the transaction,  
advised he did not wish to identify his source, but it was  
definitely not anyone with the President's Commission.

Mr. Schod also advised this corporation was  
instituting a suit against "The Detroit Free Press" which had  
published this same photograph. Mr. Schod advised he has  
been in contact with Mr. Ken Murray of "The Detroit Free  
Press" and that Mr. Murray never mentioned a "leak" in the  
President's Commission to him. Detroit Mich

Mr. Schod was recontacted on the same date, at  
which time he advised his source had purchased the photograph  
in question from "an enterprising young man in the Dallas  
Police Department." The source also advised "The Detroit  
Free Press" had purchased its photograph from the Dallas  
Police Department. N.Y. N.Y.

Mr. Schod advised the "New York Journal-American"  
had copied its photograph from the cover of "Life" magazine  
and published it. Mr. Schod stated he understands other  
newspapers throughout the country obtained this same  
photograph from the Dallas Police Department.

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Assassination of President  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy,  
November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas

Mr. Schod stated "Life" magazine does not have the photograph which they originally purchased. He stated "Life" made a photomat copy of this photograph and then returned it to their original source.

Mr. Robert Keough of the "New York Journal-American" was contacted on March 13, 1964, and advised the photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald used by the "New York Journal-American" was a reproduction of the photograph which appeared on the cover of "Life" magazine. He also stated another copy of this photograph was obtained from the Associated Press Wire Service. D.C.

Mr. Philip H. Doherty of "The New York Times" advised "The New York Times" printed the photograph of Oswald on February 19, 1964, which was received from the Associated Press Wire Service. Mr. Doherty stated when a newspaper is a member of this wire service and a picture is printed it is automatically distributed by the wire service to the various member newspapers throughout the country. N.Y.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 3/25/64

FROM : A. Rosen

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

PURPOSE:

To recommend the attached letter be sent to the President's Commission in response to its requests dated 3/6/64 and 3/12/64 and to supplement information furnished the Commission by Bureau letter 3/12/64.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Rankin of the Commission by letter 2/21/64 stated Representative Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.) had requested he ascertain how the press got hold of the photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald carrying the rifle and wearing the pistol. Inquiries by our Dallas Office indicate the source of this photograph was the Dallas Police Department who made numerous copies and did not control the dissemination. It was further established that "Life" purchased the rights to the photograph for \$5000 through Marina Oswald's former business manager James Herbert Martin. This photograph has received wide circulation nationally and internationally. The Bureau by letter dated 3/12/64 furnished the Commission with the results of our investigation up to that time.

During the above investigation the Bureau received two additional letters from the Commission dated 3/6/64 and 3/12/64 requesting additional investigation regarding this

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- 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Lenihan

Enclosure sent 3-26-64  
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

photograph. The first letter requested investigation of allegations made during the Commission testimony of James Herbert Martin that the photograph was obtained by "Life" and "The Detroit Free Press" through a "leak in the Commission." The latter letter requested we obtain a copy of the photograph used by these publications apparently so the Commission could establish whether there was, in fact, a "leak" within the Commission.

Based on our investigation it would appear all of the photographs emanated from the Dallas Police Department and the Commission did not "leak" the photograph. Mr. Eugene Roberts, a reporter for "The Detroit Free Press," will not furnish us the identity of his source and the assistant managing editor of "The Detroit Free Press" advised our Detroit Office he did not desire to expend the effort necessary to locate the photograph unless he knew the reasons the Commission desired the photograph since it was obvious to him the Commission should have a copy of the same photograph used by his newspaper and that it would have no evidentiary value to the Commission.

Officials of "Life" say they obtained the photograph from "an enterprising young man in the Dallas Police Department" and they do not have the photograph which they originally purchased since it has been returned to their original source. The results of Bureau investigation are being enclosed with the letter to the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter with enclosed investigation from our Detroit, Dallas and New York Offices be transmitted to the Commission.



FBI

Date: 3/25/64

*ENCLOSURE*

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AIR MAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_

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

There are enclosed eight copies of a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau setting forth the original and copy of a letter received by the Governor's Office, State of Texas, Austin, Texas, dated 2/12/63 in French. The envelope is also attached to the letterhead. The letter was translated by the Governor's Office.

The letter was furnished to SA GEORGE W. H. CARLSON by Mr. LARRY TEMPLE, Administrative Assistant, Governor's Office, State of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Two copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished to the Dallas Office. Two copies are being disseminated to Secret Service locally.

of an insert  
25 copies/are being furnished by separate airtel to the Dallas Office for inclusion in subsequent Dallas report.

*The action - checked for  
and now completed*

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- 2 - San Antonio (1-89-67) REC-53
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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas

March 25, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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

The following is a translation of a letter received  
Governor's Office, State of Texas, Austin, Texas, in  
dated February 12, 1963.

February 12, 1963

Your Excellency,

"Is Hitler really dead and buried?"

"Yes, I know, you were told he is, although it  
has not been proved. But I, 'Truth,' am telling  
you that that monster is not dead. Even if he  
were buried, his spirit remains very much alive.  
Particularly in South America and in England.

"But I, spirit of God, will indeed obliterate  
his spirit, because of all the abominations of which  
it is guilty.

"The honest and courageous blood of John  
Kennedy cries for vengeance as 'the whole world  
will testify.' Therefore you are now warned,  
be watchful and merciless for attacks can take  
place within the very near future.

"The Truth of God

"Angele

Attached is the letter written in French and the  
envelope:

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2-12-63

Messieurs le Gouverneur,

« Il est mort et enterré ? »

En fait, on vous l'a dit, mais non prouvé -  
je vous dis ce monsieur n'a pas mort,  
et même s'il est enterré, son esprit reste bien vivant;  
et dans les Amériques du Sud en particulier et en Angle-  
terre.

Un esprit de Dieu croit que son esprit  
meurt par l'incarnation à cause de toutes les  
malices et il doit être rendu coupable -

« Je suis héritier et collègue de John Kennedy  
et quand le monde entier en est témoin »

« et pour que vous soyez avertis, soyez vigilant  
et ne laissez pas des enfants pousser ce prodige  
dans un temps bien proche »

La Vérité de Dieu

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Monsieur le Gouverneur

John Connally

à Tallas

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