

September 3, 1964

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Baltimore telephonically advised on 9-1-64, receipt of information from Radio Station WFBR that WFBR received a telephone call in which the caller threatened Senator Everett M. Dirksen (Republican - Illinois) and alleged the assassination of President Kennedy involved a conspiracy by twenty persons. Based on Baltimore telephone call Mr. DeLoach's Office advised the Senator's Office, Capitol Police and local police. There was no indication the telephone call received by Radio Station WFBR was interstate, therefore, no violation of the Federal Extortion Act and no investigation was conducted. The enclosed letterhead memorandum will be furnished to the President's Commission and Secret Service.

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Date: 9/3/64

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, DENVER (89-41) (RUC)
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
11/22/63,
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
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ReButelephone call to Springfield dated 9/2/64,
Springfield teletype to Bureau and Denver dated 9/2/64, and
Denver teletype to the Bureau dated 9/3/64.

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Attached hereto for the Bureau are eight (8) copies
of a letterhead memorandum reflecting results of interview with
REVILO P. OLIVER. One (1) copy each of this letterhead
memorandum is attached for Dallas and Springfield for
information. Also attached for the Dallas Division are
twenty-five (25) copies of an FD-302 reflecting results of
interview with Mr. OLIVER and twenty-five (25) copies of
"Basis for Investigation."

No further action being taken concerning this
matter UACB.

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- 1-Springfield (89-23) (Enc. 1)
- 1-Denver
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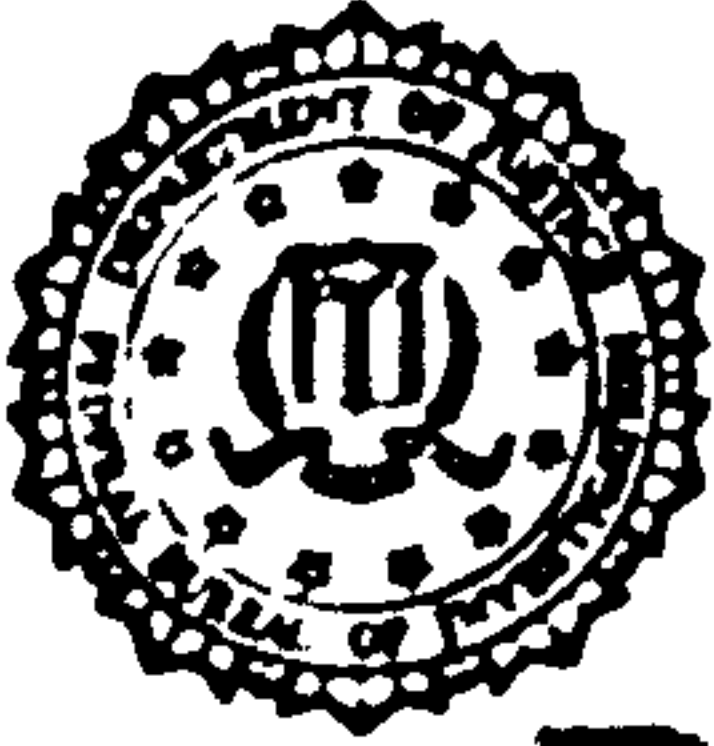
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Commissioner in a
letter to Commissioner
9/4/64 based upon
DN & JV teletype
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Denver, Colorado
September 3, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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

Attached hereto is a report of an interview with Mr.
Revalo P. Oliver of Springfield, Illinois.

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Date September 3, 1964

Mr. REVILO P. OLIVER, Room 201, Argonaut Hotel, Colfax and Grant Street, advised that he is an Associate Editor of "American Opinion," a publication of the John Birch Society, and that he has been on a speaking tour sponsored by this society. He continued that he gave a speech in August, 1964, at the Santa Ana Valley High School, Santa Ana, California, concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He stated that he has contributed articles concerning the assassination which were published in the "American Opinion" in the February and March, 1964 issues, and that his speech given at the Santa Ana Valley High School for the most part contained the same material which appeared in the above-mentioned issues of the "American Opinion."

Mr. OLIVER further stated that the material for all of his speeches is obtained from public sources such as books and newspapers, and that he has no confidential sources. He continued that his source concerning the statement to the effect that the "communists" with the help of the Central Intelligence Agency were responsible for the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY was a book, "Oswald, Assassin or Fall Guy," written by JOESEN JENSEN of New York City, and published by CARLO MARZANI, also known as ANTHONY WALES, also of New York City. Mr. OLIVER stated that he is unable to furnish any more definite addresses for JENSEN or MARZANI.

He advised that he believes he made the following statement in his speech at the Santa Ana Valley High School: "I don't know whether Oswald was paid by the CIA or by the Soviet Secret Police and it might be just a matter of bookkeeping anyway." He stated he believed his source for this material was either the above-mentioned book or an article by a Mr. HINSHAW in the "National Inquirer."

Mr. OLIVER advised further that his source for the statement that Secretary of Defense ROBERT S. McNAMARA ordered the U. S. Army to begin rehearsing for the funeral more than a week before the funeral was a news article which appeared in the "Clarion Ledger," a newspaper in Jackson, Mississippi, on February 21, 1964. According to Mr. OLIVER, this article pertained to statements to this effect made by Captain RICHARD CLOY

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On 9/2/64 at Denver, Colorado File # Denver 89-41
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Dallas 89-43
 by SA LOUIS D. NELAN;
SA RICHARD L. CAMPBELL:pmb Date dictated 9/3/64

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of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Third Infantry, United States Army. Mr. OLIVER stated it was his understanding, that CLOY was in charge of protocol for State funerals. He continued that he attempted to call Captain CLOY by telephone at his home in McComb, Illinois, concerning this matter but was advised by a woman who answered the telephone that Captain CLOY had been transferred to Germany, and that his address was "some APO number in New York."

Mr. OLIVER further advised that during his speeches he always furnishes the sources of his material, but that unfortunately the newspaper accounts usually do not carry these sources.

Mr. OLIVER concluded that he was not giving these speeches to make money but was "trying to save the country."

9/8/64

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To: SAC, Dallas (89-43)
From: Director, FBI (62-109060) — 3726

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

ReDNairtel 9/8/64 transmitting a letterhead memorandum and copies of an FD-302 Form pertaining to an interview with Professor Revido P. Oliver by the Denver Office.

For the information of the Dallas Office, the data transmitted by the Denver Office as enclosures to its airtel of 9/3/64 were transmitted to the President's Commission by the Bureau by letter and need not be included in future reports prepared by your office for dissemination to the President's Commission.

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- 1 - W. C. Sullivan (R. E. Lenihan)
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (J. W. Hines)
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Enclosed for your information are two copies each of two newspaper articles. One article by Dorothy Kilgallen appeared in the September 3, 1964, issue of the "New York Journal - American" and the other article by Paul Hsthayway appeared in the September 3, 1964, issue of the "New York World - Telegram and the Sun."

Both articles are primarily concerned with public assertions made by Mr. Mark Lane concerning his theories on the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Considerable information regarding Mr. Lane has been previously furnished to you.

No further action is being taken with regard to these articles unless specifically advised to the contrary by you.

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EX-108

Sincerely yours
 J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

1 - Dallas 89-43 Enclosures (3)

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1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)

1 - 100-409763 (Mark Lane)

1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

1 - 44-24016 (Jack L. Ruby)

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NOTE FOR SAC, DALLAS:

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11-22-63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISC. - INFO CONCERNING

ReNYairtel dated 9/3/64 enclosing copies of the above referred newspaper articles. One copy of New York's airtel and the enclosed articles are furnished for your information. Subsequent reporting of this material is not desired.

NOTE: Lane is the New York attorney who injected himself into the Oswald case through the "National Guardian" newspaper. Lane has been married often, has engaged in perverted sexual acts and is known to be associated with communist dominated organizations. He has been making speeches around the country and particularly in New York endeavoring to prove that Oswald was innocent. His material is based on malicious half-truths and theories. The article by Kilgallen relates to a thoroughly investigated allegation made by Lane in his testimony before the President's Commission that a meeting took place at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club on 11/14/63 between Bernard Weissman, officer J. D. Tippit and Ruby. Weissman placed the controversial full page ad in the Dallas newspaper prior to President Kennedy's visit. Tippit was shot and killed by Oswald. We have investigated this allegation in the past and no proof of such meeting was developed. The Kilgallen article rehashes this allegation and adds a new dimension in that a fourth individual allegedly attended this meeting at the Carousel Club who is identified by Kilgallen as a "rich oil man." The article by Hathaway briefly discusses Lane's continuing lectures on the assassination and their effect on the general public. Hathaway claims Lane speaks with logic and many people come away believing his theories. We have furnished the Commission numerous items relating to Lane's speeches, newspaper articles and the like. It is not felt any additional investigation is warranted.

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

9/8/64

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD aka
IS - R - C

Re Dallas letters to the Bureau 8/31/64, 9/2/64,
and 9/4/64, enclosing major case prints of certain individuals
for comparison with the unidentified latent fingerprints and
latent palm prints on the four cartons (Exhibit C-40).

Enclosed are major case prints of Detective BOBBY
GENE BROWN of the Dallas Police Department Crime Laboratory,
whose prints were taken 9/8/64 by SA VINCENT E. DRAIN.

It is requested that the enclosed major case prints
of Detective BOBBY GENE BROWN be compared with the unidentified
palm prints found on the cartons which were near the sixth
floor window of the Texas School Book Depository and on which
the fingerprints and palm prints of LEE HARVEY OSWALD were
located.

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To: SAC, Dallas (100-10461)
From: Director, FBI (105-82855)
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA;
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Reurlet 9/8/64, submitting major case prints of Bobby Gene Brown.

The one remaining latent palm print is not identical with the palm prints of Brown.

Submitted prints retained.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Attention: Mr. James R. Malley)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attention: Mr. R. E. Lenihan)
- ① - 62-109060 (Assassination) of *Pres. J.F. Kennedy*
- 1 - 62-109090 (President's Commission)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 1964

HJM:IBS:mjr

FROM : *HJM* Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Mr. Leo A. Gorman

Attached herewith for your information is a copy of a letter together with its enclosures dated August 6, 1964 to the Attorney General from Mr. Leo A. Gorman. We have been advised that your office would like to include copies of these enclosures in your records.

3712 E. Anaheim St
Long Beach Calif

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6 Aug 1964

Dear Bob;

Problems! Do they ever end? Here's another one.

Right now I'm in the middle of an affair in which possibly 200 different agents of the FBI have sauntered across my path at one time or another. I play volley ball at the beach with them; sit with them at baseball games and have coffee with them every morning and all the time we never refer specifically to who they are.

This, basically, is a "help me" letter but by the end of it I hope you'll be able to find enough to justify your interest.

The allegations against me (either initiated or the fires of the charges came from the Bureau itself or some people at my last employer - North American Aviation in Downey):

- (1) Reasonable or near chance of being a potential assassin of a president of the United States like the suspect Oswald
- (2) Potential or actual child molestor
- (3) Active homosexual
- (4) Alcoholic
- (5) A communist
- (6) A slew of others.

The reason for writing this letter is that it appears that the FBI is satisfied that every significant charge was false and consciously false to the knowledge or the people who initiated or supported the charges but due to misgivings over some of the tactic they employed when they first considered that I might be an possible assassin and due again to the deep love and admiration we all had for your brother the President, John Kennedy there seems to be great difficulty to wind it up.

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The following are instances that occurred or are occurring and which they are having difficulty in resolving in their minds as to why they did some of them and how, if at all, they could be rectified:

(1) My first class mail has been opened and the contents divulged to a now rather large public. This letter you are now reading I assume was opened and knowledge of it phoned to you or one of your assistants

I feel they wish they had never started reading my mail and are at a moral loss to explain, now, just why they did start.

(2) I'm a mild - mannered, rather withdrawn person, who is extremely reticent on what they consider key matters (I see it as preserving my integrity);

For the above reason the following has occurred:

(a) Blowing auto horns at me about once every 1½ hours for the last 3½ months

(b) Threats by agents of the FBI - these threats were from their frustration - since we've built up a strong respect and admiration for each other

(2)(cont)

(b) (cont) to black my eyes; knock my front teeth in; or break my wrists. - I'm a thin mild person who never get into fights from 10 years old & up & consider this uncalled for

The two enclosed writings of mine are ones that I sincerely believe. When I pass them out to people, I say they were written for the purpose of self - expression but this is a thin veil for the truth that they were written to give the FBI some thing tangible.

As a brief description of myself since you may wonder who is in all this:

I'm 31 & an Irish Catholic who hopes and expects to become a Passionist Priest.

Other Points:

(1) As all these charges and activities go on around me, I read and pray, preserve my conscience and integrity and have written about 400 pages of letters over the last 3½ months to my parish priests - Fathers Hollinger and Killian C.P. on this FBI & NAA influence

At present, I don't work (I havn't for the last 4 months).

I spend my time sitting across from clean - cut FBI agents at libraries or coffee shops writing papers like the enclosed two; cracking jokes with them or just discussing the newspaper headline stories of the day.

The two enclosed letters from Wesley Grapp are "cover" letters from him thanking me for mailing each of the statements as I turned them out.

We know each other and the true meaning of the letters.

I took the first statement over on 23 June to his office and he and I took stock of each other without saying just that.

One phone call to Mr. Grapp would fill you in on this. There must be other concerns in the Los Angeles office of the FBI right now but I can't believe it. They must have about 30 agents, not the fellows who work for the agents, around central Long Beach every day.

This intensive activity has been going on for 4 months in a gradual ascent.

One problem right now is that there has been wide spread distribution of my picture and knowledge of my person as being identified with these charges and the question exists as how to blank out these past impressions so that I can get a job (I was an engineer doing analysis work at \$8000 per year) and return to anonymity.

This letter, I realize, sounds very detached and seemingly indifferent. I'd studied to be a Benedictine Priest in the past and can honestly say that I'm very religious so that with a surrender of my will to The Sacred Heart I don't worry too much about it.

There are two points that I am requesting your assistance on, if after looking into it, you feel that effort and decision on your part is merited, I would be very happy.

One is that my mother lives in Brooklyn and has had a hard life. My father, who passed away in 1958, expressed his frustrations in life through physical violence upon her person and face about once a week from 1930 to 1950.

It's never a mother's proudest day when a clean cut FBI agent calls on her and inquires of her information to resolve an allegation that her son may be a possible assassin along with the other charges.

For the road my mother has had to travel in life, I doubt if it was a very pleasant day.

For the love of the Sacred Heart, in your charity I would ask that you look into this and if you come to essentially the same conclusion as had been expressed in this letter possibly on another day in the future you could see that another clean cut FBI agent walks down the same street to her home and might say:

At the time we last called on you:

- (1) We were not certain of the type of person Oswald was
- (2) We were not certain of the type of person your son was
- (3) We were not certain of the type of persons his accusers were
& so forth.

The present position is that the Bureau office here seems at a loss at what to do next:

- (1) I've lost about \$2000 in wages
- (2) My name as a possible suspect has been given very extensive coverage making it difficult, as a point of reality, for me to get a job.

The issue would seem to be leadership.

My personal view is that for throughout the history of America;

Every agent of the Bureau who has given his life in the performance of his duties;

Every man in the services who laid down his life in battle;

Every policeman who has ever died in the line of duty;

Every great American in our history like Washington, Lincoln, Lee Madison and your brother John who have given us the heritage of their character in its love of and dedication to country in the sight of Almighty God;

These men, individually and collectively, in spirit have raised the banners of Truth, Honor and Justice that fly over our land.

Right now, the possibility exists that these banners, which those men in spirit have raised, might come down for lack of direction.

May I respectfully and honestly ask you to look into this matter, and if that is your decision, provide the leadership so that those banners may continue to wave over our land in the sight of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Leo A. Gorman
Leo A. Gorman

Mr. Leo Gorman
/ 3712 East Anaheim St.
Long Beach, Cal.

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DEAR BOB;

PROBLEMS! DO THEY EVER
END? HERE'S ANOTHER ONE,

RIGHT NOW I'M IN THE MIDDLE
OF AN AFFAIR IN WHICH POSSIBLY
200 DIFFERENT AGENTS OF
THE FBI ARE ~~USED~~ ~~TO~~ ~~TRAVEL~~ &
~~PROSECUTE~~ HAVE SAUNDERED ACROSS
MY PATH AT ONE TIME OR
ANOTHER. I PLAY VOLLEY BALL
AT THE BEACH WITH THEM;
SIT WITH THEM AT BASEBALL
GAMES AND HAVE COFFEE WITH
THEM EVERY MORNING AND ALL
THE TIME WE NEVER REFER
SPECIFICALLY TO WHO THEY

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RECORDS BRANCH

THIS, BASICALLY, IS A
"HELP ME" LETTER BUT BY
THE END OF IT I HOPE
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND

CRIMINAL-GEN. CRIME SECT.

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ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY YOUR INTEREST.

THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ME (EITHER INITIATED OR THE FIRES OF THE CHARGES CAME FROM THE BUREAU ITSELF OR ~~BY~~ SOME PEOPLE AT MY LAST EMPLOYER - NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION IN DOWNNEY):

(1) REASONABLE OR NEAR CHANCE BEING A POTENTIAL ASSASSIN OR A PRESIDENT OR THE UNITED STATES LIKE THE SUSPECT OSWALD

(2) POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL CHILD MOLESTER

(3) ACTIVE HOMOSEXUAL

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(4) ALCOHOLIC

(5) A ~~SKILL~~ COMMUNIST

(6) A BLESSED OF OTHERS.

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THE DEEP LOVE AND ADMIRATION
WE ALL HAD FOR YOUR
BROTHER THE PRESIDENT, JOHN
KENNEDY THERE SEEMS TO

BE GREAT DIFFICULTY TO WIND
IT UP.

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THAT OCCURRED OR ARE
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ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY IN
RESOLVING IN THEIR MINDS AS
WHY THEY DID SOME OF
THEM AND HOW, IF AT ALL,
THEY COULD BE RECTIFIED:

(1) MY FIRST CLASS MAIL
HAS BEEN OPENED AND THE
CONTENTS DIVULGED TO A
NOW KNOWN LARGE PUBLIC.
THIS LETTER YOU ARE NOW
READING I ASSUME WAS OPENED
AND KNOWLEDGE OF IT
PHONED TO YOU OR ONE
OF YOUR ASSISTANTS

FEEL THEY WISH THEY HAD NEVER STARTED READING MY MAIL AND ARE AT A MORAL LOSS TO EXPLAIN, ~~THE~~ NOW, JUST WHY THEY DID START.

(2) I'M A MILD-MANNERED, RATHER WITHDRAWN PERSON, ~~AND~~ ~~VERY~~ WHO IS EXTREMELY RETICENT ON WHAT THEY CONSIDER KEY MATTERS (AS I SEE IT AS PRESERVING MY INTEGRITY);

FOR THE ABOVE REASON THE FOLLOWING HAS OCCURRED:

(a) ~~AS~~ BLOWING INTO HORN AT ME ABOUT ONCE EVERY 1 1/2 HOURS FOR THE LAST 3 1/2 MONTHS

(b) THREATS BY AGENT OR THE FBI - THE

THREATS WERE FROM THEIR PLASTIC - SINCE WE'VE BUILT UP A STRONG

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(7)
I'm 31 & AN IRISH CATHOLIC
WHO HOPES AND EXPECTS TO
BECOME A PASSIONIST PRIEST.

OTHER POINTS:

(1) AS ALL THESE CHARGES
AND ACTIVITIES GO ON
AROUND ME, I READ AND
PRAY, PRESERVE MY
CONSCIENCE AND INTEGRITY
AND HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT
900 PAGES OF LETTERS
OVER THE LAST 3½
MONTHS TO A NUMBER OF
IRISH PRIESTS — F
FATHERS HOLLINGER AND
KILLIAN C.P. ON THIS
& NAA INFLUENCE

AT PRESENT, I DON'T WORK (I
HAVN'T FOR THE LAST 4 MONTHS).

I SPEND MY TIME SITTING
ACROSS FROM CLEAN-CUT
FBI AGENTS AT THE LIBRARY

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OK COFFEE SHOPS WRITING
PAPERS LIKE THE ENCLOSED
TWO; ~~THE~~ CRACKING JOKE WITH
THEM OR JUST ~~THE~~ ~~THE~~
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HEADLINE STORIES OF THE DAY.

THE TWO ENCLOSED LETTERS
FROM WESLEY GRAY ARE "COVER"
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THE STATEMENTS AS I TURNED
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THE TRUE MEANING OF THE
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I CAN GET A JOB AND
REWARD (I WAS AN ENGINEER
DOING ANALYSIS WORK AT \$8000
PER YEAR) AND RETURN TO
ANONYMITY.

THIS LETTER, I REALIZE,
SOUNDS VERY DETACHED AND
SEEMINGLY INDIFFERENT. I'D
STUDIED TO BE A BENEDICTINE
PRIEST IN THE PAST AND
CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT I'M
VERY RELIGIOUS SO THAT WITH
A SURRENDER OF MY WILL TO
THE SACRED HEART I DON'T
WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT IT.

THESE ARE TWO POINTS THAT
I AM REQUESTING YOUR
ASSISTANCE ON ^{THE} AFTER LOOKING
INTO ^{THE} IT & YOU FEEL THAT
EFFORT AND DECISION ON YOUR
PART IS MERITED, I WOULD
BE VERY HAPPY.

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One is THAT
my ~~father~~ MOTHER LIVES IN BROOKLYN
AND HAS HAD A HARD LIFE.
My FATHER, WHO PASSED AWAY
IN 1958, EXPRESSED HIS FRUSTRA-
TION IN LIFE THROUGH PHYSICAL
VIOLENCE UPON HER PERSON
AND FACE ABOUT ONCE A
WEEK FROM 1930 TO 1950.

It's NEVER A MOTHER'S
PROUDEST DAY WHEN A
CLEAN CUT FBI AGENT CALLS
ON HER & AND INQUIRES
OR HER INFORMATION
TO RESOLVE AN ALLEGATION
THAT HER SON MAY BE
A POSSIBLE ASSASSIN ALONG WITH
THE OTHER CHARGES.

FOR THE ROAD MY MOTHER
HAS HAD TO TRAVEL IN
LIFE, I DOUBT IF IT WAS
A VERY PLEASANT DAY.

For the love of the Sacred Heart, in your charity would ask that you look into this and if you come to essentially the same conc as had been expressed in this letter possibly on another day in the future you could see that another clean cut FBI agent walks down the same street to her home and might say:

At the time we last called ~~you~~ on you:

(1) we were not certain of the type of person Oswald was

(2) we were not certain of the type of person your son was

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(3) WE WERE NOT CERTAIN
OF THE TYPE OF
PERSONS HIS ACCUSERS
WERE &
& SO FORTH.

THE PRESENT POSITION IS
THAT THE BUREAU OFFICE HERE
SEEMS ~~AS~~ AT A LOSS AT
WHAT TO DO NEXT:

(1) I'VE LOST ABOUT \$2000
IN WAGES

(2) MY NAME ~~AS~~ AS A
POSSIBLE SUSPECT HAS
BEEN GIVEN VERY EXTENSIVE
COVERAGE MAKING IT
DIFFICULT, ~~AS~~ AS A
POINT OF REALITY, FOR
ME TO GET A JOB.

THE ISSUE WOULD SEEM TO BE
LEADERSHIP.

My personal view is that
for throughout the history
of America;

every agent of the Bureau
who has given his life in
the performance of his duties,
every man in the service
who laid down his life
in battle;

every policeman who has
ever died in the line of
duty;

every great American
in our history like Washington,
Lincoln, Lee, Madison and your
brother John who have given
us the heritage of their
character in its love of and
dedication to country; in the
of Almighty God;

~~These men, individually and~~
These men, individually and
collectively, in spirit have

RAISED THE BANNERS OF TRUTH,
HONOR AND JUSTICE THAT
FLY OVER OUR LAND.

RIGHT NOW, THE POSSIBILITY
EXISTS THAT THESE BANNERS, WHICH
THOSE MEN IN SPIRIT HAVE
RAISED, MIGHT COME DOWN
FOR LACK OF DIRECTION.

MAY I RESPECTFULLY AND HUMILY
ASK YOU TO LOOK INTO THIS
MATTER, AND IF THAT IS
YOUR DECISION, PROVIDE THE
LEADERSHIP SO THAT THOSE BANNERS
MAY CONTINUE TO WAVE OVER
OUR LAND IN THE SIGHT OF
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS
CHRIST.

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Sincerely,
Joseph P. Brown
Sen. A. G. ...

Mr. Leo ...



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California 90017
July 28, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Mr. Leo A. Gorman
3712 East Anaheim Street
Long Beach, California

Dear Mr. Gorman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 23, 1964, in which you furnished an enclosure.

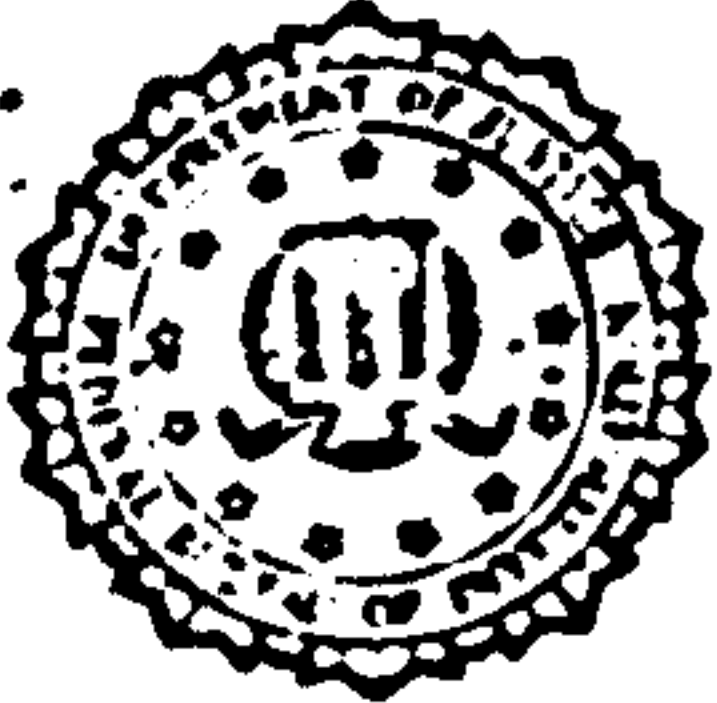
Your thoughtfulness in furnishing this information to the FBI is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Wesley G. Grapp

WESLEY G. GRAPP
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California, 90017

June 30, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Mr. Leo A. Gorman
3712 East Anaheim Street
Long Beach, California

Dear Mr. Gorman:

Thank you for your letter of
June 23, 1964.

Your observations and favorable
comments concerning the work of the FBI
are indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Wesley G. Grapp

WESLEY G. GRAPP
Special Agent in Charge

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VIEWS ON THE HISTORY, POLITICS AND PHILOSOPHY
OF AMERICA

A story of the Greeks and the analogy it provides for us.

Of the Peloponnesian War, Thucydides relates that the Athenian Greeks ceased to be a great and feared power in the Mediterranean when they fought and were defeated at equal numbers by the Greeks at Syracuse in Sicily. The reason they were defeated for the first time at equal numbers when hitherto they were usually victorious against heavy odds is that they fought a people for the first time who believed in the same principles they did. Their defeat demonstrated that their power was not unique or mysterious to themselves but rather lay in the fact that they were human beings who adhered to certain ideas and it was the resultant strength that men could bring to life by holding these principles that made them great.

The moral Thucydides drew from this was that other countries lost their fear of the "Athenian Greek Magic" by seeing them defeated. The analogy relative to America, in my opinion, is that Americans are human beings no better or worse as such than any other group of people on the planet but what lies at the greatness of America, and great I believe it to be, are the principles that we espouse and specifically that the people of this land believing in these concepts.

The analogy of the Greeks to our situation is that with the prolonged ideological conflict with Russia, there exists the tendency, even if not articulated, on the part of Americans to tone down the striking features of our principles, emphasize those characteristics which are less offensive to communists under the opinion that this would reduce tensions if the source of those tensions were not highlighted. While recognizing this to be the case, I advocate that we perceive that the following principles (the ones enumerated are ones that I am deeply committed to and when in the course of duty to country a man may die it is specifically in defense of these that I would undertake that duty):

- (a) Sanctity of the individual
- (b) Right to privacy
- (c) The doctrine that men are not the creatures of the state but rather that the state exists only to serve its citizens
- (d) That it derives its authority from God
- (e) That its citizens have the freedom to publicly worship God

make us great and that in time of danger, when we are challenged for holding them, that we should increase our devotion to them.

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My personal philosophy of life is that I am an individual created by Our Lord; that I am an American citizen who loves his country, is prepared to die in its defense, and believes in the right of that country to self-defense against enemies that would attack it.

As one human being, what can I do to promote its welfare -- while I do not pretend to perfectly comprehend, less perfectly act on these truths; I believe, in a generation which is rare for the profession of these qualities, in possessing a love and adoration of Our Lord for His own sake as a primary reason for living and motive for acting and on a more mundane level, of possessing a personal honor which will not sacrifice its principles for the acquisition of money or power. To be more truthful, for the above reasons, not to pursue these goals at all.

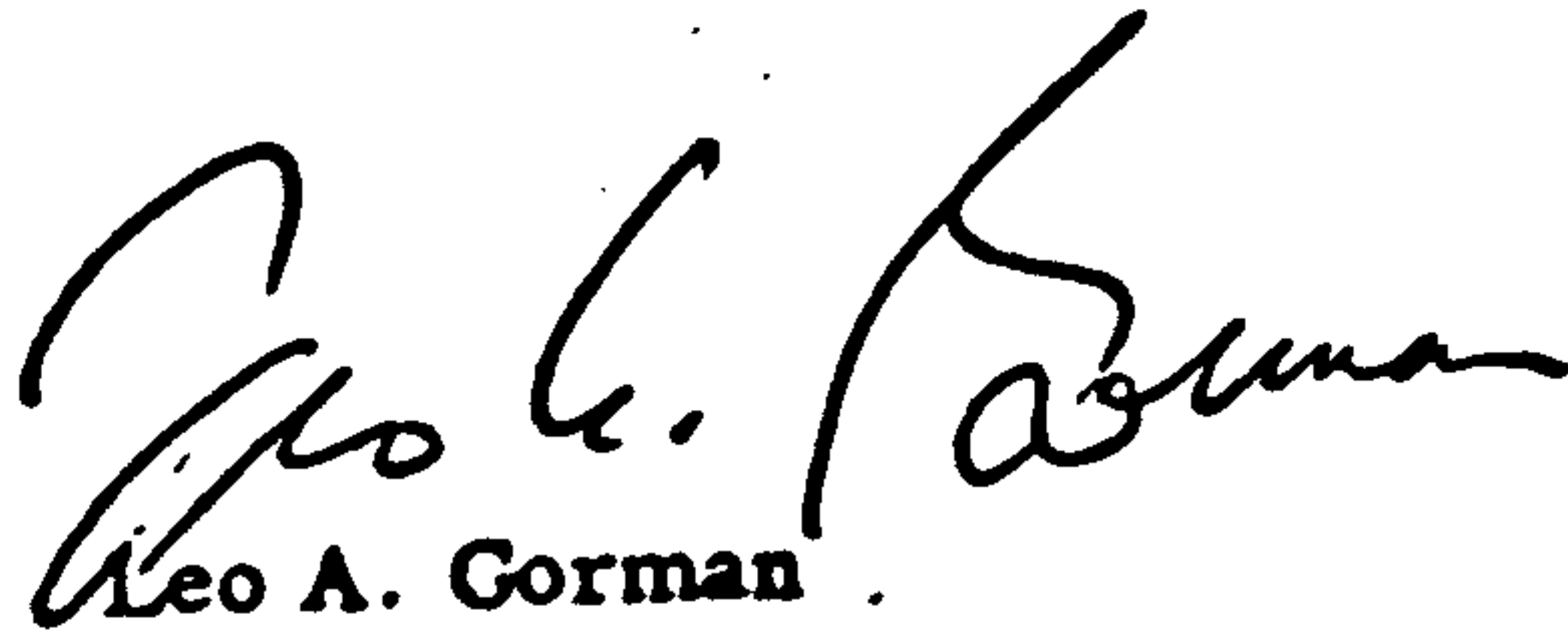
What explains a person who reads a great deal, does not extensively socialize, marry, have children, try to accept responsibility or strive for a better material well-being? I have read above 3,000 books. I enjoy being alone from the standpoint of thinking about what I read and spiritual meditation. I enjoy living in a country that respects my personal freedom and has faith in individual human beings -- faith that their efforts to be true to themselves and strengthen their integrity will in the long run benefit both the individual and society.

To achieve the above goals it does not inhere that a person has to remain single, be less social than average or place position or money low on a system of values, but I find this attitude to afford less room for compromise.

What do such attitudes mean in social terms? Can we have a viable society if each person does not contribute to his capacity for the Gross National Product? Yes, if we appreciate the fact that other courses are open and accept the fact that some people will take them. Why doesn't a person who feels this way go into a conventional role such as a teacher? Again, I feel it is exercising the capacity God gave and the freedoms our political system conferred to be an individual. If Lincoln had lived and died in Springfield, Illinois, never gaining any fame but still possessing his strong faith in God and integrity, I feel his life would still have meaning because his will acted on the graces Our Lord bestowed on him to develop his strong character.

The genius of America in history, and I am thinking here in political and natural terms, is that it professed the faith that any person could be capable of greatness if given the opportunity. Systems prior to this entrusted its opportunities and destiny on its Aristocracy and if exceptional persons rose from the common populace, it assimilated him into the favored class. Coming from the point of theoretically expressing faith in the average person with the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights in 1776, Abraham Lincoln afforded history an example of the truth of this belief.

Another feature of which I am proud to be an American would be the following example. In the Central Valley of California we do not have orientals blowing up gas stations as is occurring in Venezuela. The reason is that for someone who is poor opportunity to improve his status by personal initiative exists as a safety valve to frustration. This idea is cogent enough that it is the policy of our government to disseminate it to other lands as a means to deal with the social and political problems that have arisen in the 20th century.


Leo A. Gorman

6-3-64

AN ANALYSIS OF THE CHARACTER OF THE ASSASSIN
OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Lee Harvey Oswald died before he was given the opportunity of a trial for the murder of the President and thus the case of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy will never legally be solved. Oswald will always be recorded in American History as the suspected and probable assassin. We have the further knowledge that one of the sternest admonitions in the Bible is that of: "Judge not lest ye be judged."

With the above being accepted as a foundation, the reason I have undertaken this analysis of the probable assassin of the President is that to the extent that the personality characteristics of this man and any man in general like him could constitute the make up of a man who might and would possibly assassinate a President or other high government official, it would be a civic duty in conscience of a private citizen to communicate such an analysis to agencies which are charged by law with the responsibilities of safeguarding the life of the President and other officials since they have the obligation in prudence to consider possible individuals who might be construed as a cause for concern in the fulfilling of the tasks of their profession.

I don't know Oswald personally but taking the reports of him and the manifestations of his character as given in the news media, I would hold that an atheist could perpetrate this horrible crime. For the purposes of this analysis I will assume a fictional character named Oswald who does perpetrate this crime to reconcile the facts that while the human being Oswald cannot be licitly judged, the mind naturally seeks a solution to the crime.

When a person believes in and has obedience to Almighty God, he accepts the existence and obligation to build a spiritual life and a moral code as given by this Creator as ruling his conduct as a person individually and in association with other persons in society. For such a person, the center of his life is Almighty God. His actions, behavior and thoughts are performed with reference to God and His Laws. There also exists other possibilities as a philosophy of life. A person can deny that there is a one, true God in Heaven Who created life and rules men and all that exists, and in so doing the person who believes this way now makes himself the center of life and society and in so doing, in effect, makes himself a god. The false "god" that an atheist makes of himself is all-powerful and almighty to the extent of the maximum effect that his will can have in life.

As opposed to the Creator Who is perfection itself and Whose goodness, mercy and justice are infinite, the false "god" that an atheist makes of himself may exercise his will to its maximum power in envy, hatred and malice. To such a person, if the impulse presents itself of beating his wife, since his will is the center of the universe and its exercise is held to be a good, he therefore beats his wife. If the envy, malice and hatred of our country and its constitutional head, the President of the United States as an office and the individual man who holds that office with courage and dedication, is powerful enough to present to the will of that atheist the desire to express these evil qualities and, further if there is no moral frame of reference restraining this will but the will acting is the good sought after; then the person may take the life of this man who was the President of our nation in an act of murder. Let us assume our fictional Oswald is such a man.

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Los Angeles Times by Robert E. Thompson datelined Dallas approximately November 23 1963.

"Lee H. Oswald, 24, an ex-Marine, was booked as Mr. Kennedy's alleged assassin after he had been interrogated for nearly eight hours by federal, state and local law enforcement officers, Dallas Police Chief J. E. Curry, told newsmen Oswald had not confessed.

But, the Chief said, he would be charged with murder based on physical evidence. . . . Investigators said they still have considerable work to do on the case but are convinced that Oswald is guilty of the President's murder. Police said Oswald admitted he worked in the textbook warehouse building from which the shots that killed the President were fired. Oswald would not account for his whereabouts at the time of the assassination, police said . . . but from the moment Oswald was apprehended, the primary objective of the FBI, the Secret Service, Texas Rangers, and the Dallas Police was to determine whether he fired the fatal shot at the President. Curry said Oswald admitted his Communist sympathies and activities in the pro-Castro "Fair Play for Cuba Committee." But, beyond that, Curry said, Oswald would admit nothing. The Police Chief described Oswald as a stoic."

The reason he refuses to account for his whereabouts and does not confess follows from his past pattern of behavior of defiance of authority. His face shows considerable frustration as a general condition but from the news photos of him just before he was shot while between officers J. R. Leavelle and L. C. Graves, as a specific condition, his face and bearing show considerable self-composure and contentment.

In the police interrogation room while all the investigations from the different agencies stand around him, he has this self-assurance and refuses to confess a crime he committed since he feels a sense of power and superiority to the men around him as he watches their helplessness in the face of the effect of his will. Their chief interest is not in obtaining a confession from him as such. On this day, every man questioning him ardently wishes that this deed could be undone. He sees their uneasiness and exults in the fact that it was the action of his will that is the power in front of which they are helpless.

Most people seldom look at other persons as those persons are, but rather superimpose the qualities they consider important as an overlay to another's character. The average person refers to the assassin as a "kook" or "nut". The reason they say this is that they never look at the assassin as one human being and what he is like but rather put this overlay of their own traits on him and come up with confusion. Nearly all of us spent the weekend of November 22 - 24 in a state of shock as a result of the difficulty in assimilating the enormity of this crime.

The average person starts out with the following premises:

- (1) I love my country and assume that others do too.
- (2) I would never murder any one and I assume that no one else would either.

When a person comes along who retains in his character contradictions of both of these statements to a profound degree and is prepared and does act in reality with these evil elements in his character as motives, no one has to be ashamed of experiencing confusion in trying to understand such an individual.

While the suspect has this sense of power, there also is the fact of his lack of comprehension of the significance of what he has done since if, to him, the exercise of his will is the main good in life, then the social implications of his acts is a meaningless term. With such a person you could mention Kennedy, assassination, Connally and murder all day long and he wouldn't bat an eyelash or twitch a lip. These terms are of no importance to him.

The exercise of his will is important to him. The people who are hurt in this exercise of his will are extraneous to his interest. If he was shown a picture of Mrs. Kennedy and her children and was told that as a result of his action this young woman is now a widow and will have to bring up her children without a father, this would have no effect on him since his will acting is important to him and the suffering of this woman and her children are not.

For the purposes of speculation assuming he had not been shot, when he was visited in jail by his wife and mother, he'd ask for newspapers to read what reporters were saying about him and exult in the glow of his self-importance. This would be an example of how morally obtuse this man is. He would have a silent glee in all the attention being paid him but would not, because of his moral and spiritual condition, comprehend the abhorrence that the public would experience for his act. At the end of his trial assuming he was found guilty, the newspapers would report that Oswald maintained the same stoic composure as the judge sentenced him that he had all during the trial. The word here would not be stoic but uncomprehending. He would not comprehend the fact that society found his act reprehensible.

Assuming he was sentenced to life imprisonment, as the years passed and the Communist and leftist but non-Communist news media around the world raised the cry that Oswald was innocent and that the assassination was a rightist plot he would never consciously say anything to contradict this and would enjoy the attention given him.

As an example which contrasts with this line of behavior and might be considered as the way the average murderer from a motive of passion acts, they had a case in Seattle where an Italian laborer killed his unfaithful wife in a very brutal and violent manner. For the first fifteen hours he was in custody, the man admitted nothing. At this point, the suspect was reported as having gone into a catatonic like fit in which he re-enacted his crime fearfully sobbing all the while. Eight hours later after sleeping, he denied any previous verbal confession which he had made. What probably occurred was that the enormity of his act filled him with overwhelming emotions which caused him to act against his own self-interest.

A father of a young boy hits the child in anger and then is immediately remorseful. The reason he experiences remorse is because of the love the father has for the child. If he didn't have this love, he wouldn't experience sorrow.

If the reader accepts as a speculation the foregoing analysis and then compares the picture of Oswald from the newspapers before and after he was shot, I would premise that the key feature on his face as he is shot is the lack of comprehension he has even of the significance of his own death.

The question presents itself of the spiritual implications of this event. At the split second that the assassin was squeezing the trigger to fire the bullet at 12:30 P.M. on the 22nd of November, Almighty God saw this and as the Ruler of the world, all the societies and people in it and every act and power to act that exists in His creatures could have caused a slight gust of wind which would have swerved the bullet to miss the President by 2 inches. Our Lord had the power to do this, but He did not use it.

It is said that Our Lord never causes evil but rather permits it to occur and that even then He draws good out of the evil act. This assassination was a singularly monstrously evil act.

- (1) Why did our Lord permit it to occur?
- (2) What good does our Lord expect to derive out of this evil act?
- (3) What does He wish that we, His creatures, learn from this event in an understanding which will reflect His glory and goodness?

Possibly we may have to put aside the image of the happy, pleasant America with no problems which has millions of its citizens fleeing a confrontation with their consciences by occupying their attention with subscription pay television, new cars with side windows that move at the press of a button and ~~other~~ distractions.

The purpose of our Lord in permitting this horrible crime to occur may well be that he is no longer willing to accept only the implicit belief in God that is the foundation of our society and country but wishes that this profession of allegiance and obedience to Almighty God be publicly made and acted upon by both the individuals and institutions of our country.

This implicit belief exists when a person places his hand on the Bible in court and says that: "I will tell the truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God." The implication is that the words and the judicial system that rests on their meaning are worthless without the witness of our Lord.

The people of our country have experienced much grief over this event and possibly some of it is excessive. The assassination of President John F. Kennedy, shocking though it is, has to be viewed in a spiritual perspective.

The life of John F. Kennedy belonged to Almighty God and when He, in His wisdom, chose to call his servant to his eternal reward whether on that day, two days before, ten years before or ten years after November 22, 1963, was an expression of His will -- a will which has to be received by His creatures with a submissiveness characterized by humility and meekness.

Is all the grief that our country experienced, both individually and collectively, equal to the sorrow that our Blessed Mother felt on the day that she saw her Son carry His cross along the road to Calvary and there watch Jesus be crucified?

As individuals and a country, it may be said that to the extent:

- (a) of our faith in Materialism that our scientists are our priests,
- (b) of our faith in secular humanism that our psychiatrists are our priests, and
- (c) of our faith in Almighty God that our Catholic Priests are our Priests (i.e. author's partisan view - It would be a Rabbi or Minister for those of other faiths).

Truths may be drawn from this terrible event that will show forth the glory of God and contribute to the possibility of drawing more souls to Him. As the natural life of John Kennedy ebbed away, despite the frantic efforts of our magnificent medical doctors and the facilities they have, the faiths of Materialism and Secular Humanism and its ministers, the scientists and psychiatrists, stood by helpless and despairing. One faith, that in Almighty God, demonstrated that it lives even through such terrible events in Glory and Majesty and provides to its adherents the spiritual power of the Love of God which has overcome death.

At the end of this analysis, it is necessary to mention once again that as a person who has left the living Oswald will never be able to be tried for this crime. It is the duty of a Christian to wish the mercy of our Lord on the soul of the man Lee Oswald and leave to Almighty God His judgement.

The only justification that can be presented for undertaking such an analysis is that the confusion most people experience due to the main suspect's untimely death, ignorance of motives and the utmost seriousness of the act perpetrated as of now lend themselves, with a realistic knowledge of human weakness, to unscrupulous individuals using this situation to make unfounded charges against second parties and in turn leading to general, unproductive investigative work.


Leo A. Gorman

July 22, 1964

9-10-64

1 - Mr. Raupach

Airtel

To: SAC, Los Angeles (89-75)

From: Director, ^{REC 4} (62-109060) - 3728

^{EX 100}
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11-22-63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISC. - INFO CONCERNING

By letter dated 9-2-64, received at the Bureau 9-4-64, Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice, furnished a letter with enclosures written by Leo A. Gorman to former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. The letter was dated August 6, 1964, and comprised 15 pages. Gorman's enclosures were: two acknowledgment letters of SAC, Los Angeles dated 8-30-64, and 7-28-64, and two copies of his writings captioned "Views on the History, Politics and Philosophy of America," and "An Analysis of the Character of the Assassin of President John F. Kennedy." *written by Leo A Gorman*

It was noted in Gorman's letter he made various allegations regarding the FBI which lends belief Gorman is or appears to be affected mentally.

Los Angeles is instructed to prepare a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the President's Commission and the Department incorporating Gorman's letter and any information in your files which would not only refute any and all of his allegations but would reveal his mental instability.

However, dependent on the information you have available, if necessary, Los Angeles should thoroughly interview Gorman regarding his letter to further refute

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Leo A. Gorman

Airtel to SAC, Los Angeles
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

allegations. If he is not interviewed due to his unreliability or mental instability, these reasons should be so stated in your letterhead memorandum.

Your attention is directed to the report of SA Chester C. Orton dated 7-30-64, Los Angeles, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, aka., IS - R - Cuba," which contains Gorman's writing "An Analysis of the Character of the Assassin of President John F. Kennedy." Enclosed is one true copy of Gorman's letter with the enclosures. It will not be necessary for Los Angeles to furnish Dallas inserts as dissemination will be handled by the Bureau.

Indications have been received the President's Commission is concluding its investigation. Therefore, this matter must be handled expeditiously and results are to reach the Bureau on or before September 21, 1964.

NOTE: The Department furnished the Bureau a letter written by Gorman comprising 15 handprinted pages including enclosures, two of which were acknowledgment letters from SAC, Grapp. Also furnished were two printed enclosures which were writings of Gorman, one of which has previously been in a report and disseminated to the President's Commission. Essentially Gorman's letter is a "help me" letter to the Attorney General which is completely unrelated, yet makes allegations concerning the FBI and Gorman's former employer, the North American Aviation in Downey, California, as related to the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald. From the information contained in Gorman's letter it appears he is mentally affected and it is therefore necessary to establish his background to refute any and all allegations and to establish his unreliability.

FBI

Date: 8/31/64 INCLOSURE

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (89-21)(C)

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

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Re Bureau airtel, 8/25/64.

Enclosed is the corrected letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 8/21/64, together with a supplementary LHM of the requested re-interview of CRAPARD.

*Instructions to PD
11/11/64
9-4-64 RDR/ale*

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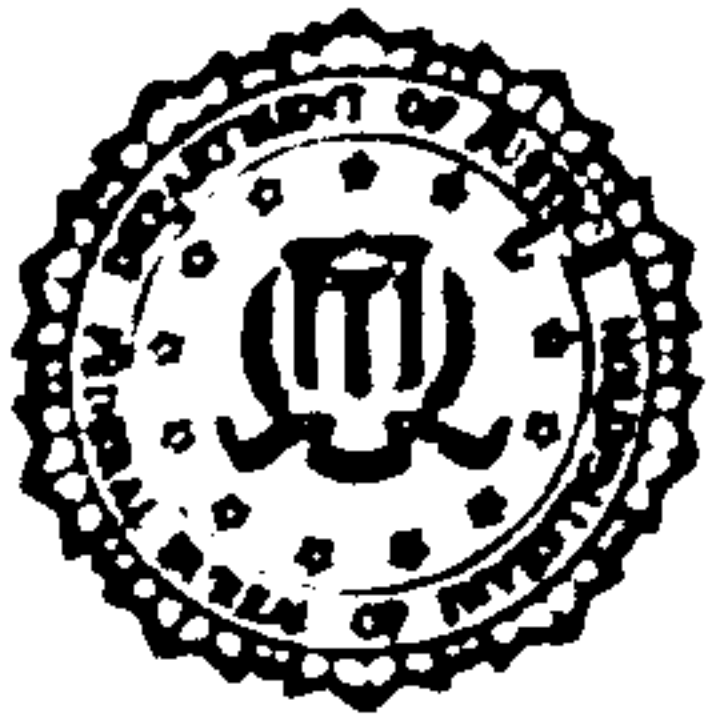
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Portland, Oregon
August 21, 1964

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

Curtis La Verne Crafard, 1219 Birch Street, Dallas, Oregon, advised Special Agent Vern F. Davis that he had been employed by Jack Ruby at Ruby's Carousel Club and also at his Vegas Club in Dallas, Texas, principally as lights operator for the stage acts but also occasionally as bartender and doorman, and this employment covered the period around November 14, 1963. Interview conducted on August 21, 1964.

Relative to Officer J. D. Tippit, the photographs of Tippit were shown to Crafard at his above address in Dallas, Oregon. He said that he does not recognize the photographs of Tippit as anyone he had seen in either of the above clubs. He does recall the name "Tippit" and recalls that he was in the presence of Ruby at the time the news came over the air concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and the death of Officer Tippit, and at that time Crafard recalls hearing Ruby refer to Tippit by name in a manner indicating to Crafard that Ruby knew Tippit. Crafard was unable to recall specifically what Ruby said.

Concerning Bernard Weissman, Crafard was shown the photographs of Weissman. He recalled the photographs as being of a man he recognizes as having been at the Carousel Club, belonging to Ruby in Dallas, Texas, on a number of occasions. He has heard Ruby refer to Weissman by the name of "Weissman," and on several occasions has served Weissman drinks at the Carousel Club.

Crafard stated he was employed by Ruby on November 14, 1963, but he is quite certain he was at the Vegas Club on that date. Crafard has no recollection of Ruby, Weissman and Tippit meeting at the Carousel Club or elsewhere on November 14, 1963, or on any other date.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Portland, Oregon

August 31, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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

Curtis Le Verne Crafard, 1219 Birch Street, Dallas, Oregon, furnished the following information to Special Agents Vern F. Davis and Harold G. Brack on August 27, 1964:

It is Crafard's definite recollection that he was in the presence of Jack Ruby when the news came over the air concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and the death of Officer J. D. Tippit on November 22, 1963. At that time, Ruby referred to Officer Tippit by his first name or a nickname, neither of which Crafard can recall, and said he knew him quite well. He definitely was referring to the Dallas, Texas, Police Department officer, Tippit, who was shot the day of the assassination.

Concerning an individual named Weissman, Crafard has a very vague recollection of having heard either Ruby or the man in charge of the Carousel Club in Ruby's absence, whose name is either Andy Alexander or Andy Armstrong, mention the name Weissman. He does not remember in what connection the name was mentioned, unless possibly it was simply an order to serve Mr. Weissman. Crafard believes he served such a "fellow" two or three times at the bar at the Carousel Club in the late evening and that he was a detective from the Dallas, Texas, Police Department. He does not recall Weissman's first name but is inclined to think it may have been Johnny. He does not recall anyone else who knew Weissman, and the only description Crafard can furnish of Weissman is as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	38 to 43 years

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
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Height	Six feet
Weight	180 to 185 pounds
Hair	Dark

Crafard does not recall whether Weissman may have been at the Carousel Club early in the period he, Crafard, worked there or at a later date. Actually, Crafard said, he has "practically forgotten all that happened when I was in Dallas and I could have my recollection of a Mr. Weissman mixed up with someone else."

Crafard stated that if previous to August 21, 1964, he had not furnished information as to his recollection of an acquaintanceship between Ruby and Officer J. D. Tippit and also his recollection of a possible acquaintanceship between Ruby and a Mr. Weissman, it is because these points had not been specifically covered with him previously. He said he knows of no other information that he has which would be pertinent to this matter.



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INTERVIEW WITH ALFRED A. CURRAN

The following letter was forwarded to the Director, FBI, from Alfred A. Curran, Costa Mesa, California, dated August 24, 1964. On the reverse side was another letter dated February 28, 1964. The letter was postmarked at Long Beach, California, on August 25, 1964:

"8-24-64

"Attention: The honorable
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

"In

"Abdruck an den Herrn Leiter
des US Bundesamtes für Kriminal-
forschung mit dem höflichen Ersuchen
um Kenntnisnahme und weitere Behandlung.

"Dear Mr. Hoover:

"This is to state, that, in the country from which I immigrated to the United States of America, I have predominantly performed duties equatable to that of an employee of the rank of STATE POLICE INSPECTOR with reference to the TECHNICAL SECTOR OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION! I was likewise paid in this rank-class. It appears here, for reasons unknown to me, that certain forces, unidentifiable so far, by my very evaluation subversive and hostile to constitutional law and traditions, continually concentrate to make genuine work, or productive work impossible through perpetual harassment and mental subversive cruelties.

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This, I do believe, has nothing to do with party affiliations (I am a registered Republican). It is further such, that a power structure in the Technical Sector of this southern region, by whatever sources influenced escapes my recognition and comprehension, tends to devalue, degrade and discriminate. I certainly had not the advantage to grow up in this country and do not know a great deal of routines that grow out of a long lasting employment with one corporation. Neither do many employees in certain academic positions know what they are supposed to do with regard to their respective positions. My pertinent experience then refers to an organized maffia movement within the standard bearing technical authorities in this region.

"It is further my private opinion, regardless of the findings of any commission, that the assassination of President Kennedy was in effect an organized plott, of which other people - possibly as much intimidated as myself, had knowledge through the MORSE CODE MESSAGE!

"With respect and reverence,

"sincerely,

Alfred A. Curran"

"2-28-64"

"Alfred A. Curran
2557 Santa Ana Ave.
Costa Mesa, Calif.

"Personal Data:

Profession: Ingenieur
Marital status: married
2 children
Immigration to USA: 2-11-56
Port of entrance : New York
Abundi status quo ante: nascendi: Jan. 62
(Naturalized by: Distr. Judge Albert Stevens
Distr. Court, Los Angeles)

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Age: 44

"Addressing the Governor and the State-Legislature of the State of CALIFORNIA, of which I am a resident since June, 1959, I make the following STATEMENT:

"During the month of April, 1963, I took in MORSE CODE at a speed, equal to or less than 20 words per minute, the following text in distinguishable meanings:
(Used Hallicrafter SX-110)

"THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY IS THREATENED BY HARVEY LEE OSWALD WITH AN ITALIAN SCOPE RIFLE FROM THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING IN DALLAS, TEXAS!

"This message was repeated three times. To my very understanding and belief, the sender was a professional.

"In fragments, I received at a much higher speed, equal to meaning! HE HAS ALREADY SELECTED HIS SPOT IN ARLINGTON!

"The same sending source also mentioned in rather undistinguishable coherence and conjection the name RUBY.

"I have never revealed this knowledge to anyone else but the Att. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, per letter!

"However, since I took this message, I have experienced professional discrimination and degradation equal to maltreatment practiced by the Nazi-Gvt. I have reason to believe, that the Public Works Director of Newport Beach, who was my employer at that time, tended to bring physical harm to me by wilful negligence of his duty. When I complained formally to Att. Gen. St. Monk, regarding this condition, my employment was terminated in August, 1963. Ever since, I have not been able to find a professional job due to respective references furnished by said department to prospective employers. A Birch Society stimulus is very probably within this conspiracy to commit professional discrimination and harassment.

"I humbly ask the Governor and the State-Legislature to review this case, in which radical pressure groups exercised Nazi practices to influence en masse fellow employees against me.

"Respectfully,

/s/ Alfred A. Curran"

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Records of the Orange County California Sheriff's Office were reviewed on August 31, 1964 and contained no record for Alfred A. Curran.

Records of the West Orange County Credit Bureau at Costa Mesa, California were reviewed on August 31, 1964 and contained no record concerning Alfred A. Curran.

Records of the Costa Mesa, California Police Department were reviewed on August 31, 1964 and reflected Alfred A. Curran, date of birth January 28, 1920, residing at 2808 Drake Street, was complainant in a family argument on February 20, 1962, and on interview by an officer of the police department, he said he and his wife were having a domestic quarrel over money and she had hit him with her fist, kicked a door panel out and scattered his papers around. He then ran to the garage and got in the car and locked it. She then tried to break the windows with a hand drill. She was not present during the interview with the officer and no follow-up report was made.

Alfred A. Curran was interviewed by FBI Agents at his residence, 2557 Santa Ana, Costa Mesa, California, on September 1, 1964. He furnished the following information:

He said he was born on January 28, 1920 at Tilsit, East Prussia, served in the German Air Force from October, 1940 to 1945. He said he was married on December 20, 1944 to Julia P. Jodet, who was born on April 21, 1921 at Tilsit, East Prussia. He said he came to the United States from Germany on February 16, 1956 and became a naturalized citizen of the United States on January 19, 1962 in the U.S. District Court at Los Angeles, California. He said he is still married to Julia and they have two children, a daughter, age 15 $\frac{1}{2}$, and a son, age 2.

Curran advised that his wife did not become an American citizen and has retained the German name of Kurras, which is his true name. He said he had his name legally changed to Curran on the same date he was naturalized.

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Curran said his wife's mother, Mrs. Koelleda, and a sister still reside in Ekartsberga, East Germany, and she has a brother who is a school principal in the town of Naumburg, East Germany. He said to his knowledge none are communists.

Curran said he has had twelve years of grammar and high school and three years of technological education, primarily agricultural technology.

He advised he was drafted into the German Air Force and after the war he worked for British Intelligence while a prisoner of war for one year. He said from October, 1948 to January, 1956, he worked for the German Ministry of the Interior as an Engineer Inspector in Agricultural Technology, inspecting flood control projects and the like.

Curran said he has been employed in a number of jobs since coming to the United States. He advised that during the spring of 1963 he was employed by the City Engineer's Office in the City of Newport Beach, California as a draftsman.

Curran said that prior to the war while still in college, he and fellow students started learning Morse Code and when he went into the German Air Force, he received more training as a Morse Code Operator and acted as such for about four of the five years he spent in the Air Force.

He advised that about two years ago he bought a Hallicrafter radio, model 8 x 110, to use to improve his Morse Code proficiency.

Curran said that one day in April, 1963, probably between the hours of 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM, he was turning the dial to find a Morse Code Operator to listen to when he heard the message regarding the danger to the President. He said he does not recall which band he heard the message on but it was either band 2 which runs from 1.55 to 4.6 megacycles or band 3 which runs from 4.6 to 13. megacycles. He said the message was repeated three times exactly the same way at a speed of 20-25 words per minute and he was able to get each word and all three messages were alike. He said the signal was so strong he had to turn the volume down.

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Curran said that the other message concerning the spot at Arlington was likewise repeated three times. He said the name Ruby was heard by him two times but was given at such a speed he was not able to copy anything else or pick up any other part of the message.

Curran advised he does not know which of the messages he picked up first or whether they were all on the same frequency or the same day for sure since he was constantly changing to a new frequency to pick up messages to practice on. He said he never keeps the messages he takes down from day to day but throws them away the following day.

Curran was asked why he did not furnish this information to anyone and he said he was being ridiculed at work because of suggestions he had made and was being laughed at both by fellow employees and by strangers. He said he noticed small groups of people everywhere laughing and knew they were laughing at him.

Curran said that several days after receiving this message he was subjected to hazing at the office so he knew that they were doing this to let him know they knew he had picked up this message.

When asked what form the hazing took, Mr. Curran said he was subjected to work for which he was not hired and said specifically he was sent out to do pick and shovel work when he was hired for a technological job. He said he was not afraid to do pick and shovel work but felt that this was punishment for making suggestions to improve work done by the City Engineer's Office.

Curran advised he quit this job soon after because of this treatment.

Curran said that every time he sits before the radio receiver and writes the messages he knows someone is watching him but he does not know who it is or who it might be.

Curran said he has not been ill or hospitalized for any reason since coming to the United States.

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Curran pointed out that he never told his wife of the messages because she has heart trouble and is very excitable and he did not even tell her of the letter to the Director, FBI.