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TO DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)
Attention: FBI LABORATORY
FROM SAC DALLAS (100-10461)
SUBJECT LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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On 6/26/64 Captain WALTER C. FANNIN, Dallas Police Department, Burglary and Theft Division, Dallas, Texas, advised that several weeks ago he received a telephone call from an individual at radio station KRLD, Dallas, Texas, informing that radio station KRLD had received a letter from DEAN WASHINGTON McADAMS, Fort Worth, Texas, who informed that he knew who had been starting the church fires in Dallas, Texas. FANNIN stated he referred this matter to the Dallas Fire Department.

FANNIN stated that on the instructions of Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas Police Department, he dispatched Detectives HOMER BURRIS and TOMMY J. TAYLOR to the Fort Worth, Texas Police Department for the purpose of interviewing DEAN WASHINGTON McADAMS, in company with a detective from the Fort Worth Police Department, for any information McADAMS might have concerning church burglaries and fires in Dallas, Texas.

FANNIN stated Detectives BURRIS and TAYLOR of the Dallas Police Department, BOB WILLIAMS of the Dallas Fire Department, and Detective STEPHENS of the Fort Worth Police Department interviewed McADAMS on 6/24/64 at 424 College Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas. He is a white male, age 53, blind, and, according to the Dallas Police Department report, lives in very dire circumstances. This report also

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reflects that on interview McADAMS wanted to tell interviewing officers mostly of communist activities rather than to talk of the church burglaries and fires.

According to the Dallas Police Department report, "Mr. DEAN McADAMS stated he received a letter back in July, 1963 from a Harry Cadage of Cambridge, Massachusetts and stated that President Kennedy would be killed by Lee Oswald and Charles Williams when he came to Fort Worth or Dallas. Charles Williams lives in Austin, Texas. He also showed us letters in braille from a Vera Stinnett, 719 1/2 Hackberry Street, Duncan, Oklahoma. He stated two letters which contained important information was taken from the envelopes by a couple named Homer and Claudia of the Chiefs Bar in Fort Worth after stooping and breaking his hand.

"He insisted on us taking two letters in braille to keep the Communists from taking them from him. We will turn these over to the FBI.

"/s/ H. BURRIS
H. Burris, #533

"/s/ T. J. TAYLOR
T. J. Taylor, #537"

FANNIN advised the records of the Fort Worth Police Department reflect that on June 30, 1960, DEAN W. McADAMS, a white male, age 48, then residing in Room 25, Trinity Hotel, complained to the Fort Worth Police Department that he had \$12,450.00 stolen from him at the Trinity Hotel. An inquiry was conducted by the Fort Worth Police Department and McADAMS' ex-wife and brother both stated that McADAMS never had that much money and never would. They closed the investigation marking the complaint of McADAMS as "No Offense."

FANNIN stated it was the opinion of Detectives HOMER BURRIS and TOMMY J. TAYLOR of the Dallas Police Department, of BOB WILLIAMS of the Dallas Fire Department, and of Detective STEPHENS of the Fort Worth Police Department, all of whom interviewed McADAMS on June 24, 1964, that McADAMS is mentally deranged.

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FARRIN furnished four envelopes with a return address of VERA STINNETT, 717½ Hackberry, Duncan, Oklahoma, postmarked at Duncan, Oklahoma, July 3, 1963; July 30, 1963; August 14, 1963, and August 22, 1963. The envelopes postmarked July 3 and July 30, 1963, were empty. The envelope postmarked August 14, 1963, contains three pages of Braille writing. The envelope postmarked August 22, 1963, contains two pages of Braille writing.

The above are enclosed for the FBI Laboratory.

The files of the Dallas Division disclose that in 1957 an investigation captioned "SYLVIA DEAN McADAMS; EMBIE LOU McADAMS; KENNETH BOEL WATSON; BILLIE LOUIS DRIVER; SYLVIA BELIE McADAMS - VICTIM; ROBERT FRANKLIN McADAMS - VICTIM; DEAN WASHINGTON McADAMS - VICTIM, KIDNAPING; JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT," was conducted on a complaint by DEAN WASHINGTON McADAMS to the effect that he was a victim of an alleged kidnaping. Investigation disclosed the alleged kidnaping was a complete fabrication on the part of McADAMS. Prosecution was declined in view of the fact that McADAMS is blind and would appear to be mentally ill.

The files of the Dallas Division also disclose that in the Fall of 1963 an investigation captioned "DEAN WASHINGTON McADAMS, IMPERSONATION," was conducted on an allegation made that McADAMS was impersonating a Federal Bureau of Investigation employee.

H. M. YOUNG, Identification Officer, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, Fort Worth, Texas, advised he had received a letter from Miss VERA STINNETT, 717½ Hackberry Street, Duncan, Oklahoma, in which she stated she had been corresponding with DEAN WASHINGTON McADAMS, 509 Memphis, Fort Worth, Texas. She further stated that McADAMS had informed her by letter that he was "working for the FBI." She described McADAMS as being from 45 to 50 years of age and totally blind.

McADAMS, on interview, denied he ever represented himself as an Agent or employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Prosecution in this matter was declined by Assistant United States Attorney CONRAD FLORENCE, Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, in view of the fact that nothing of value was received through McADAMS' impersonation of an FBI Agent or employee.

The files of the Dallas Division further disclose that in the Spring of 1964 an investigation captioned "DEAN WASHINGTON McADAMS; RACHEL ELVINA CANDAGE - VICTIM, EXTORTION," was conducted concerning a letter written in Braille by McADAMS, which contained a threat. This letter was directed to Miss RACHEL ELVINA CANDAGE, Dixfield, Maine.

Miss RACHEL ELVINA CANDAGE, on interview, advised she has been almost totally blind since the age of seven and is now 53 years of age. She advised that about a year and a half prior to May, 1964, she started corresponding with another blind person, DEAN W. McADAMS, 509 Hemphill, Fort Worth, Texas, having initiated this correspondence through a magazine for the blind known as "Christian Record." Through this correspondence, she and McADAMS finally agreed to be married, but because of the evasive manner in which McADAMS avoided furnishing any background concerning himself, she asked one of her relatives to try and obtain some information about him at Fort Worth, Texas.

In May, 1963, and before obtaining this background information, she started to travel to Fort Worth, Texas, to marry McADAMS, but the aforementioned relative contacted her at the airport in Chicago, Illinois, and advised her that he had obtained the results of his inquiry at Fort Worth, Texas, and that McADAMS was generally regarded as a blind beggar who was mentally deficient. After receiving this information, she returned to her home in Dixfield, Maine, and discontinued correspondence with McADAMS. She continued, however, to receive quite a number of irrational letters from him, which she thought to be of a threatening nature.

Miss CANDAGE reviewed a letter written in Braille, postmarked February 26, 1964, Fort Worth, Texas, addressed to Miss RACHEL CANDAGE, Dixfield, Maine, but bore no return address on the envelope. It did bear the name of "SYLVIA" at the end

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of this Braille letter, according to Miss CANDAGE. Miss CANDAGE stated she is certain this letter was written by DEAN W. McADAMS because she recognizes his phraseology and the fact that she has been previously corresponding with him for over a year. She stated that the pertinent portion of the letter, which was a lengthy one, read as follows:

"You can either stop him and save us from a court now or if any of my party goes to prison there will be many still free and you will pay for our trouble with your own life. You will have to take all blame and there is enough killings to send you to the death house many times over."

Miss CANDAGE stated she is not entirely clear as to what McADAMS meant by the above paragraph. She stated she does not believe McADAMS had any real intent to come to Bixfield, Maine, and do bodily harm to her because of the fact he apparently is penniless and almost blind.

She has received no additional correspondence from McADAMS since February, 1964, and does not intend to correspond with him any more.

In April, 1964, Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM B. McKINLEY, Federal Building, Portland, Maine, stated he would decline prosecution of DEAN W. McADAMS because of his apparent mental condition and his inability to carry out the threats because of his blind condition.

REQUESTS OF THE BUREAU

The FBI Laboratory is requested to translate the enclosed five sheets bearing writing in Braille to determine if they contain any information pertinent to this investigation. If desired, these letters may be retained by the Bureau.

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BOSTON DIVISION

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Will locate and interview HARRY CADAGE concerning the letter allegedly written by him in July, 1963, to DEAN WASHINGTON McADAMS stating that President KENNEDY would be killed by LEE OSWALD and CHARLES WILLIAMS when he came to Fort Worth or Dallas. It should be borne in mind that the name HARRY CADAGE may be a misspelling for the name CANDAGE and, if so, this person may be related to RACHEL ELVINA CANDAGE, Dixfield, Maine, information about whom is set out in this airtel.

DALLAS DIVISION

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Will interview DEAN WASHINGTON McADAMS, 424 College Avenue, concerning the letter he stated he received in July, 1963, from a HARRY CADAGE, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in which it was allegedly stated that President KENNEDY would be killed by LEE OSWALD and CHARLES WILLIAMS when President KENNEDY came to Fort Worth or Dallas, Texas.

Will also develop any other information McADAMS may have pertinent to the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will hold in abeyance any contemplated interview of VERA STINETT, 717½ Hackberry Street, Duncan, Oklahoma, pending results of the translation of the letters, allegedly written by her to McADAMS, by the FBI Laboratory.