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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**  
**FROM: SAC, WFO (89-75) (P)**

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

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**INFORMANT - JOSEPH P. MC CONNON**

ReButel call to WFO 11/26/63.

Information received in referenced call one JOSEPH P. MC CONNON had told PAUL DAUGHTERY, Bureau of Facilities, U.S. Post Office Department, on 11/26/63 he believed the assassination of President KENNEDY was part of an underworld plot that would ultimately get the Attorney General. This information was received at the Bureau from JOSEPH DOLAN of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. Referenced call advised MC CONNON presently staying at the Harrington Hotel, Washington, D. C.

JOSEPH P. MC CONNON, home address c/o The Allerton House, New York, New York, interviewed Room 1027, Harrington Hotel, 11/26/63, by Buagents. MC CONNON informed he was in Washington, D. C., to attend activities surrounding the funeral of President KENNEDY.

MC CONNON stated he has associated with various types of persons during his lifetime and included among these are persons he would consider to be members of the underworld. He said that he has received no indication or information indicating any such persons were involved in the assassination of President KENNEDY; however, he offered the following observations, which he stated were his personal opinions.

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MC CONNON related the only information he has regarding this assassination is that which he has been able to obtain from watching television, listening to radio reports, and perusing various news articles. He said it is inconceivable to him that JACK RUBY, who has been charged with the murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, had actually killed OSWALD as a result of his grief for the slain President or his family. He indicated it was hard for him to imagine the operator of a night club having such feelings.

MC CONNON said he is at a complete loss to understand how RUBY could have been present in the basement of the Dallas Police Department at the time OSWALD was being transferred from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail, unless he was there with the knowledge of at least one Dallas PD officer. MC CONNON intimated the possibility exists RUBY had paid for such a privilege; however, he positively stated he has no such knowledge this was the case.

MC CONNON also remarked he considered it somewhat unusual the members of the Dallas PD who were escorting OSWALD from the jail did not interpose their bodies between RUBY and OSWALD when they saw RUBY approach with the gun to shoot OSWALD. MC CONNON said he felt the duty of the Dallas PD officers would have been to protect their prisoner at all costs. He intimated their failure to do so was possibly planned; however, he again remarked he has absolutely no knowledge indicating such was the case.

MC CONNON advised he does not consider OSWALD to have been sufficiently intelligent to have successfully planned and carried out the assassination of President KENNEDY. He commented he felt OSWALD definitely had some assistance in this regard, the identity of such assistance unknown to him, although MC CONNON suggested the possibility this assistance might have come from JACK RUBY.

MC CONNON said that should RUBY have been acting in some capacity for the underworld in connection with the assassination of President KENNEDY, it would have been to his advantage to have OSWALD removed by death.

MC CONNON continued he does not believe that any communist conspiracy is involved in the assassination of President KENNEDY nor does he believe OSWALD's motive for killing President KENNEDY was based on any such foundation. He said he considers it entirely likely that OSWALD has possibly been involved in similar killings.

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before, which were a source of personal gain to him. MC CONNON said he has no basis for the above other than his past experiences with similar type people.

MC CONNON stated it is his opinion President KENNEDY was killed so the Attorney General would be removed from his office. He said he does not believe President JOHNSON will keep ROBERT-F. KENNEDY as Attorney General in his cabinet. MC CONNON commented Attorney General KENNEDY has been extremely harsh on the various members and activities of the underworld and has cost the underworld a great deal of money. He said he feels the Attorney General was not assassinated since it would be the general feeling among the underworld that a different Attorney General, under President KENNEDY, would pursue the same policies and, therefore, nothing would be gained by killing the Attorney General.

MC CONNON said he believes RUBY, who was a night club operator, was in the "rackets" and as such would possibly have been used by the underworld to plan, and direct OSWALD in, the assassination. He stated that if this is the case there would probably be someone who knows of an association between RUBY and OSWALD.

MC CONNON said he was quite dismayed over President KENNEDY's death. MC CONNON stated he is going to attempt to obtain any information he can regarding this assassination, and should he receive any information he believes of value he will furnish same to the FBI.

MC CONNON said he is not interested in having his identity disclosed as the source of the above information, and does not desire to be recontacted. He stated he would contact WFO should he obtain any information of interest.

Above being furnished Bureau and Dallas for info.

ADDENDUM: CHS:dlb

