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TO : Mr. Belmont *Handwritten initials*

DATE: December 4, 1963

FROM : A. ROSEN *Handwritten initials*

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

The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth background details for the record concerning the false report received from Mrs. Margaret Kathryn Hoover, 100 South Walnut Street, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, concerning the captioned matter.

On November 28, 1963, Mrs. Hoover advised Special Agents of the Pittsburgh Division that during the third week of October, 1963, she found a used ticket of the Seaboard Airline Railroad Company. This ticket represented travel from Miami, Florida, to Washington, D. C., on September 25, 1963. Mrs. Hoover also indicated that at the same time she found the railroad ticket in her front yard, she also found an advertisement bearing the notations on the back, which was otherwise blank, of the name of an unrecalled club and a six-digit number located in the upper left hand corner, and the name Rubenstein, Lee Oswald, Jack Ruby and Dallas, Texas, located in the upper right hand corner of the page. Mrs. Hoover made available the unused portion of the train ticket and the envelope to go with it. She was unable to locate the advertisement bearing the alleged information concerning Rubenstein, Lee Oswald, and so forth. Mrs. Hoover stated that since the finding of the papers occurred at the approximate time a new neighbor, Doctor Julio C. Fernandez, had moved into a residence located at 400 East Allegheny Street, Martinsburg, which is within fifty feet of Mrs. Hoover's residence, she felt that this undoubtedly came from the Fernandez family, who reportedly has associates in Florida.

It is to be noted that Mrs. Margaret Kay Kauffman, 600 East Allegheny, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, who is the daughter of Mrs. Hoover, verified the statements given by her mother.

Investigation has been completed through the interview of Julio Cesar Fernandez, who indicated a strong anti-Castro

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feeling and further identified the railroad ticket in question as that of his son, who had traveled from Florida to Washington, D. C., during September, 1963. Following an extensive interview of Fernandez, [Mrs. Hoover] was reinterviewed, and she continued to reiterate her earlier story. However, upon reinterview of the daughter, [Mrs. Kauffman] and [Mr. Kauffman], both acknowledged that [Mrs. Hoover] has become [redacted] and had imagined the entire story concerning Rubenstein and Oswald notations. [Mrs. Kauffman] has been under her mother's influence and has been taking tranquilizers for an extended period of time. Both [Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman] said that [Mrs. Hoover] made up the story given to the FBI in order to have the Fernandez family evicted from their home.

This matter was presented for an opinion and AUSA R. E. Tucker, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, declined prosecutive action in view of the [redacted] of both women involved.

ACTION

For information.

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