

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHARLOTTE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 12/4/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/4/63
TITLE OF CASE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963		REPORT MADE BY SA RICHARD L. KESLER	TYPED BY rak
		CHARACTER OF CASE KILLING A FEDERAL OFFICER	

REFERENCES:

Dallas teletype to the Bureau dated 12/3/63.
Charlotte teletype to the Bureau dated 12/4/63.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

As reflected in referenced Charlotte teletype, Charlotte indices contain no record of BERNARD WEISSMAN or the American Fact Finding Committee.

As reflected in Charlotte teletype to the Bureau and Dallas 11/23/63, Charlotte conducted continuous extensive investigation upon receipt of Bureau teletype 11/22/63. During this investigation all bombing suspects were accounted for in the Charlotte Division and extensive check of various Klan and

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hate group members and racial extremists failed to develop any information bearing on assassination of President KENNEDY. In addition, informants and sources were contacted with negative results. Since this investigation was negative, the identities of informants contacted, etc., is not being set forth in report but appropriate records maintained in instant file.

In addition to information set forth in details of this report concerning WILLIAM MILTON BURLEY, III, the Baltimore Office advised by airtel 8/8/61 that Delinquent Registrant Report from Clerk, LB 26, Baltimore, Maryland, dated 7/10/61, had been sent to the USA, Baltimore, Maryland, showing BURLEY as a delinquent for failure to report for induction on 7/6/61. The report stated that BURLEY had not been located at his last known address in Baltimore and that additional attempts had been made to locate him through correspondence with negative results.

Local Board 26, Baltimore, on 8/2/61, advised USA, Baltimore, that on that date a change of address for BURLEY was received, showing his address as 225 East Park Avenue, Charlotte, N. C., and that duplicate copy of Order to Report for Induction was mailed to BURLEY at that address on 8/2/61.

Charlotte file reflects that Mrs. RUTH SKIDMORE, Local Board 61, Charlotte, N. C., advised SA ROGER E. SCHULTZ on 8/22/61 that BURLEY had been transferred as a delinquent from Local Board 26, Baltimore, to Local Board 61, Charlotte, and had been inducted into the Armed Forces on 8/18/61.

The foregoing information from records Local Board 26, Baltimore, and Local Board 61, Charlotte, not set forth in details of this report in view of restrictions concerning reporting of information from Selective Service files.

The previous investigation referred to in this report was case entitled "WILLIAM MILTON BURLEY, III, SSN 18-26-35-126. SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT, 1948," Baltimore file 25-22476, Charlotte file 25-23790, Bufile unknown.

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LEADS:

One copy of this report is being furnished Baltimore for information in view of Baltimore's interest in WILLIAM MILTON BURLEY, III.

CHARLOTTE:

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Will immediately conduct any investigation concerning information or leads received instant matter and report same.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA RICHARD L. KESLER
Date: 12/4/63 Office: CHARLOTTE

Field Office File #: Charlotte 89-46 Bureau File #:

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

Character: KILLING A FEDERAL OFFICER

Synopsis:

WILLIAM MILTON BURLEY, III, SSN 18-26-35-126, was interviewed by Special Agents, FBI, Charlotte, N. C., 8/7/61, concerning his failure to report for induction in Armed Services 7/6/61, Baltimore, Maryland. BURLEY stated he did not consciously or intentionally attempt to avoid military service and loss of contact with his Local Board, Baltimore, Maryland, was inadvertence on his part. AUSA CARL J. LORENZ, JR., Baltimore, Maryland, declined prosecution of BURLEY in favor of BURLEY being processed for immediate induction into Armed Services. Physical description of BURLEY set out.

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DETAILS:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

RE WILLIAM MILTON BURLEY, III.

During the course of another investigation in 1961, the following information was developed:

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On August 7, 1961, BURLEY appeared at the Charlotte Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he was interviewed, and advised Special Agents ROGER E. SCHULTZ and GORDON S. CARR that he had been notified by Selective Service Board 26, Baltimore, Maryland, that he was a delinquent and that the United States Attorney, Baltimore, Maryland, had been so advised. He furnished the following signed statement:

"August 7, 1961

"I, William Milton Burley, III, make the following free and voluntary statement to Roger E. Schultz who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I may have an attorney, that anything I say may be used against me in a court of law and that I do not have to make a statement. No force, threats or promises have been made in connection with my furnishing this statement.

"I was born 7/17/1935 at Pennsylvania, and registered at Local Board 26, July 24, 1953. At that time my address was 6400 Gary Ave., Baltimore, Maryland. Subsequent to that time I moved to other addresses and always notified Local Board 26, Baltimore, Maryland, of my moves. In May, 1960, the Company for which I was employed, Albright Industries of Pineville, N. C., transferred me to North Carolina and I thought that I had notified the draft board of this move. In the past I have usually had correspondence from my draft board during approximately January or February of each year, but did not receive any correspondence this year. After hearing the Presidents speech a few weeks ago relating to the world situation and the increase in the strength of our armed forces, I was reminded that I had not heard from my draft board. I then wrote them a brief letter inquiring of them if there was any correspondence for me and gave them my current Charlotte, N. C., address of 225 E. Park Ave.

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"On August 4, 1961, I received a letter from Local Board 26, Baltimore, enclosing an order to report for physical examination to the nearest Local Board and informing me that I had been reported as a delinquent to the United States Attorney.

"On the same date, August 4, I reported to Local Board 61, Charlotte, and made application for Transfer for Armed Forces Physical Examination or Induction.

"At the time I originally registered in July of 1953, I was not married. I was married January 5, 1957, to Winifred Adkins Burley who at the time had a daughter, Debrah Lynn Adkins, born May 26, 1956. Since our marriage my wife and I have had a son, William Milton Burley, IV, born 12/3/57 and a son David Glen Burley, born 12/16/58. My wife is presently expecting our fourth child which was due 7/29/61.

"At no time have I consciously or intentionally attempted to avoid military service and if the Local Board did not receive my current address at the time I moved to Charlotte, it was due only to inadvertence on my part. I am willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States if I am called to do so. However, I am the sole support for my wife and children and do not desire to enter the military if I can be excused. My Selective Service Number is 18-26-35-126.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and three other pages and this statement is true and correct.

"/s/William Milton Burley, III

"Witness:

/s/ Roger E. Schultz, Special Agent, F.B.I., Charlotte, N.C.
/s/ Gordon S. Carr, S.A., FBI, Charlotte, 8/7/61"

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The following description was obtained during interview by observation and interrogation:

Name:	WILLIAM MILTON BURLEY, III
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	July 17, 1935
Place of Birth:	Pennsylvania
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	150 pounds
Eyes:	Brown, wears glasses
Hair:	Brown
Wife:	WINIFRED ADKINS BURLEY
Children:	DEBRAH LYNN ADKINS; WILLIAM MILTON BURLEY, IV; DAVID GLEN BURLEY
Residence:	225 East Park Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina
Employment:	Albright Industries, Pineville, North Carolina
Selective Service Number:	1826-35-126

On August 11, 1961, the facts in this case were presented to Assistant United States Attorney CARL J. LORENZ, JR., Baltimore, Maryland, by Special Agent JOHN J. GROGAN. Assistant United States Attorney LORENZ declined prosecution in favor of BURLEY being processed for immediate induction inasmuch as there was no willful intent to evade the Selective Service Act.