BAC. Phoenix (62-1064)

From: Director, FBI

MICHAUD Threat against the president MISCELLANEOUS

RePXtel 1-21-64, 2 p.m., copy of which is furnished for the information of Dallas.

'In view of Bureau's responsibility for investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy (Bufile 62-109060; Dallas, office of origin, Difile 89-43) and the alleged statement regarding complicity on the part of "King David Ulrey" in this crime, Phoenix is instructed to incorporate this information in a letterhead memorandum for dissemination. Copies should be furnished to the Bureau, Dallas and Secret Service locally.

This letterhead memorandum should also include appropriate background data on Michaud, particularly that information showing the periods he has spent in mental institutions and other similar type information which would give a good indication of his reliability.

1 - Dallas (Enclosure)

1 - Mr. O. H. Bartlett

(Assassination of President John F. Kennedy)

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Phoenix in retel states that the USSS in Washington received a long-distance call on the evening of 1-20-64, allegedly from "King David Ulrey" of Fredonia, Arizona, who was calling from Kanab, Utah. At this time "Ulrey" admitted he was a former mental patient and that he had a part in the murder of President Kennedy and had previously shot at and missed the Governor of Texas. "Ulrey" indicated he had recently purchased a rifle with a scope and was going to shoot President Johnson in the near future.

Investigation by USSS and local authorities indicates call not made by "Ulrey" but by subject Michaud who is known to have been in Kanab, Utah, on 1-20-64. Phoenix indicated USSS is handling investigation of this matter.

Bufile 65-61922 discloses considerable prior dealings with Michaud who has been committed on numerous occasions to both state and Federal mental institutions. In 1943, he was discharged from the Army due to a highly nervous disorder. In 1953, he made false charges against the SAC of Salt Lake City. In 1947, Michaud was charged with sodomy but was not prosecuted as the complainant declined to testify. In 1958, he was arrested on a bai-check charge. In 1960, he filed a sodomy charge against the Kane Couty, Utah, Assessor. This charge was false and a complaint of perjury was filed against him; however, he pleaded insanity. In 1961, he was arrested on a charge of drunk; obscene language and vulgarity and again placed in a mental institution.

The last contact we had with Michaud was when the Phoenix Office advised on 1-6-64 that a Phoenix Agent had been subpoensed to appear before the Arizona Bar Association Committee which was to hold hearings concerning allegations made by Michaud against a superior court judge and county attorney indicating that Michaud's rights were not being protected. Subsequently, Michaud withdrew his complaints and the hearings were canceled. It is quite apparent from the above this man is "trouble." Althoughhe had made allegations concerning the assassination of President Kennedy and it is possible he may, at some future date, write to the President's Commission, it is still felt we should limit our contact with him to those occasions of absolute necessity only. Therefore, t is not recommended that he be interviewed in this matter but that the results of inquiries to date be incorporated in a LHM for possible future dissemination. Should the President's Commission request Bureau investigation regading any allegations of Michaud, we will handle the request at that thre.