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

RE: WALTER McNEIL

Reference is made to Letterhead Memorandum dated January 4, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, concerning Walter McNeil.

The following investigation was conducted to identify this individual:

[REDACTED] Panama City Credit Bureau, advised that their files contain no information concerning Walter McNeil.

[REDACTED] of the Panama City Police Department, advised that Walter McNeil, who resides at 1602 Wilmont Avenue, Panama City, Florida, is well known to the Police Department and to him personally. He said that Mr. McNeil is a white male, approximately 55 years of age, who is a recluse. He seldom ever leaves his home and makes his living apparently from a plumbing business operated by relatives next door to his home. He is a habitual letter writer and writes letters to newspaper editors on issues which come up of a controversial nature in City, County, State, and Federal Government. His letters are always long, rambling and often times without meaning. Most of the time newspapers and magazines refuse to print his letters but some have been printed in the local newspaper at Panama City in years past, but McNeil is well known in the Panama City area and his influence is negative. McNeil has never been known to resort to violence and contents himself with expressing his views by writing letters to news media. [REDACTED] stated that he does not believe that McNeil would resort to violence because he never gets away from home.

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The Postal Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, Atlanta, Georgia, furnished a letter which that agency received from the "Atlantic Monthly," 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Massachusetts. The envelope was postmarked November 26, 1963, at Panama City, Florida, bearing a rubber stamp addressed Walter McNeil, 1602 Wilmont, Panama City, Florida. The letter is as follows:

"Note: The following comments are my own personal feelings and beliefs! I am a poet!

"The Doom of a (or Tyrant) Tyrant!

By
Walter McNeil

"No person on Earth is more jubilant over the recent death of the former president of these imputed United States of America than I, for the simple reason that John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was in life a monstrous tyrant!

"He literally received not one whit more than he truly deserved!

"A marble monument ought to be erected in meritorious honor of Lee Oswald, the noble assassin of the president, in every city, community and hamlet throughout this nation.

"On that Friday afternoon as soon as I heard the report of someone having shot to death president Kennedy, I leaped for joy ecstatically elated with the heavenly knowledge that justice; true and certain, had struck down the chief executive; whom along with his brother Robert, the attorney general, had fomented racial strife, injury and death in many American cities and municipalities.

"I laughed and laughed with the gratifying awareness of retribution having so-rightly prevailed

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over the heinous despot; whom by dictatorial command, ruthlessly employed army troops and federal marshalls to force many, many thousands of whites to mix with negroes which eventually always results in inter-marriage and interbreeding; both legitimately (supposedly) and illegimately of the latter!

"I rejoiced in the beautiful truth of good having overcome evil, so banefully embodied in the form and character of the late president while alive!

"For many days to dawn and pass, I shall continue to exult in the glorious thrill prevailing my being, at the cognition of a cruel oppressor, having really and truly departed from the ranks of the living, for the ultimate good of all deserving Americans; even though for a time, his death may touch off much injustice and persecution! But nevertheless, good predominated for one split instant when that rifle bullet shot by the valiant Lee Oswald, in Dallas, Texas, snuffed out the villainous life of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

"Oh! How I so truly admire the courage and nobility of Lee Oswald, shown by his gracious deed of stamping out a heartless and damnable existence; to wit, the life of president Kennedy himself!

"Although Oswald was slain soon after he shot the president (on Sun. following the Friday when Kennedy died) I do hope that some national publication will print this for the reason that I wish very much to obtain the address of his bereaved mother, in order to write her my condolences...my deepest heartfelt sympathy; and grant her my strong feelings of vast respect for her noble son, Lee Oswald, and his entire family.

"His honorable feat of virtuous magnitude stands almost unparalleled in the heroic annals of this country's existences.

"Walter McNeil"

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Postscript was attached as follows:

"EDITOR: As you see my penmanship is poor, But
I nonetheless deserve Freedom of Expression!

"Sir, I hope you will publish my commentary
enclosed: Accompanying!

"The comments are honestly and truthfully
my own views_ beleifs and staunch convictions!

"If you dare not publish...Will you please
inform me of whom to write for Lee Oswald's mother's
home address?! Gratefully yours_ If published,
please send copy! Walter McNeil."

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