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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 62-109000
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (62-
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
JAMES MARTINDALE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*Assassination of
President John
F. Kennedy*

Re Newark letter to Bureau dated 11/8/63 captioned
GLEN E. BRUCE; JOHN W. GOUDSWARD; JAMES MARTINDALE, RESEARCH
(CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS), Newark file 94-975)

On 1/18/64, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Jersey City, N.J., appeared at the Newark Office and
stated that he was in Bordentown Reformatory, Bordentown, New
Jersey, from 11/8/62 to 1/10/64, having number 25592, and
while there was friendly with JAMES MARTINDALE. NJ

He furnished the following information which he
received from MARTINDALE:

MARTINDALE told [REDACTED] one week before President
KENNEDY was assassinated that President KENNEDY was going to
be shot and subsequently that there have been five attempts
on President JOHNSON's life and there would be more.

MARTINDALE is a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)
and obtains his information from VIRGINIA HILL, 325 Braey
Street, East Haven, Connecticut, who writes to him as his
sister.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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During May, 1964 or May, 1965, the CP is going to blow up Bordentown Reformatory to cause a disturbance while they attack Fort Dix and Mc Guire Air Force Base, New Jersey, to obtain weapons. MARTINDALE will lead this attack. Prior to this move, however, MARTINDALE, [redacted] and others are to stage three phoney holdups to obtain money for the CP. The victims of the holdups want to use this method to pass funds to the CP.

After holdups and attack on above mentioned installations, those involved will escape to Israel or Switzerland on a boat MARTINDALE has in Connecticut. There are bunkers on property owned by MARTINDALE's family in Connecticut which already contain weapons and ammunition.

As the Bureau is aware in case captioned (see referenced communication), the three captioned individuals, all inmates at Bordentown Reformatory were interviewed by Newark Agents on 10/21/63, after BRUCE and GOUDSWARD advised Bureau by letter that they had information concerning communist espionage vital to the U.S.

During interview, MARTINDALE informed about cache of weapons and ammunition located in old decayed Revolutionary bunkers which he had discovered when he was a boy during 1955 in East Haven, Connecticut. He also told about his father, now deceased, and uncle being members of a group in East Haven referred to as "Socialist Workers."

New Haven Office subsequently examined bunkers with negative results and interviewed relatives of MARTINDALE who stated MARTINDALE constantly in difficulties with law enforcement agencies and was unreliable and untrustworthy. They had no information to corroborate MARTINDALE's story and would not place any credence in anything he said.

Bordentown Reformatory files concerning the three inmates show that GOUDSWARD was a mental patient during 1960 and 1961 and is pre-occupied with knives and guns of all types. BRUCE was openly hostile, resistive and a suicidal escaped risk and MARTINDALE had a superior mental level and expressed sincere intentions. He also associated with a Nazi group in prison. Report of prison psychiatrist dated 10/14/63, stated BRUCE had told him story of weapons cache and it impressed him as fanciful creation of GOUDSWARD and that BRUCE and MARTINDALE

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followed. He recommended the separation of the inmates.

Information furnished by [redacted] concerning attempts on President JOHNSON's life has been given to FRANK B. WOOD, Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service, Newark, N.J.

Bordentown Reformatory officials will be contacted by Newark and MARTINDALE will be interviewed.