

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/30/64

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (89-17) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
OO: Dallas

Re: Interview with [redacted]
Virginia Beach, Virginia

The following information was supplied on 1/29-30/64
by [redacted] Virginia Beach,
Virginia:

He stated that for several years prior to 1958 he was the
[redacted] Manager of the [redacted] Fuel Company,
Chicago, Illinois. During his association with the firm, it
was allegedly common knowledge that the Retail Coal Dealers
Association of Chicago was making heavy contributions to the Teamster
Union in order to avoid labor trouble in that city. He stated these
contributions allegedly were made to DAN TOBIN, President of
the Teamsters Union; to DAVE BECK, his successor; and to JAMES R.
HOFFA, the current President of the Teamsters Union. [redacted] also
advised that he suspected, although he did not know, that similar
payments were made by the Retail Coal Dealers of Detroit to the
same union, also to avoid labor trouble.

He stated that in recent years he became friendly with
one JAY G. SCHATZ, a former coal dealer in Chicago, who at one
time had a part interest in the Chez Paree Night Club in Chicago.
He stated he had occasion to talk with SCHATZ in Aug. 1960,
and SCHATZ told him that in operating the Chez Paree, he had been
shaken down by the Chicago Police to the extent that he sold his
interest in the Chicago night club. According to [redacted] SCHATZ
further stated he "made a better deal with the Dallas Police
Department" and therefore purchased an interest in one or more
night clubs located in Dallas, Texas.

[redacted] stated that upon reading the newspaper accounts
of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, he wondered
if there could be any tie-in between the President's death and
the investigations that the Justice Department are making in
connection with JAMES R. HOFFA. [redacted] stated that he was
merely speculating, but that he believed that HOFFA was

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cc: 1-Chicago (info.)
1-Detroit (info.)
2-Dallas
1-Norfolk RMM:JGS (7)

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deadly enemy of the KENNEDY Brothers and as such through his connections in Chicago, he would have ready access to any number of Chicago hoodlums who would take on any job that HOFFA desired.

He pointed out that when he read that JACK RUBY killed LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the thought occurred to him that there might be some connection between JACK RUBY and JAY G. SCHATZ, since both of them had interests in Dallas night clubs.

 requested that his name be maintained in the strictest confidence because his theory on the President's death was purely speculation, and he had nothing to support it, other than the information previously set forth in this letter.

He stated he furnished the information because he thought such a theory might be helpful in the FBI's investigations of the over-all ramifications of the President's assassination.

In view of the unusual nature of the information supplied by and since it is purely speculative in nature, no letterhead memorandum is being prepared, and the information is furnished to the Chicago, Detroit, and Dallas Offices in view of their interest in matters referred to in this letter.