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April 29, 1964

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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
 Special Assistant to the President
 The White House
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

A highly critical full-page ad costing \$1,463 appeared in the "Dallas Morning News" on the morning of November 22, 1963, entitled "Welcome, Mr. Kennedy to Dallas." This ad was signed by the "American Fact Finding Committee," Bernard Weissman, Chairman, P. O. Box 1792, Dallas 21, Texas. This article brought great public indignation and prompted several newspaper articles as well as inquiry to this Bureau from Congressman Bernard F. Grabowski who described this ad as "vicious, cruel and one which employed the type of verbiage which tends to incite fanatics." This ad was in the form of a questionnaire to President Kennedy listing twelve questions concerning principally foreign policy matters. *62-114760-3001*

An interview on December 3, 1963, with Larry Henry Schmidt, who was born July 6, 1935, has revealed that this ad was prepared by Schmidt, a Dallas, Texas, insurance salesman, and by Joseph P. Grinnan, a Dallas independent oil man, who are both members of the John Birch Society. The money for this ad, according to Schmidt, was solicited by Grinnan from half a dozen prominent Dallas businessmen. Schmidt further advised that Bernard Weissman, the signer of the ad, is a friend of his whom he met while in the United States Army. It was decided to use Weissman's name on the ad for the purpose of counteracting charges of anti-Semitism which had been directed against the "conservatives." The American Fact Finding Committee was simply a name selected by Schmidt for use in the ad and he advised there is no such organization. Schmidt, who described himself as a "conservative," felt no demonstration should be given to a President, but felt some type of activity should.

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Honorable Walter F. Jenkins

indicate disapproval of President Kennedy's policies. Schmidt denied any organization backed this ad. Schmidt has been identified as a close friend of Warren Carroll, a writer for "Lifeline," an enterprise controlled by H. L. Hunt, a wealthy Dallas oil man.

At the request of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, we have contacted Mr. Joseph P. Grinnan, Dallas, Texas, who has stated he solicited the funds for the advertisement in question from certain Dallas businessmen. Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum dated April 24, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, which sets forth results of our contacts with Mr. Grinnan in this matter. The above information and enclosure are being furnished for your information.

This data is also being furnished to the Attorney General and to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

NOTE: See memo Branigan to Sullivan re "Lee Harvey Oswald, IS-R-CUBA" dated 4-28-64, REL:nhw.