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EX 104

To: SAC, Seattle (89-47)

From: Director, FBI (62-109080) — 3107

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11-22-63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISC. - INFO CONCERNING

ReSEairtel to Bureau 5-15-64.

Referenced airtel sets forth information received by Seattle from Mr. W. J. Pennington, Business Manager, "The Seattle Times" concerning the placement of an advertisement by Kay Hopper for Art DeWitt, magazine store owner, 1108 1st Avenue, Seattle.

Your communication indicated there was no record in Seattle indices either for DeWitt or Hopper and that a credit and criminal check was made with negative results. Bureau files have been reviewed and your attention is directed to Seattle letter dated 4-21-64, captioned "Travel of the President in the United States and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Seattle file 100-26971," in which you prepared a letterhead memorandum captioned "Arthur DeWitt, Information Concerning." This memorandum reveals information that Arthur DeWitt who operated a hamburger stand in Pasco, Washington, where he allegedly sold sex-type magazines and nude pictures, was supposedly ridiculed because he sent flowers for the funeral of Lee Harvey Oswald.

(62-109119-460)

Your attention is also directed to Seattle file 62-479, report captioned "Semi-annual General Investigative Intelligence Report, Seattle Division, May 31, 1952," dated May 29, 1952. On page 72 under the subheading of "H. Notorious Types and Places

- 1 - Dallas (89-43)
- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____ 1 - R. E. Lenihan Enclosure
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____ 1 - T. D. Rushing Enclosure
- Callahan _____ KMR:las
- Conrad _____ (7)
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
- Gale _____
- Rosen _____
- Sullivan _____
- Tavel _____
- Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

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Airtel to SAC, Seattle
RE: ASSASSINATION PRESIDENT KENNEDY

of Amusement; Mary's Dog House, Corner of Avenue C and Washington Street, Kennewick, Washington," reveals information concerning "Arthur DeWitt." (62-75147-50-87)

Bureau files also reveal an article captioned "Art DeWitt to Florida" furnished by your office, and obtained from the "Walla Walla Union Bulletin" Walla Walla, Washington, 12-6-63, evening edition. The article stated that Art DeWitt a controversial Pasco, Washington, magazine operator has apparently moved to Florida. (105-82555-A, 12-6-63, WALLA WALLA UNION BULLETIN)

Seattle is instructed to conduct additional investigation to fully identify "Art DeWitt, 1108 1st Avenue," and determine if he is identical with "Arthur DeWitt" who in the past has been associated with various establishments in Pasco and Kennewick, Washington. It is noted the modus operandi for both DeWitts is similar and it appears these individuals could be one and the same.

Prepare additional inserts for Dallas to supplement those previously sent with referenced airtel. Incorporate in your insert all pertinent background concerning DeWitt. Prepare an appropriate letterhead memorandum revealing the same information and forward to Bureau for dissemination to Secret Service headquarters. Insure that this information is furnished to Secret Service on local level. Bureau files contain no references identifiable with Kay Hopper. Handle promptly.

NOTE:

~~See memo to Bureau dated 12-11-63 concerning report~~
~~of the Seattle Times dated 12-11-63.~~ Mr. W. J. Pennington of "The Seattle Times" ~~has~~ received a telephonic ad from Kay Hopper in behalf of Art DeWitt, 1108 1st Avenue. The ad said "All persons who believe in Lee Oswald's innocence in the shooting of President Kennedy register at 1108 1st Avenue." DeWitts store deals in nude and sex-type magazines. Cut editorials from the "National Guardian" appeared in his window. It appears DeWitt maybe trying to capitalize on sensationalism. Bureau files contain additional information on one "Arthur DeWitt" who has had similar operations in Pasco and Kennewick, Washington. Seattle is instructed to fully identify Art DeWitt and furnish LHM to Bureau for Secret Service and inserts to Dallas for report to Commission.