



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dallas, Texas

June 11, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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

On June 10, 1964, Assistant Chief of Police CHARLES BATCHELOR, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, made available to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation one copy each of two inter-departmental communications concerning a group organized for the purpose of creating a memorial of the Texas School Book Depository at Dallas, Texas:

"June 10, 1964

"Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

"Sir:

"I was contacted on June 4, 1964, by Dr. Luther Holcomb, executive director of the Greater Dallas Council of Churches, who informed me of the following:

"Mr. Dawson Sterling, president of the Southwestern Life Insurance Company and a member of the Kennedy Memorial Committee of Dallas, had been contacted by a Mr. Albert James Turinsky who was accompanied by a Mr. Pat Malloy, an attorney from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"These men stated that they represented the American Memorial Corporation, a group organized for the purpose of creating a memorial of the Texas School Book Depository.

"They stated to Mr. Sterling that they had a million dollars committed to the project and they had a commitment from the Moody Foundation of Galveston for a substantial contribution. They were trying to interest the local Dallas committee in the project.

"Dr. Holcomb stated that Colonel Harold Byrd of Dallas was contacted and he stated it was impossible for this group to purchase the School Book Depository because he held a ten-year lease on the building. The Moody Foundation was contacted and they knew nothing of these men or the organization. Mr. Turinsky had in his possession a letter from U. S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy, stating in substance that Mrs. Kennedy's primary interest was in the Kennedy library project at Harvard and that they were taking no part in local projects.

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"Dr. Holcomb asked that this department do a background investigation on the persons involved.

"Attached is an investigation requested of the Special Service Bureau. In addition to the information contained in the investigation, the following information was subsequently obtained from the police department in Tulsa:

'(Source - Sergeant Underhill, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department, 6-10-64)

Subject: Albert James Turinsky  
FBI # 216 927 E  
Tulsa P.D. Arrest # 05669

Arrested 6-20-62 Investigation Burglary and Indecent Exposure  
Dismissed 6-27-62 Insufficient Evidence  
Complainant----- Mrs. Sally Mills  
2543 E. Admiral Court  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Turinsky was driving a 1960 Plymouth, Government license G-18126.'

"Respectfully submitted,

"Chas. Batchelor  
Assistant Chief of Police"

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"9 June 1964

"Captain W. P. Gannaway  
Special Service Bureau  
Dallas Police Department

"Thru:  
Lieutenant Jack Revill  
Criminal Intelligence Section  
Special Service Bureau  
Dallas Police Department

"Subject: Criminal Intelligence (1)  
ALBERT JAMES TURINSKY  
w-m dob: 2-14-1935

"Sir

"Pursuant to the instructions of Chief Batchelor, a background investigation was conducted on SUBJECT, who reportedly is buying the TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY. This building is to be bought for the establishment of a memorial to President KENNEDY. SUBJECT is associated with an attorney named MALLOY from TULSA, OKLAHOMA. SUBJECT reportedly has a letter from ROBERT KENNEDY that he is using in his attempt to raise money.

*ALBERT James*  
"SUBJECT was born 2-14-1935 in KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. He received his formal education in the public schools of TULSA, OKLAHOMA. After reaching adulthood, SUBJECT was employed by the following firms:

"RICH FURNITURE COMPANY & PAGE, MULHOLLON CO.

"SUBJECT moved to DENTON, TEXAS where he was employed by the OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING, a division of CIVIL DEFENSE. While living in DENTON, SUBJECT lived at 1103 SHERMAN DRIVE. SUBJECT moved from DENTON to DALLAS in August 1962. At that time, he purchased the house at 9236 HIGH RIDGE, where he is now living. His phone number is DI 8-6959. In 1962, SUBJECT was employed as a salesman by ADELE HUNT REAL ESTATE, and as a salesman for ADELE HUNT FURNITURE CO..

"At the present time, SUBJECT is a principal in AMERICAN MEMORIAL INSTITUTE. His associates are CLIFFORD D. NOE, PAT MALLOY and JOHN MICHAEL SHEA, JR., with SHEA as director of the Institute.

"The indices of the Records Bureau of this Department failed to reveal an arrest record on SUBJECT. The search of indices was made by Clark Greenlee. A further search failed to reveal any traffic tickets being issued to SUBJECT.

"The indices of the Identification Bureau of this Department failed to reveal a criminal record on SUBJECT. This search of indices was made by Clark Crossland.

"The indices of the Identification Bureau of the DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE failed to reveal a criminal record on SUBJECT. This search of indices was made by Deputy Slovak.

"The indices of the Dallas County DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE failed to reveal any cases filed against SUBJECT. This search of indices was made by Assistant District Attorney Ben Ellis.

"The indices of the DALLAS COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE failed to reveal any civil judgments or any civil litigation involving SUBJECT.

"All indices of the Special Service Bureau were searched with negative results on SUBJECT.

"Confidential informant T-2 states that SUBJECT is married with wife, MURIEL, and has four (4) children.

"The indices of the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AUSTIN, TEXAS, RECORDS AND IDENTIFICATION, failed to reveal a criminal record on SUBJECT. The Drivers License Division revealed that SUBJECT is holder of Operator's License # 1127000, w-m dob: 2-14-1935, 5'8, 155#, brown hair, brown eyes. This information was obtained through MR. ALEX CASON, INTELLIGENCE SECTION, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

"The Director of AMERICAN MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, JOHN MICHAEL SHEA, JR., was born in California in 1922. He received his M.A. Degree in Foreign Trade from the UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. SHEA served in the U. S. NAVY from 1944 to 1946. After being discharged from the Navy, SHEA moved to MANILA, PHILLIPINE ISLANDS where he was engaged in the Import, Export business. He returned to this country in 1952. At that time, he became employed as a distributor for a major oil company, name unknown. In 1958, SUBJECT moved to DALLAS and became associated with AMERICAN PETROFINA OIL COMPANY as a vice president. He was in charge of public relations and sales promotion. MR. SHEA resigned his position of vice president in April 1964 after the publication in LOOK magazine of an article written by him. This article was highly derogatory to the City of Dallas and pertained to the assassination of President KENNEDY. SHEA lives at 7048 ELM RIDGE, ADDISON, TEXAS.

"Another associate of SUBJECT in the AMERICAN MEMORIAL INSTITUTE is an attorney from TULSA, OKLAHOMA. MARTINDALE & HUBBELL LAW DIRECTORY, 1964 Edition, revealed that PAT MALLOY was born in 1916 and received his A.B. & L.L.B. degrees from NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY and was admitted to the OKLAHOMA BAR in 1939.

"Also associated with SUBJECT is CLIFFORD DIXON NOE DPD# 55039. NOE was born in SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA 7-17-1930. His father, CLYDE P. NOE, now lives in DENISON, TEXAS. T-1 stated that NOE received his B.B.A. Degree from SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY. He has been operating and insurance firm using the name CLIFFORD NOE & ASSOCIATES at 2511 N. HASKELL AVE.. This firm represents several life insurance companies.

"The indices of the DALLAS COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE revealed the following judgments outstanding against CLIFFORD D. NOE & ASSOCIATES:

- 1-10-1963 Cause # 32791-A BROWNING, FERRIS CO. vs CLIFFORD D. NOE & W. E. LINDSEY, debt, \$297.00 and \$125.00 attorney fee
- 7-8-1963 Cause # 72882 BANK OF SERVICES vs CLIFFORD D. NOE debt \$3,995.00
- 7-17-1963 Cause # 79132 FIRST CITIZENS BANK vs CLIFFORD D. NOE debts \$11,000.00 & \$651.00 and attorney fee \$1,165.00
- 2-4-1963 Vol. 225, page 436, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE vs CLIFFORD D. NOE & ASSOCIATES \$203.00 withholding tax
- 3-23-1964 Vol. 54, page 560, U. S. GOVERNMENT vs CLIFFORD D. NOE & ASSOCIATES \$31.00

"Indices of the Records Bureau of this Department revealed that CLIFFORD DIXON NOE DPD# 55039, was filed 5-22-1964 for CHECK SWINDLE OVER \$50.00. Indices of the DALLAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE revealed that the above listed case was dismissed in Justice Court the day it was filed with the District Attorney. NOE had made restitution.

"SUBJECT had reportedly stated that he had been promised a donation from the MOODY FOUNDATION of HOUSTON, TEXAS but this statement is false.

"COL. D. H. BYRD has a ten (10) year lease on the TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING and does not intend to give up his lease.

"The local Better Business Bureau has had numerous inquiries regarding SUBJECT and his associates.

"Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Hart, Detective  
Criminal Intelligence Section

"Evaluation: Sources considered  
reliable: Probably true:"