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LEWIS EDWARD BERRY, JR.
MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to the memorandum captioned as
above dated June 22, 1964, at Houston, Texas.

On June 25, 1964, William M. Rudersdorf, II,
215 Hawthorne, Houston, Texas, advised that he was the
William M. Rudersdorf who discussed Lewis Edward Berry with
Mrs. Berry. Rudersdorf stated that he was born on July 31,
1948, at Houston, Texas, and is a student at Lamar High
School.

Rudersdorf stated that he was interested in books
and found that the Berrys operated a book store in his
neighborhood and he spent considerable time at the Berrys'
reading some of their books. In this manner he became
acquainted with Lewis Edward Berry, Jr.

During some of their conversations, Berry remarked
on one occasion that if Robert Kennedy is elected in 1968
"they won't have to find another Oswald." Rudersdorf stated
to the best of his recollection Berry did not say he would
take the place of Oswald in such an instance and did not
state he would assassinate Robert Kennedy. He stated, how-
ever, that Berry is very strong in his convictions and dis-
like of the Kennedys and had remarked that the assassination
of President Kennedy was good for the country and for the
liberals in the country, since they were getting "fed up
with him," and the conservatives would have taken over in
1964. He stated Berry had commented he did not like the
publicity afforded the assassination of President Kennedy
and did not like the establishing of an eternal flame at
Kennedy's grave.

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Rudersdorf further advised that on one occasion Berry had commented to him that if he could print a pamphlet on explosives and subversion he could make a lot of money with it.

Rudersdorf stated he had no specific instances to base his opinion on, but he thought Berry may be mentally unstable.

On July 2, 1964, Charles Leftwich, 2128 West Alabama, Houston, Texas, advised he is Regional Director of the Young Americans for Freedom organization and is a member of the national board of this organization. He stated he is acquainted with Lewis Edward Berry, Jr., and considers Berry an extreme conservative in his political beliefs but would not class him as an extreme radical. He stated Berry was not then a member of the Young Americans for Freedom but had in the past been a member, and on two occasions had participated in picketing where the name Young Americans for Freedom was displayed but which pickets were not sponsored by that organization. He stated one of these instances was the picketing of Dean Rusk at the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in Houston, Texas, and another was the picketing of a Russian ship in the Port of Houston for the purpose of picking up wheat. Leftwich stated it is his understanding that Berry and others picketed in these two instances but they did not have the right or authority to use the name of the Young Americans for Freedom.

Leftwich advised he is acquainted with James Parrott and considers Parrott to be mentally unbalanced. He stated Parrott is so radical in his views he, Leftwich, is afraid to have anything to do with him, and the national headquarters of the Young Americans for Freedom has instructed that Parrott should not be given a membership in that organization. He stated he has never heard Parrott make any statements indicating he would take violent action in any way, but he is extremely radical in his views.

Leftwich further advised he is acquainted with John Killgore and considers Killgore in the same category as Parrott but to a lesser degree.

Leftwich further advised that he is acquainted with Cheryle Beck. He stated as far as he knows Beck is mentally stable and is not radical in the same degree as

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Parrott, Killgore or Berry. He stated Beck has in the past done secretarial work for Berry in connection with the Young Republicans organization at the University of Houston.

Leftwich stated he is unaware of any organization being formed by Berry and doubts that Berry could obtain any great number of followers in any activity.

On July 16, 1964, John Rollins, Special Investigator, Houston, Texas, Police Department, advised that Lewis Edward Berry, Jr., was arrested on June 26, 1964, on a charge of aggravated assault. He stated the complaint had been filed by Berry's wife. This arrest record reflects Berry was born on December 17, 1938, at Houston, Texas. His father's name is Lewis Edward Berry, Sr., and his mother's name is Margaret H. Lamar. He is married to Betty K. Berry. Lewis Berry has one sister, Zora Margaret Wilcoxon, and a brother, Robert Lawrence Lamar.

At the time of Berry's arrest he gave his address as 2607 Leek, Apartment 4; however, he was arrested at 3801 Cullen Boulevard, Houston, Texas.