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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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

Attached hereto is a true copy of a letter dated July 27, 1964, at Philadelphia, addressed to Senator RICHARD B. RUSSELL, United States Senate, Washington, D. C., and signed only with the typed signature JOHN PARACELSUS. The letter is self-explanatory and bears a date stamp indicating it was received by Senator RUSSELL on August 4, 1964.

This letter was referred to MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, by letter dated August 11, 1964, from J. LEE RANKIN, General Counsel, President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, with the request that MR. PARACELSUS be interviewed to determine the nature and extent of his information regarding LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK L. RUBY. MR. RANKIN further requested that PARACELSUS be interviewed concerning what information he believes the four persons listed in his letter might have regarding the matters under investigation by that Commission.

On August 13, 1964, the Central Files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, located at the Seat of Government, contained no information identifiable with JOHN PARACELSUS.

The files of the Philadelphia Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no information identifiable with JOHN PARACELSUS, as of August 21, 1964.

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The alphabetical telephone directories for the City of Philadelphia and the directories for the surrounding counties, including Camden, N. J., contain no listing for a JOHN PARACELSUS.

The records of the Criminal Records Section and the records of the Intelligence Unit of the Philadelphia Police Department, as checked on August 20, 1964, by an Investigative Clerk of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, contain no record identifiable with JOHN PARACELSUS.

A representative of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., on August 20, 1964, advised an Investigative Clerk of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the Credit Bureau maintains no alphabetical index of names, and without an address cannot be checked to determine if a person has a credit record in Philadelphia.

The records of the Voters Registration for the City and County of Philadelphia, as checked on August 20, 1964, by an Investigative Clerk of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, contained no record of anyone having registered to vote in Philadelphia by the name of JOHN PARACELSUS.

On August 20, 1964, at the request of an Investigative Clerk of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, MISS LOIS MARRIOTT, of the Bell Telephone Company of Philadelphia, contacted the Central Information Bureau of the Bell Telephone Company, which contains a listing for all nonpublished telephones, both by number and name for Philadelphia and all surrounding counties. The Central Information Bureau stated its records contain no listing or record for a JOHN PARACELSUS.

On August 19, 1964, MR. RUSSELL ALEXANDER, Philadelphia Gas Works, Broad and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau

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of Investigation that the records of the gas company contain no record of anyone by the name of JOHN PARACELSUS currently receiving or having received in the past gas service from this public utility.

On August 21, 1964, MR. CHARLES MARTIN, Customer Service Department, Philadelphia Electric Company, 10th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had ascertained that its files on persons receiving electric service are maintained geographically by street address, and it is impossible to check a person's name against these files without having an address.

On August 20 and 21, 1964, MRS. DOROTHY SPEARS, Community Services Supervisor, Executive Office, Philadelphia County Board of Assistance, 1400 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pa., advised that she had requested a name check on JOHN PARACELSUS to determine if he presently or at any time in the past had received public assistance of any type in the City and County of Philadelphia. MRS. SPEARS advised that she was unable to locate any record pertaining to JOHN PARACELSUS.

On August 19 and 21, 1964, MISS HELEN TOLVER, Clerk-Typist, Records Section, Reception Center, Philadelphia General Hospital, advised that she could locate no record pertaining to a JOHN PARACELSUS as having gone through that reception center.

It is noted that an unidentified official of the Eastern Mental Health Center, State Building, 1400 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, on August 19, 1964, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that no records of mental patients who are wards of the city or who have received assistance

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from the city or who are admitted at the direction of a city or county court for either treatment or testing are maintained at that address. This official advised, however, that nearly all these persons are admitted through the Reception Center at Philadelphia General Hospital, and that records for all such persons admitted would be maintained by the Reception Center.

On August 21, 1964, MISS BARBARA CHERRY, Clerk-Steno, Records Room, Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, Henry Avenue and Abbottsford Road, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that its files contain no record of a JOHN PARACELSUS as a past or present patient of that institute.

On August 21, 1964, MISS VIRGINIA GOVER, Typist, Mail Records Section, Philadelphia State Hospital (Byberry), Southampton and Roosevelt Boulevard, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that its files contain no record of a JOHN PARACELSUS being a past or present patient of that hospital.

On August 20, 1964, MISS ROSEMARIE LEBOSSE, Clerk-Typist, Records Section, Institute of Pennsylvania Hospital (Psychiatric), 111 North 49th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that its records reflected no information indicating that a JOHN PARACELSUS had been a patient of that institute from 1944 through the present date.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
July 27, 1964

Senator Richard B. Russell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Through several contacts with reliable sources in New York the following information is made possible to send to you. These persons should if they would be able to enlighten the Warren Commission concerning the truth about the Jack Ruby case. They can tell you who David Glassman is and his part in the case. The persons are:

Wilbur Post-----T.V. actor on Mr. Ed. program

Clifton Fadiman-----Lecturer and writer

Mitch Miller-----Orchestra Leader N.B.C.

Arthrur Stang-----Actor

Many true Americans have lost confidence in your commission because of the membership of Norman Redlich who is thought to be far too radical and ultra left.

You have the reputation for being honest and wanting to do your duty in finding out the truth in this case. It is with this hope that this is being sent to you.

John Paracelsus

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