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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On October 23, 1964, Dr. Newman T. Reed, Head of English Department, New Mexico State University (NMSU), University Park, New Mexico, furnished a letter to an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, postmarked at Las Cruces, New Mexico, October 22, 1964, addressed to Dr. Reed, care of NMSU English Department, Young Hall, University Park, New Mexico. The letter reads as follows:

"Dear (?) Sir:

"Having heard of your millions of rumors, lies, et cetera, you have used as tools in discrediting many fine professors, we all think that it is about time for you to stop and reconsider. Notably your own department, in which for years you and [redacted] Dr. HARDEAN and [redacted] have gone beyond limits to corrupt and destroy.

"When freedom loving New Mexican patriots like I learn that communist-sympathizers like you four are in the most important department on campus, how you have tried tirelessly to wreck the lives of certain English professors in the past, have put pressure on them to resign due to their "Lack of a Ph.D." It's MOST interesting how you can tell them "You won't get tenure anyplace till you have your Ph.D" when [redacted] doesn't have one. [redacted] I understand did not have one either for a long damn time. Her/his/their [redacted] [redacted]

"It's bastards like you four, [redacted] who were ultimately the cause of last NOVEMBER 22 IN DALLAS TEXAS!!

"I demand that you allow to be returned to the NMSU English Department the three fine professors you worked for a year and a half to oust!"

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, ET AL

Dr. Reed stated that the three English professors referred to were undoubtedly [redacted] all terminated by the University in 1962. He stated further that all the individuals mentioned in the letter are professors at the University. 1150

Dr. Reed stated that [redacted] mentioned above, was extremely bitter over his termination at the University and had subsequently indicated that he might sue Dr. Reed, in connection with a memorandum prepared by Reed relating to rumors of drunkenness on part of [redacted] and a threatened paternity suit against [redacted]

Dr. Reed and Dr. Hardman advised that in about 1961 there was a student at the University, named [redacted] who appeared to have developed a terrible fear of communists. They recalled that on one occasion he attempted to pour red paint over the stage where [redacted] was producing a play and that he subsequently received an examination by a psychologist at the University and was eventually expelled from school. [redacted] according to Dr. Reed, was a professor at the University at that time and is believed to be a [redacted]

Dr. Reed stated that he did not believe that [redacted] himself had written the letter mentioned above but that it was prepared by someone who knew of the termination of employment of the three professors mentioned above and that he considered [redacted] a good possibility.

Reed, Hardman and [redacted] at the University advised that [redacted] had been connected with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, residing at [redacted] New Mexico, while [redacted] was a student at the University in 1961. None of the above were aware of present whereabouts of either [redacted] or [redacted] although Dr. Hardman advised that she was of the opinion that [redacted] had at one time resided in the [redacted] in [redacted] New Mexico. Dr. Reed stated that he was of the opinion that [redacted] during the Summer of 1964, had resided on [redacted] in [redacted] possibly at [redacted]