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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69) (RUC)
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT.
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 11/18/64, Sergeant WEBSTER CLEMENTS, Deputy Sheriff, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, Covington, Louisiana, stationed at Slidell, La., was interviewed at the Slidell, La. Police Department. He, on this occasion advised as follows:

On 11/15/64, he and Deputy Sheriff RICHARD HUSSEY arrested one HAROLD DEE RILEY, age 34, white male, 5'6", 152 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, who has a permanent address of 119 Listie Street, Irving, Texas, in connection with a routine drunk and disturbing the peace type charge. On the following date, RILEY posted bond of \$37.50 which is a cash bond and was not expected to return for trial. Deputy CLEMENTS stated that RILEY is a cement finisher, working for an unidentified Texas firm at the NASA Test Site, Hancock County, Mississippi, near Picayune. He was temporarily residing at an unidentified motel in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Deputy CLEMENTS stated on the date of RILEY's release, 11/16/64, the subject of the assassination of President KENNEDY came up and at that time RILEY was sober, seemingly intelligent, and brought up the fact that he was an eye witness to the assassination of President KENNEDY. Deputy CLEMENTS stated that he spoke of having worked on a steel beam on a building under construction near where LEE

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HARVEY OSWALD allegedly shot from a building at President KENNEDY. RILEY indicated in his conversation that he had been working on this building and when the motorcade appeared, he stopped working and watched the procession. He claimed to Deputy CLEMENTS and to Deputy HUSSEY that he heard rifle shots and actually saw an individual standing in the window with a rifle protruding from the window aimed in the direction of the President.

Deputy CLEMENTS stated RILEY also commented at some length about the fact that he was personally good with a rifle and could not understand how it was possible that as many shots were fired as were supposed to have been fired. CLEMENTS stated that at the time that this came to his attention he did not think too much of it but has since realized that when RILEY made this statement he was completely sober, rational, and of reasonable intelligence. He said that he felt he had a duty to report this situation even though it was possible that the information provided by RILEY was already known to the FBI.

The indices of the New Orleans Office do not identify HAROLD DEE RILEY and in view of this, this matter is referred to Dallas in order that, through the Dallas indices, it can be determined whether this individual has been interviewed and if not, if it would be feasible to arrange to locate RILEY to secure his comments with respect to the above information.

Two copies of this communication are forwarded to Jackson in the event that arrangements must be made to locate HAROLD DEE RILEY at the NASA Test Site at Picayune.