

December 7, 1965

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Honorable John D. Larkins, Jr.  
United States District Court Judge  
Eastern District of North Carolina  
Trenton, North Carolina 23535

*Assassination  
of President  
John F. Kennedy*

My dear Judge:

Thank you for the copy of your letter dated  
November 23, 1965, addressed to [redacted]  
Post Office Box Number [redacted] Springfield,  
Missouri 65802, enclosing [redacted] letter addressed  
to me.

As you may recall [redacted] in his communication,  
referred to a redheaded bank robber named [redacted] who also  
has been in the Federal Medical Center, Springfield,  
Missouri. According to [redacted] " claimed he had  
information relating to the assassination of President  
John F. Kennedy.

[redacted] appears to be referring to [redacted]  
[redacted] who has been charged with violations of the  
Federal Bank Robbery and Kidnaping Statutes. He is scheduled  
for trial on [redacted] 1965, in United States District  
Court, Chattanooga, Tennessee. These charges resulted from the  
robbery of the [redacted] Bank, [redacted]  
Chattanooga, Tennessee, on [redacted] 1965, and the subsequent  
kidnaping of [redacted] [redacted] was subsequently  
apprehended on March 26, 1965, at Rome, Georgia, at which  
time [redacted] was released unharmed.

[redacted] was afforded a hearing  
before the honorable Frank W. Wilson in United States  
District Court, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on [redacted] 1965,  
to determine if he was competent to consult with his attorney  
and stand trial. Judge Wilson ruled [redacted] was competent  
to stand trial and he was formally arraigned at which time  
he entered a plea of not guilty due to temporary insanity.

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NOTE:

See Rosen to Belmont memo dated 12/6/65,  
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At this hearing [redacted] testified in part that the Classification Study made at the Federal Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri, was untrue and alleged parts were character assassination to have him committed to a mental institution. [redacted] also alleged the Government denied him a speedy trial due to information he had on the "Warren Report." In this respect [redacted] made various allegations concerning the Warren Commission, Jack L. Ruby, Lee Harvey Oswald and other Government agencies.

The Classification Study from the Federal Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri, revealed [redacted] was competent to understand the charges against him and capable of assisting counsel in his defense. However, the staff of this institution considered [redacted] mentally ill suffering from thought disorder or psychosis in the nature of schizophrenic reaction, chronic undifferentiated type.

In view of the above information, [redacted] is not being interviewed by this Bureau and no further action is being taken regarding [redacted] communication.

Sincerely yours,