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

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Re New Orleans airtel, 1/4/67.

For the information of the Bureau, JACK S. MARTIN telephonically contacted SA REGIS L. KENNEDY 1/13/67. He initiated the call by advising that his wife is currently employed at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Parish of Orleans, and offered to be of help to Bureau Agents in obtaining birth records when needed.

MARTIN then launched into a discussion indicating that he is a confidant of District Attorney JIM GARRISON, Parish of Orleans, who is currently working on the "OSWALD case." He advised that GARRISON had interviewed him five or six times. MARTIN also indicated at another point in the conversation that GARRISON is paying him \$20.00 for each visit for "professional services." MARTIN further advised that GARRISON has admonished him not to tell the FBI. MARTIN advised that GARRISON has located a witness who is unknown to the FBI named THOMAS BECKHAM, also known as MARY EVANS. BECKHAM, according to MARTIN, was associated with OSWALD and assisted OSWALD in passing out leaflets.

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Another witness allegedly located by GARRISON is named DONALD LEWIS, a former employee of W. GUY BANISTER, former Private Investigator at New Orleans and former SAC of the FBI. According to MARTIN, LEWIS indicated

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that he met LEE HARVEY OSWALD while working for BANISTER in the company of SERGIO ARACHA-SMITH and CARLOS QUEROGA. ARACHA-SMITH and CARLOS QUEROGA were allegedly active in the Cuban movement in the New Orleans area.

MARTIN further advised that GARRISON was interested in locating LOUISE DECKER currently residing in Slidell, Louisiana, and former secretary of W. GUY BANISTER.

For information of the Bureau, SERGIO ARACHA-SMITH was active in the Frente Revolucionario Democratico which apparently became inactive in the New Orleans area in approximately October, 1961. ARACHA-SMITH was also active in an organization known as Crusade to Free Cuba which apparently was formed in December, 1961.

On 12/20/62, ARACHA-SMITH gave a change of address to the U. S. Postal authorities from 4523 Duplessis Street to 3403 Seminole Street, Tampa, Florida. Files of the New Orleans Office do not indicate that ARACHA-SMITH has been active in the New Orleans area since approximately November, 1962.

CARLOS CRUSTO QUEROGA advised on 9/11/61 that he was a Louisiana State University (LSU) student with Cuban Passport 36935 who was admitted to the United States on 8/11/60. He was born on 1/27/36 at Havana, Cuba. He was interviewed in connection with the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY which interview is reflected in New Orleans teletype 11/28/63, in which he admitted visiting LEE HARVEY OSWALD at 4907 Magazine Street, requesting information regarding the Fair Play for Cuba Committee which contact he reported to Lieutenant FRANCIS MARTELLO of the New Orleans Police Department.

THOMAS EDWARD BECKHAM has been the



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New Orleans files reflect that one DAVID LEWIS, 2919 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, on 10/11/62, reported that THOMAS EDWARD BECKHAM was seeking funds for a religious group seeking to help Cubans. LEWIS reported that BECKHAM [REDACTED]

On 10/19/62, BECKHAM's mother reported that he was on the third floor of Charity Hospital in the Mental Ward. His mother, Mrs. ANNA MAE BECKHAM, made available a card which reflected that BECKHAM was a "priest in charge of the Holy Chapel for Peace, 352 South Rampart Street."

Files of the New Orleans Office indicate that on 7/7/60, JACK S. MARTIN, advised that THOMAS EDWARD BECKHAM, age 17, a singer whom MARTIN was attempting to promote, was in California [REDACTED]

DAVID LEWIS, according to MARTIN, is employed as a clerk at the Trailways Bus Station, New Orleans, Louisiana, and was formerly employed as an "office boy" or errand boy by W. GUY BANISTER.

JACK MARTIN advised that he resides at 1836 1/2 Esplanade Avenue "up over the cleaning shop" and has telephone #943-6949.

JACK MARTIN is known to have been an employee of W. GUY BANISTER. MARTIN was asked what GARRISON was intending to prove by his investigation, and MARTIN advised that he did not know but as long as GARRISON was paying him \$20.00 a trip to his office, he would continue to go and answer his questions.

No additional inquiry is going to be conducted regarding the activities of GARRISON, but any developments called to the attention of the New Orleans Office will be reported to the Bureau.