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FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS,
TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

REBUTELCALL THIS DATE.

RE DAVID LEWIS

JACK S. MARTIN, ONE EIGHT THREE SIX AND ONE HALF ESPLANADE
AVE., NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED ON JANUARY
THIRTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON WAS
CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION ON THE OSWALD CASE. MARTIN CLAIMED
THAT GARRISON WAS PAYING HIM TWENTY DOLLARS FOR EACH VISIT FOR
"PROFESSIONAL SERVICES" AND 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 MARK EVANS, WHO,
ACCORDING TO MARTIN, WAS ASSOCIATED WITH OSWALD AND ASSISTED
OSWALD IN PASSING OUT LEAFLETS. ANOTHER WITNESS ALLEGEDLY LOCATED
BY GARRISON WAS NAMED DONALD LEWIS, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF W. GUY
BANISTER, FORMER PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AT NEW ORLEANS AND FORMER
SAC OF THE FBI. MARTIN REPORTED LEWIS HAD INDICATED THAT HE MET

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD WHILE WORKING FOR BANNISTER, IN THE COMPANY OF SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH AND CARLOS QUIROGA. ARCACHA SMITH AND CARLOS QUIROGA WERE ALLEGEDLY ACTIVE IN THE CUBAN MOVEMENT IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA.

FILES OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICE SHOW THOMAS EDWARD BECKHAM

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FILES ALSO REFLECT THAT ONE

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BECKHAM'S MOTHER REPORTED ON OCTOBER NINETEEN, SIXTYTWO THAT HE WAS CONFINED IN MENTAL WARD, THIRD FLOOR, CHARITY HOSPITAL, NEW ORLEANS. MRS. BECKHAM MADE AVAILABLE A CARD WHICH REFLECTED THAT BECKHAM WAS "PRIEST IN CHARGE OF THE HOLY CHAPEL FOR PEACE, 352 SOUTH RAMPART STREET. "

[REDACTED]

DAVID LEWIS, ACCORDING TO MARTIN, IS EMPLOYED AS CLERK AT TRAILWAYS BUS STATION, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AND WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS "OFFICE BOY" OR "ERRAND BOY" FOR W. GUY BANNISTER.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THE TRUE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO AS DONALD LEWIS HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE DAVID LEWIS.

[REDACTED] A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, [WHO]
[REDACTED] ADVISED ON
[REDACTED] HAD BEEN

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CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION FOR THE TRAILWAYS BUS LINE REGARDING THEFTS FROM THE NEW ORLEANS TERMINAL AND ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS UNDER INVESTIGATION IS DAVE LEWIS. [REDACTED]

LEWIS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLEGED THEFTS, [REDACTED] LEWIS ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND HAD TOLD THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT HE HAD MET LEE HARVEY OSWALD IN THE OFFICE OF W. GUY BANNISTER. LEWIS CLAIMED THAT HE HAD BEEN GIVEN A POLYGRAPH TEST BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND HAD PASSED THIS TEST. THE INFORMAANT ADVISED THAT DAVE LEWIS IS A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF W. GUY BANNISTER.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ON FEBRUARY NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN THAT LEWIS, FORMER EMPLOYEE OF W. GUY BANNISTER, [REDACTED] HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY INVESTIGATORS OF ORLEANS PARISH DASTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING PERSONS AS INDIVIDUALS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE

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PRESIDENT KENNEDY: RAUL TORRES; SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH AND
CARLOS QUIROGA.

[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO LEWIS, RAUL TORRES IS THE MAN
INVESTIGATORS OF ORLEANS PARISH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WERE
LOOKING FOR IN MIAMI, FLORIDA. LEWIS FURTHER ADVISED [REDACTED]
THAT ORLEANS PARISH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATORS ARE
ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE BOB GUZMAN (PHONETIC), A FORMER PRIVATE
INVESTIGATOR, WHO WORKED FOR BANNISTER. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT
LEWIS STATED THERE WAS A LEAK IN THE STAFF OF ORLEANS PARISH
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WHO WAS LEAKING STORY OF INVESTIGATION
BEING CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO NEWSPAPERS
AND OTHER NEWS MEDIA.

LEWIS FURTHER ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM
GARRISON IS UPSET OVER THE PUBLICITY CONCERNING HIS INVESTIGATION
BECAUSE HE FEELS HE IS "ON THE SPOT".

LEWIS FURTHER ADVISED [REDACTED] LEWIS, WAS TO
APPEAR ON THE TEN P.M. NEWS ON CHANNEL SIX TELEVISION, NEW

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ORLEANS, ON NIGHT OF FEBRUARY NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

LEWIS APPEARED ON CHANNEL SIX NEWSCAST AT TEN P.M., FEBRUARY NINETEEN LAST AND STATED HE KNEW OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS IN NEW ORLEANS AREA WHO WERE CAPABLE OF BEING INVOLVED IN SUCH A PLOT AND THAT HE HAD FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUT DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. LEWIS ALSO STATED HE HAD NOT FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION TO THE WARREN COMMISSION OR THE FBI AND HAD NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY THAT DAVID LEWIS, TWO FIVE THREE TWO CLEVELAND, IS EMPLOYED BY THE CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS BUS SERVICE IN NEW ORLEANS. LEWIS IS A WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTYSIX, FORMERLY IN MILITARY SERVICE (BELIEVED TO BE U. S. NAVY) AND FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH CIVIL AIR LA PATROL IN DAVID FERRIE'S SQUADRON. LEWIS HAS WORKED FOR TRAILWAYS BUS SERVICE FOR NINETEEN MONTHS, IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE OR FOUR CHILDREN.

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[REDACTED] LEWIS IN ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT OR
NINETEEN FIFTYNINE WHEN HE WORKED FOR W. GUY BANNISTER AS AN
OFFICE BOY. LEWIS' FATHER RESIDES AT ONE FIVE TWO SIX LOUISIANA
AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS.

FILES OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE IN CASE ENTITLED "UNSUB,

[REDACTED]

LEWIS INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION AND
FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT REFLECTING HE WAS BORN MAY TWELVE,

NINETEEN FORTY AT HOUSTON, TEXAS AND HAD LIVED IN ORLEANS PARISH,

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LOUISIANA SINCE NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. HE STATED HE HAD RESIDED AT TWO NINE ONE NINE CARONDELET STREET, NEW ORLEANS, FOR A YEAR AND HALF AND WAS UNEMPLOYED AT THAT TIME, HOWEVER, CLAIMED HE HAD PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR THE GULF OIL CORPORATION IN NEW ORLEANS AS A MAIL CLERK. LEWIS STATED HE RECEIVED DIPLOMA FROM WARREN EASTON HIGHT SCHOOL AT NEW ORLEANS BY PASSING A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST.

THE FILE CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF LEWIS:

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[REDACTED]

EDWARD MC CLUSKER, NIGHT MANAGER, ASSOCIATED PRESS, NEW ORLANS, ADVISED TODAY THAT DAVID LEWIS ADVISED NEWS MEDIA TODAY THAT HE FEARS HIS LIFE IS IN JEOPARDY FOR HIS HAVING FURNISHED INFORMATION TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON SEVERAL DAYS AGO AND THAT THE FOUR OR FIVE PERSONS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THIS PLOT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY CAUSED HIM TO FEAR FOR HIS LIFE.

DAVID LEWIS HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF THE FBI IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. AIR MAIL COPY BEING SENT DALLAS.

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