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On February 28, 1967, a reliable individual who had been in New Orleans and who had interviewed District Attorney James Garrison, advised that the District Attorney placed great faith in a deep-sea diver whose name is Sidney Lanning. latter individual allegedly was one of a group who had infiltrated a guerrilla training camp at Lake Pontchartrain.

At 3:15 a.m., on March 4, 1967, a man identifying himself as Sidney L. Manix telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office of this Bureau. Manix stated he lived New Orleans, and was employed as a deep-sea diver. Manix claimed he had been arrested on March 4, for reckless driving by the New Orleans Police Department and was presently incarcerated at the Central Lockup. Hanix claimed he had information regarding the assassination of the late President Kennedy, and requested that he be immediately inter-viewed at the New Orleans Central Lockup. He again contacted our New Orleans Office and made a similar request at 6:15 2.m., on March 4, 1967. He refused to give any information over the telephone.

Our New Orleans Office subsequently contacted the Central Lockup for the purpose of leaving a message to the effect that if Manix desired to come to our Office and furnish information we would accept it. At that time, we were advised that Manix was not presently booked in the Central Lockup and that there was no record of his prior confinement there.

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Unless advised to the contrary, we do not intend to contact Manix since it would appear that he is a witness for District Attorney Garrison.

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- 1 Mr. Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr. Assistant Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General
- 1 Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
  Assistant Attorney General

NOTE:

That the above procedure was discussed with Assistant to the Director C. D. DeLoach. Special Agent Jack Miller of the New Orleans Office contacted Private Peter Reza at the Central Lockup during the afternoon of March 4, 1967.

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