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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: [2/28/67]

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

[REDACTED] He is a very sharp [REDACTED] and undoubtedly one of the cagiest [REDACTED] in the Nation's Capital. He returned this morning after spending [REDACTED] in New Orleans. He contacted numerous individuals while there. [REDACTED] Garrison lengthily. [REDACTED] called this morning to let me know in strict confidence the results of his investigation in New Orleans.

[REDACTED] told me that Garrison's case was based mainly on David William Ferrie who recently died. He stated that of course Garrison can now make additional claims concerning Ferrie without being challenged. Many people have thought that Garrison's case was based on claims made by Jack S. Martin, however, this is not so.

[REDACTED] stated that Garrison's allegations and claims go back to the period in 1961 and 1962 when some of the leading citizens of New Orleans became greatly disturbed about the growth of communism in the Caribbean area. These citizens donated considerable funds in the hope that Castro could be removed. These funds were used to train guerillas at Lake Pontchartrain. A group of local perverts in and around New Orleans eventually infiltrated this group and after a short period of time took over control.

David William Ferrie was one of the individuals who became a member of this group. A number of obviously mental cases also became involved with this group. For a while the group had an adequate supply of arms and ammunition. Their funds eventually were dissipated and the citizens of New Orleans refused to replenish these funds. The group then moved from Lake Pontchartrain back to the city of New Orleans where they eventually gravitated to William Guy Banister who at that time was a private detective in New Orleans. The group became disenchanted with Banister and started spending more time with Ferrie rather than with Banister. One of the topics of conversation of the group was the possible assassination of President Kennedy.

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Garrison claims that Lee Harvey Oswald lived with Ferrie for approximately one month before leaving New Orleans to go to Dallas, Texas. Garrison claims that he has five or six individuals who are willing to testify to the fact that they had seen Oswald living in Ferrie's apartment. Garrison states that Oswald definitely did fire at the Presidential Motorcade in Dallas and that one of his shots hit Governor Connally. He additionally alleges, however, that Oswald did not fire at the President. Garrison strongly claims that a black haired, heavy set individual shooting from the overpass in front of the motorcade was the individual who fired the fatal shot at the President.

Garrison alleges that the conspirators in this plot consisted of Sergio Arcacha Smith, David William Ferrie, Carlos Quiroga, David Lewis, William Guy Banister, Jack S. Martin (true name Edward Stewart Suggs), and one Mrs. Kloepher, as well as a number of Cubans including Batteau and Guzman. Garrison also implicates a local New Orleans lawyer believed by [redacted] also to be a mental case whose name is Lon.

Garrison tells the story that Martin and Ferrie became a bishop and a priest, respectively, in a specific religious order they joined. Martin and Ferrie wore cassocks and conducted self-styled masses. On one occasion Martin took Ferrie to Louisville where they met with Archbishop Stanley of this religious order. At that time Ferrie was ordained as a priest. Later on, Eastern Airlines told Archbishop Stanley that Ferrie was a homosexual and had been fired by them for such activities. The self-styled Archbishop unfrocked Ferrie by addressing a letter to him indicating that he was being kicked out of this order. Ferrie refused to be unfrocked, however, and continued holding self-styled "masses."

The New Orleans coroner is receiving great pressure from Garrison to change his opinion of the cause of Ferrie's death from "natural causes - cerebral hemorrhage" to suicide. [redacted] stated the coroner will definitely not change his opinion. However, there are strong indications that Ferrie, knowing that his health was bad and knowing that he was susceptible to either a coronary or cerebral hemorrhage, walked himself to death in his apartment.

[redacted] told me that David Lewis was moving heaven and earth in order to make as much money out of this situation while it was still a cause celebre. Lewis will then attempt to get out of town as soon as possible. Lewis tried to get United Press International to give him \$1,000 for his story. [redacted] Someone in New Orleans did finance

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a trip for Lewis several days ago to California. [redacted] thinks that Lewis should be locked up inasmuch as he appears to be a dangerous mental case.

[redacted] told me that Garrison is crafty, shifty and cunning. He alternately lies and tells the truth, consequently, it is difficult to pin him down. One of Garrison's claims is that Oswald was hypnotized by Ferrie. Garrison's chief hero and model is the late Huey Long. Garrison is copying the motto of Huey Long in that he constantly states he believes that "anyone who can supply the entertainment will get the power."

Garrison [redacted] that his ambition goes far beyond the Lieutenant Governorship of Louisiana. He actually aspires to be the Vice President of the United States.

[redacted] told me that the danger of this entire matter lies in the fact that Garrison may be able to file several cases and get one or two convictions. He stated that Garrison has no reasonable credibility and that he has not surfaced anyone or any new facts. [redacted] stated that Garrison, if he had any facts, would not be able to keep such facts on a confidential basis inasmuch as he is not the type of individual who can keep a secret.

[redacted] stated that the foreign reporters in New Orleans unfortunately believe that Garrison is telling the truth and that he is a courageous reporter who is interested in uncovering a heinous plot. [redacted] mentioned that Garrison is aiming for accessory convictions of either Lewis or Martin or both of these individuals. Garrison claims Quiroga will be the best witness and knows all facts with respect to the assassination plot. Garrison also places great faith in a deep sea diver whose name is Sidney Manning. Manning was with the [redacted] during the early training period at Lake Pontchartrain.

Garrison [redacted] hopes he will not have to call Martin to the witness stand inasmuch as Martin is insane and would ruin his case.

ACTION:

It is suggested that this memorandum be reviewed by the Domestic Intelligence Division to ascertain if [redacted] has obtained any information not already reflected in FBI files.