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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

*W. J. ...
B. Fitzgerald*

On 3/2/67 [redacted] furnished the following information regarding persons with whom he was acquainted in 1962 and 1963, when his office was located [redacted]

Above source advised that information concerning WILL C. BRADY was brought to mind by observing a newspaper article in the Times Picayune which mentioned that OSWALD had frequented a bar in New Orleans known as Ryder Coffee House.

Above source stated in the late Spring or early Summer of 1962, a WILL C. BRADY came to his office and requested employment. BRADY gave as his background that he had been born and raised in the Philippines, educated at Harvard University and had been a secretary to a Congressman in Washington, D. C. BRADY was also fluent in Spanish and English. Source advised that BRADY frequented the Ryder Coffee House, located at 910 North Rampart, and appeared to be well known by its patrons. BRADY worked for the Modern Languages Institute as an instructor in English, on St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans during the Summer of 1962. BRADY associated with one (FNU) HAMPTON (phonetic), who worked for MARIO BERMUDEZ at the International Trade Mart. HAMPTON eventually took over BERMUDEZ's job. Source advised that one MARCEL GOMEZ was the secretary to BERMUDEZ, and BRADY was well acquainted with GOMEZ, HAMPTON and BERMUDEZ. Source advised that all of the above individuals were believed to be homosexuals.

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Source stated that HAMPTON came to the United States in about 1961 from Havana, Cuba, where he had run a school for boys. He married a local society girl in New Orleans, by the name of JEAN FERNANDEZ; however, she subsequently divorced him when she learned about his homosexual activity. HAMPTON lived with MARCEL GOMEZ for a period of time, and also lived with BRADY.

Source stated that BRADY was a radical extreme rightist, white supremacist and on several occasions voiced his displeasure with the United States Federal Government. BRADY was also a staunch Republican. Source commented that during the Summer of 1962 BRADY was arrested in the New Orleans area, but later released, on a morals charge involving picking up young boys and taking them to his apartment for immoral purposes. Several months later BRADY was again arrested on a similar morals charge, and was given the choice of leaving the New Orleans area, which he did. This was in the Fall of 1962.

BRADY is believed to have returned to his home in the Philippines, as a postcard was received from him in December, 1962, with the request that his former employer at the Modern Languages Institute forward him his W-2 form. Sometime in the Spring or early Summer of 1963, BRADY was in New Orleans, and called the Modern Languages Institute again to inquire about his W-2 Form, for his employment in 1962. BRADY stated he would pick this form up, but did not do so. Approximately one month later an unidentified woman picked up this form for him and advised she would send it to him in California. The source stated he has not heard of or seen BRADY since this time.

He added he does not know of, nor has he heard of, any connection between BRADY and his associates with LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

[REDACTED] advised that one ROGER ~~LOVIN~~, a beatnik-type painter from Slidell, La., called him recently for the purpose of asking him questions concerning the GARRISON investigation. LOVIN supposedly ran guns to Cuba in 1960-61 for profit. He operates the New World Coffee House at 1117 Decatur Street in New Orleans. LOVIN advised the source that JIM GARRISON, District Attorney in New Orleans, was looking for him and had a subpoena, for what purpose he did not know. He stated he also believes that his telephone is being tapped. LOVIN wanted to know if the source had been

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questioned by GARRISON's investigators and whether they had asked any questions of the source concerning LOVIN. LOVIN also wanted to know where SERGIO ARCACHA was and what questions GARRISON's investigators had asked concerning him.

The above information was not set out in form suitable for dissemination due to the fact that this information was on a person-to-person basis and divulgence of the details of this information might jeopardize the informant. [REDACTED]

The following is a brief summary of information contained in New Orleans indices concerning the following individuals:

WILLIAM CUTHBERT BRADY

Will C. Brady

Information was received in January, 1960, that the New Orleans Police Department had received a request from Washington, D. C., to locate WILLIAM C. BRADY, former administrative assistant to Senator JOHN BRICKER. BRADY was described as a white male, age 26, last known address 516 Kenmore, Frankfort, Va. *Mass D.C. Bill Philippines 1934*

An article was carried in the 9/25/62 issue of the Times Picayune, a daily morning newspaper in New Orleans, La., which stated that the Citizens for a Fair Cuba Committee was organized with ROSS BUCKLEY as chairman and CUTHBERT BRADY as vice-chairman for public relations.

[REDACTED] described BRADY as a segregationist and the person who is responsible for the formation of this group, the sole purpose of which is to circulate a petition to be sent to the President of the United States.

Mrs. DELORES NEELY, secretary, room 101, International Trade Mart, New Orleans, La., advised that WILLIAM CUTHBERT BRADY might be in a position to identify individuals represented in photographs taken on 8/16/63 at the International Trade Mart, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans. [REDACTED] advised that in about the first week in August, 1963, BRADY moved to the Philippines and was residing in the City of Manila.

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MARIO ENRIQUE BERMUDEZ-QUINONES

New Orleans file 100-17111

Bureau file 105-130760

The above file reflects that JAMES LEON VALENTINE, FBI Number 139220A, advised in May, 1964, that he met an individual whom he later identified as BERMUDEZ from a group of photographs. VALENTINE met BERMUDEZ on November 12, 1963, in Louisville, Ky. BERMUDEZ allegedly told VALENTINE he had been a classmate of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba, and that CASTRO had invited him to his inauguration following the Cuban Revolution in 1959. BERMUDEZ reportedly referred to CASTRO as "The Good Doctor," and VALENTINE believes BERMUDEZ said he had attended the CASTRO inauguration. BERMUDEZ also asked questions of VALENTINE regarding the use of Laser instruments and wanted to know if VALENTINE could obtain them for BERMUDEZ, as there was a good market for these instruments in Latin America.

BERMUDEZ was interviewed in February, 1966, in New Orleans, La., where he was director of International Relations for the International House, and since October, 1965, has been secretary general of the Inter-America Municipal Organizations. BERMUDEZ admitted visiting Louisville, Ky., in 1963 and 1964, but denies talking to anyone about a Laser instrument and claims he never met a Mr. VALENTINE. BERMUDEZ also denied any association with FIDEL CASTRO of Cuba, although he advised he attended a Cuban carnival in 1959 at Havana, Cuba, shortly after CASTRO came into power. BERMUDEZ commented he did not see or contact CASTRO.

The U. S. Customs office, New Orleans, La., advised in February, 1965, that BERMUDEZ had smuggled emeralds into the United States from Colombia in February, 1960. BERMUDEZ was searched, but Customs found nothing. Customs also advised that an unverified report indicated that in 1931 or 1932, BERMUDEZ was arrested in a homosexual club in Colombia, at which time he was dressed in women's clothing.

In February, 1965, [REDACTED] a source of the New Orleans Office in Latin American matters, of [REDACTED] New Orleans, La., advised he has known BERMUDEZ since 1955. BERMUDEZ became director of International Relations for the City of New Orleans after several previous positions. [REDACTED]

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considers BERMUDEZ to be an opportunist and does not believe he became a naturalized citizen of the United States, as he travels on a Colombian diplomatic passport. [redacted] added it was rumored BERMUDEZ is a homosexual, but he has no proof of this. [redacted] stated he doubted the veracity of BERMUDEZ and could never consider him to be trustworthy.

~~MARIO~~ BERMUDEZ is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	Colombian
Born	10/1/11, Bogota, Colombia
Height	5' 11"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Black, greying
Eyes	Black
Complexion	Olive
Miscellaneous	Wears mustache
Marital status	Married

~~MARIO BERMUDEZ~~
~~Bermudez, Mario~~

MARCEL GOMEZ

MARCEL GOMEZ, in May, 1953, completed an application for a position with the Government as an interpreter. GOMEZ described himself as having been born 6/2/17 at Cartagena, Colombia, 5' 8" tall, 150 pounds, residing 1309 Bourbon Street, New Orleans, La. He showed employment at the International House, New Orleans, La., from 1951 through 1953, as assistant for International Relations. He listed as references MARIO BERMEDES, 406 Walnut Street, New Orleans, La., Director, International Relations, New Orleans; CLAY SHAW, Director of International Trade Mart, New Orleans, La., and CHARLES NUTTER, Managing Director, International House, New Orleans, La.

Investigation at New Orleans did not develop any derogatory information regarding GOMEZ, New Orleans file 77-1506.

RYDER COFFEE HOUSE,
910 North Rampart
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Information from New Orleans files indicate that JACK J. FRAZIER was the owner of the Ryder House. FRAZIER was reportedly seen in the company of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by ANDREW CHAMPION at his residence in Donna, Texas. CHAMPION was in January, 1965, a source of information.

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ROGER LOVIN

In April, 1965, [redacted] advised LOVIN was connected with an organization known as Services Unlimited, care of Bourbon House Bar in New Orleans, La. This organization allegedly will do anything for money; i.e., fly a plane, steal property, paint a house, surveil individuals.

LOVIN claims to have been in jail in the State of Georgia for smuggling arms to FIDEL CASTRO in the Sierra Mountains of Cuba prior to 1959. Source advised LOVIN claims to have done smuggling for FIDEL CASTRO in 1958, running guns from Alabama to Florida to Cuba. He allegedly stayed in Cuba in 1958 for a few weeks, but is not known to have returned since that time. He is allegedly now anti-CASTRO.

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Other files etc

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LOVIN was the subject of Bufile 52-78083, Savannah file 52-3194, NOfile 52-3194, regarding a Theft of Government Property matter. LOVIN was alleged to have stolen a television set from the Naval Ammunition Depot in North Charleston, S. C., sometime in February, 1962. LOVIN was described as:

Name	ROGER ROBERT LOVIN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	5/11/41, Knoxville, Tenn.
Height	6'
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	Numerous tattoos
Social Security	#413-64-1349
U. S. Navy Serial	#535 8534

The disposition of this matter is not known.