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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

On March 2, 1967, a source of known reliability informed this Bureau that he had received information from sources close to New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison relating to the investigation being conducted by Garrison of the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

According to our source, Garrison has developed information that there was a group of Cuban refugees training near Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, presumably during the period Lee Harvey Oswald resided in New Orleans from late April, 1963, to September 25, 1963. These Cubans reportedly had been "left in the lurch" and had become angry at everyone. According to our source, Garrison learned that some of these Cubans attended a meeting in the apartment of David William Ferrie. One of these Cubans was named Diaz and another was named Gonzales. Also allegedly present at the meeting were Clay Bertrand, also known as Clay Shaw; an individual named Martin Layton (phonetic); and a man named R. Richard Davis who according to our source was killed in Tampa, Florida, in late February, 1967. Most, if not all, of these people were allegedly homosexuals. According to our source, Lee Harvey Oswald was not present during this meeting in Ferrie's apartment.

Our source further advised that the assassination of President Kennedy was allegedly planned at this gathering in Ferrie's apartment. Allegedly, members of this group took a laundry truck to Dallas and Martin Layton (phonetic) was "the trigger man."

Our source stated that Garrison has reportedly located this laundry truck and has stashed it away in New Orleans. Our source further stated that Garrison claims to have two witnesses who were present in Ferrie's apartment

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at the meeting when the assassination of President Kennedy allegedly was planned. Our source does not know exactly the nature of Oswald's alleged relationship with this group, but he reportedly did have some connection and was believed to be a latent homosexual.

A check of our files disclosed that in July, 1963, we received information from several sources that a number of Cuban refugees had come to New Orleans from Miami, Florida, through the efforts of Rudolph Davis, reportedly to attend a training camp after which they would be sent to a training camp in Guatemala. Sources reported this group became disenchanted and returned to Miami shortly after their arrival.

We interviewed Rudolph Davis in this matter and he indicated he acted as a coordinator between the Movimiento Democratica Cristiano (MDC), an anti-Castro organization, and the New York City Police Department in 1961 and that he was the delegate for this anti-Castro organization in New Orleans. He stated he came to New Orleans in August, 1961, and in early 1963 made friends with persons in the lumber business in Guatemala with whom he formed the Guatemalan Lumber and Mineral Corporation. Davis said he brought approximately 19 men to New Orleans to train for lumber cutting work in Guatemala. He added that when the men learned they were to work in a lumber industry and were not recruited for military operations against Cuba, they became disenchanted and returned to Miami. Our files contain no information indicating that David William Ferrie or Lee Harvey Oswald had any contact or connection with Davis or the anti-Castro organization which Davis represented. Data concerning Davis and the group he brought to New Orleans in July, 1963, was disseminated to the Warren Commission during our investigation of the assassination.

Our files contain no information identifiable with Martin Layton (phonetic) or the Cubans, Diaz and Gonzales.