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The Acting Attorney General

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

Reference is made to previous communications of this Bureau setting forth information we have received concerning the investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison in connection with the assassination of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

On February 21, 1967, a source with whom we have had insufficient contact to evaluate [redacted] reliability, advised that [redacted] on the late afternoon of February 21, 1967, by Willard Robertson, whom [redacted] described as a Volkswagen distributor in New Orleans. [redacted] added that Robertson is a multimillionaire and is a close social friend and financial backer of Garrison. According to our source, Robertson told [redacted] it was imperative that they meet in order that Robertson could introduce our source to Garrison. Our source stated [redacted] Robertson and Garrison at approximately 3:30 p.m. on February 21, 1967.

According to our source, Garrison opened the conversation with inquiry concerning possible places where he, Garrison, and his staff could hold conferences. Garrison told our source that he felt the FBI is carefully scrutinizing every move he makes and even possibly has sources within his own ranks. Garrison also told our source that he felt that David Ferrie and his "nutty" associates were involved in a conspiracy to assassinate the late President Kennedy. According to our source, it was Garrison's contention that the conspirators were anti-Castro and hoped through the

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assassination of the late President Kennedy to be able, through national publicity, to place the blame for the assassination on Castro which would result in influencing public opinion to the point where national retribution would be directed against Castro.

Our source further advised that Garrison expressed concern about contamination of his investigation by other investigative agencies, namely, the FBI. Our source quoted Garrison as saying that he would arrest and handcuff any Agent he caught becoming involved in his investigation and would submit him to public scrutiny. According to our source, Garrison stated, "If they want my files that bad, they can buy them."

On February 22, 1967, this same source contacted this Bureau and advised that [REDACTED] Garrison on that date.

Our source stated that Garrison and his associates feel the FBI is monitoring Garrison's switchboard. Our source stated that [REDACTED] the impression that if things go badly with Garrison's investigation, he might be looking for a "scapegoat," possibly the FBI.

For your added information, our New Orleans Office advised that the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" for February 24, 1967, carries an article which quotes Garrison as follows: "Just in case I have not made myself clear let me say that under no circumstances will I turn over any evidence we have gathered to any other agency, and that most specifically applies to agencies of the Federal Government which have withheld, and continue to withhold, material which should have been turned over to law enforcement agencies having proper legal jurisdiction." The article also quotes Garrison as stating, "The Federal Government has as much jurisdiction over a murder conspiracy in New Orleans as has the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

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Additional pertinent information concerning this matter that comes to our attention will be immediately furnished to you.

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