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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75)(RUC)

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS  
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ReBuairtel to all SACs dated 2/24/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three tape recordings made available to the Los Angeles Office by Mr. ART KEVIN of Hollywood, California.

KEVIN advised that he is Special Events Director for KHJ TV, 5515 Melrose Avenue, Hollywood, California. This is a local Los Angeles TV station. KEVIN advised he was furnishing these tapes for any value they might be to the Bureau. He explained that for six days beginning 2/22/67 he was in New Orleans, Louisiana, for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY in reference to the publicity being given District Attorney GARRISON of New Orleans. KEVIN was contacted on 3/2/67 at his request and subsequently made available the enclosed taped interviews.

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Tape of an interview with

Tape No. 1 pertains to an interview by KEVIN of one R. C. COOK and a partial interview of one DAVID LEWIS. Tape No. 2 contains the remainder of the LEWIS interview by KEVIN, and Tape No. 3 relates an interview of JACK MARTIN by KEVIN. These tapes are being forwarded to the Bureau inasmuch as Los Angeles is not in a position of evaluating any of the information thereon, and KEVIN has advised they need not be returned. Tape of an interview with

KEVIN advised orally on 3/2/67 as follows:

KEVIN said that LEWIS told him that he had furnished District Attorney GARRISON with 20 to 26 names of individuals involved in a conspiracy to assassinate President KENNEDY; that LEWIS did not identify these individuals; and that following the death of suspect DAVID FERRIE, GARRISON offered LEWIS protective custody, which LEWIS refused. LEWIS advised that at the time of FERRIE's death he dropped out of sight during the period 2/22 to 2/26/67. LEWIS stated he could not have furnished this information concerning the conspiracy immediately following the KENNEDY assassination because he was unable at that time to "fit the pieces together."

KEVIN stated that according to LEWIS, JOSEPH RAULT, owner of a petroleum company in New Orleans, was on a New York bound plane in October of 1962 and observed a conversation between Senator RUSSELL LONG and GARRISON; that RAULT did not indicate whether he overheard the conversation. According to LEWIS, GARRISON was the District Attorney in New Orleans at the time of the assassination but did not pursue the conspiracy investigation at that time due to the Federal nature of the investigation being conducted; that RAULT is well acquainted with GARRISON and coordinated the collection of private funds from various individuals in New Orleans which enabled GARRISON to conduct an investigation of the conspiracy matter. According to LEWIS, also involved with RAULT in this endeavor was a New Orleans car dealer by the name of WILLARD ROBERTSON and another individual by the name of SCHILSTON, who operates a collection agency in New Orleans. KEVIN stated that LEWIS commented that he feels he had a duty as a good citizen to furnish information concerning the conspirators to GARRISON and that the information was good information.

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KEVIN advised that he also interviewed a private investigator by the name of JACK MARTIN during the course of his visit in New Orleans and that MARTIN at the time of the KENNEDY assassination worked for a police officer in New Orleans by the name of BANISTER, who died three years ago under mysterious circumstances. KEVIN explained that his interview with MARTIN was telephonic because MARTIN did not desire personal contact for fear of bodily harm. KEVIN commented that MARTIN described himself as "an alcoholic and bum," and MARTIN stated he was interviewed following the assassination by Secret Service Agents GARRETS and RICE, who subsequently quoted him as identifying FERRIE as the getaway pilot for the conspirators, but later misquoted him by saying he had retracted this statement. At the time of KEVIN's interview with MARTIN, MARTIN said he had recently been pistol whipped, but he did not identify the responsible person or persons. According to KEVIN, MARTIN resides at 1836½ Esplanade Avenue in New Orleans and has a lengthy arrest record.

KEVIN said that MARTIN stated that an individual by the name of R. C. COOK, of R & S Research in Houston, Texas, has photographs showing RUBY, OSWALD and DAVID FERRIE together in Houston prior to the KENNEDY assassination and is also in possession of a tape naming the conspirators. MARTIN advised that FERRIE was in Houston on the day of the assassination and was in the Federal Building at approximately 3:10 p.m. or 3:15 p.m. MARTIN also named DEAN ANDREWS, Assistant District Attorney in a neighboring New Orleans parish, and JIM BERTRAN (true name CLAY SHAW) as having information concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY.

KEVIN indicated that ANDREWS would be interviewed by GARRISON, and he was of the opinion GARRISON has been getting information concerning the assassination from both MARTIN and LEWIS; that MARTIN had indicated he was working for a private investigator by the name of JOSEPH OLSTER, who feels that FERRIE has a second plane, a Stinson Voyager, and that RICHARD ROBEY, who works for FAA in Maryland, has knowledge of the whereabouts of this plane. KEVIN observed that recent investigation in New Orleans disclosed that FERRIE's known plane was not in flying condition.

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KEVIN commented that he suspects that GARRISON has been conducting surveillances on LEWIS and MARTIN recently.

JACK DEMPSEY, a reporter for the "New Orleans States Item," told KEVIN that prior to publishing the conspiracy story in the paper, GARRISON was shown a copy of the story, and GARRISON said it was all a lie and that he would sue the newspaper if the story was published. GARRISON later said he had never been contacted in connection with the conspiracy story. KEVIN commented that this, in addition to the inconsistencies in GARRISON's press conferences, leads him to question the integrity of GARRISON.

KEVIN advised that he contacted COOK telephonically in Houston, and COOK said he was in possession of a tape bearing conversation between LEWIS and MARTIN, during the course of which 13 conspirators were named. Included in the names are SERGIO ARCHACHA and LOUISE DECKERT. COOK said he obtained the tape by means of a wire tap and that he, KEVIN, then told COOK he would not be interested in buying the tape because of this. KEVIN stated that he feels he could arrange for the purchase of the tape for \$1,000 and that COOK said he had decided against giving the tape to GARRISON.

KEVIN recalled that MARTIN identified an individual by the name of ADRIAN ALBA, 624 Focis in New Orleans, as having a lot of knowledge about the gun habits of OSWALD; that another individual, ALBERTO FOWLER, 2426 Camp, New Orleans, took part in the Bay of Pigs episode and that he, KEVIN, arranged one day to interview FOWLER; however, the following day FOWLER was very hostile and refused for some unknown reason to be interviewed as he had previously agreed.

KEVIN is of the opinion that a conspiracy actually existed, but he does not know if it actually involved the KENNEDY assassination. KEVIN said that COOK also said he had pertinent photographs involving the conspiracy.

KEVIN stated that MARTIN contacted him telephonically on 3/2/67 and stated he had additional information concerning the assassination. KEVIN commented there was a good possibility that he will return to New Orleans if he can be assured of receiving additional reliable information in this matter.

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No comments were made to KEVIN during the course of the contact by Bureau Agents assigned this matter.