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TO SAC DALLAS  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS

LEGAT MEXICO INTERVIEWED THAYER WALDO, FOUR THREE

SIXTYSEVEN, WHO ADVISED THAT AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION HE

WAS FEATURE EDITOR OF FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM. HE WAS

ACQUAINTED WITH JOHN SUTTON, WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTYSEVEN,

BORN WILKES BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA. HE WAS A RADIO ANNOUNCER

BEIEVED EMPLOYED BY WFAA RADIO, DALLAS. MET SUTTON IN

NINETEEN FIFTYSIX WHEN HE WAS WORKING AT EL PASO HERALD

POST AND SUTTON WAS INFORMATION OFFICER AT FORT BLISS, TEXAS.

SUTTON WAS LISTED IN DALLAS TELEPHONE BOOK AND OWNED COUNTRY

HOME. ABOUT A WEEK AFTER ASSASSINATION SUTTON ASKED WALDO

TO MEET HIM AT DALLAS PRESS CLUB AND AT THAT TIME SUTTON

SAID HE KNEW A MAN WHO WITNESSED A MEETING IN THE CAROUSEL

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CLUB BETWEEN RUBY, OFFICER J. D. TIPPIT AND BERNARD WEISSMAN BUT WHO WAS RELUCTANT TO COME FORWARD WITH THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE HE WAS INVOLVED IN AN AFFAIR WITH A STRIPPER THERE AND WOULD LOSE HIS FAMILY AND JOB IF THIS BECAME KNOWN.

ON, OR ABOUT, DECEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, AT THREE P.M., WALDO MET SUTTON IN DALLAS PRESS CLUB AND INTRODUCED TO PHIL BURNS, WHITE MALE, LATE THIRTIES, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTYFIVE POUNDS, CHESTNUT HAIR, GLASSES, EMPLOYED BY ADVERTISING AGENCY ON ACCOUNT OF ONE OF SUTTON'S SPONSORS. AFTER MANY ASSURANCES THAT IDENTITY WOULD BE PROTECTED RELATED MAINLY THROUGH LEADING QUESTIONS BY SUTTON THAT ACQUAINTED WITH RUBY BECAUSE INTIMATE WITH STRIPPER IN CAROUSEL CLUB. ALSO KNEW OFFICER TIPPIT BECAUSE HAD SEEN HIM IN UNIFORM IN CLUB WHICH APPARENTLY WAS ON HIS BEAT. WAS AT CLUB NIGHT OF NOVEMBER FOURTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, ABOUT ELEVEN P.M., AND NOTED RUBY AT NEARBY TABLE IN CONVERSATION WITH UNKNOWN SUBJECT, LATER JOINED BY OFFICER TIPPIT. BURNS PASSED TABLE AND RUBY GREETED HIM AND SAID "YOU KNOW J. D. HERE" WHICH WAS FIRST TIME HAD HEARD TIPPIT'S NAME. RUBY INTRODUCED OTHER INDIVIDUAL AS MR. BERNARD WEISSMAN FROM THE EAST. WEISSMAN DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYFIVE YEARS, BLACK HAIR, OVER SIX FEET. BURNS RETURNED TO HIS TABLE AND RUBY SENT HIM COMPLIMENTARY DRINK. BURNS LEFT CLUB ABOUT ONE A.M. WITH GIRL AND GROUP WAS STILL IN CONVERSATION AND DID NOT OVERHEAR THEIR CONVERSATION.

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WALDO DISCUSSED MATTER WITH EDITORS BUTLER AND HITCH  
AND AGREED NOT TO PUBLISH SINCE INFORMANT INSISTED ON REMAINING  
ANONYMOUS. HOWEVER, ABOUT WEEK LATER MET MARK LANE AT PRESS  
CONFERENCE IN DALLAS AND CONFIDED THIS INFORMATION TO LANE.  
LANE MOST ANXIOUS TO CONTACT INFORMANT AND WALDO AGREED TO  
CONSULT WITH SUTTON. SUTTON ADVISED BURNS UPSET AND REFUSED  
TO COOPERATE FURTHER. SUTTON ALSO ADVISED THAT DETERMINED  
BY CALLING ADVERTISING AGENCY THAT BURNS ACTUALLY WAS PAUL  
BRIDEWELL.

WALDO BECAME ENGAGED IN COVERING RUBY TRIAL AND HAD  
NOTHING FURTHER TO DO WITH MATTER BUT CONJECTURES THAT LANE  
WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH BRIDEWELL THROUGH SUTTON.  
BRIDEWELL REPORTEDLY GAVE UP HIS AGENCY JOB IN NINETEEN SIXTY-  
FOUR AND RETURNED TO HIS HOME IN OREGON, AND SUTTON ALSO  
REPORTEDLY LEFT DALLAS. WALDO HAS HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH  
THEM AND DOES NOT KNOW WHEREABOUTS. HE DID MENTION RECEIPT OF  
A CALL FROM SCHILLER FROM LOS ANGELES WHO WANTED TO KNOW  
IDENTITY OF INFORMANT. WALDO FURNISHED HIM WITH DOUBLE  
IDENTITY OF BURNS - BRIDEWELL AND HE WAS ONLY PERSON TO WHOM  
THIS INFORMATION FURNISHED. DALLAS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE  
INVESTIGATION. TO LOCATE SUTTON FOR INTERVIEW AND TO DETERMINE  
LOCATION OF BRIDEWELL FOR INTERVIEW.  
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NOTE: Mark Lane testified before the Warren Commission on two occasions and said an informant of his was present at an alleged meeting and overheard conversation between Jack Ruby, Dallas police officer J. D. Tippit, and Bernard Weissman on 11/14/63. Lawrence Schiller of Los Angeles furnished us the identity of Lane's informant "Paul Bridewell, also known as, Phil Burns". Schiller obtained the identity of Bridewell from Thayer Waldo and we located Waldo in Mexico City and interviewed him. Investigation is aimed at determining present location of John Sutton and interviewing him, locating Bridewell and his present location, believed to be somewhere in Oregon, so that Bridewell in turn can be interviewed and this matter resolved.