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

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 31, 1967, that ROY E. FRANKHOUSER, Reading, Pa., said he wants to get from his (FRANKHOUSER's) records, which are in a secure place, but not readily available to him, some letters from a man named PAYNE (phonetic). FRANKHOUSER advised he intends to send these letters to New Orleans District Attorney GARRISON for his assistance in his present investigation into the death of President KENNEDY.

FRANKHOUSER did not say what significance these letters have or PAYNE's connection with the assassination or present investigation, if any.

This source is aware and has repeatedly said that FRANKHOUSER, who claims to be Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan for Pennsylvania, is a liar, a braggart, and often makes impressive plans or statements which he never carries out.

Characterizations of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans) and United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Pennsylvania, are attached hereto.

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ENCLOSURE

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA, KKKK),
REALM OF PENNSYLVANIA

A source advised October 16, 1965, that ROY E. FRANKHOUSER, JR., of 133 South 4th Street, Reading, Pa., had recently been appointed Grand Dragon (statewide leader) of the UKA, KKKK, for Pennsylvania. This appointment was made by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the national organization. Source subsequently advised that FRANKHOUSER had attended and spoken at numerous rallies in Pennsylvania and other East Coast states.

A second source advised March 14, 1966, that ROY FRANKHOUSER attended a Klan school for leaders and members at Newark, Delaware, March 11 - 13, 1966. In attendance were many Klan leaders from various states.

This second source on July 13, 1966, made available a copy of a mimeographed letter headed, "United Klans of America - Pennsylvania HQ - P. O. Box 1432, Reading, Pa. 19603."

This letter dated July 11, 1966 and addressed to "Esteemed Klansmen", stated, "This is to let you know that we are reorganizing the Realm of Pennsylvania." It continued with a plea for recipients to help by getting sites for rallies and meetings; urged formation of new Klaverns; requested help with transportation for officers on weekends; and requested that they locate printers and perform other small tasks. Members were also urged to pay back dues at once.

A third source advised July 20, 1966 that the Pennsylvania Klan is a state division of the national UKA, KKKK, headed by ROBERT SHELTON, and that ROY E. FRANKHOUSER is the sole active and effective leader known to him in this area.

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**UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)**

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961 at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. Those are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klavocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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