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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: April 4, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

PURPOSE: To advise that Robert Clayton Buick, convicted bank robber, claims he has information concerning the assassination but will not disclose it without receiving certain considerations including release from custody and transportation to Mexico where he intends to become a citizen. Buick indicated he might write to Director, the President and Attorney General.

BACKGROUND: On 2/8/66, Robert Clayton Buick was identified in the armed robbery of a Monterey Park, California, savings and loan association. Investigation indicated he was probably responsible for a series of similar robberies in the Los Angeles area. After being designated a Top Ten fugitive, he was apprehended in El Paso, Texas, 3/29/66. During investigation to locate him it was learned that he had lived in various cities in Mexico and in San Juan, Puerto Rico, had been a bullfighter, and operated a marble importing business in Mexico City and San Diego, California.

On April 20, 1966, he was indicted by a Federal grand jury on charges involving armed robbery of 22 Federally insured savings and loan associations in Southern California between July, 1961, and February, 1966. Pleading not guilty, he was tried and convicted on three counts of bank robbery being sentenced on December 9, 1966, to 20 years custody of the Attorney General. His attorney has indicated intent to appeal.

Prior to his trial, Buick wrote several letters to the U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, requesting a conference to discuss an issue which "pertains to Dallas." One letter referred also to a secondary issue which he described as the "John C. Meyer incident," suggesting that contact be made with "Walter Jenkins at the Madison Hotel, Washington, D. C., perhaps U. S. Senator John R. McCullen and Arkansas State Senator Byron Hurst." Buick suggested that not to "sit in counsel" with him might force him to "create utter international chaos."

Enclosures *sent 4-5-67*

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Memorandum Rosen to DeLoach
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

An Assistant U. S. Attorney, accompanied by subject's attorney, endeavored to discuss the matter with Buick but Buick refused, indicating he would talk only with the U. S. Attorney, a Federal judge or Chief Justice Warren. The trial judge refused to grant a private audience to Buick and in view of the impending trial no further discussions were had with Buick.

In the period following his trial, additional letters were directed by Buick to the U. S. Attorney and following receipt of a telephone call from Buick, Assistant U. S. Attorney Richard M. Coleman, after consulting with Buick's attorney, agreed to meet with Buick. Coleman had received information that Buick, in a letter to his wife, made reference to the "news from New Orleans" saying "it adds perfectly well" with what he has.

On 3/23/67, Assistant U. S. Attorney Coleman and a U. S. Secret Service Agent met with Buick, who endeavored to discuss matters pertaining to his trial. Assistant U. S. Attorney Coleman refused stating they were present to discuss information Buick claimed to have concerning the assassination. Buick refused stating he would not discuss it unless both matters could be discussed. The interview was then terminated.

On 3/24/67, Buick telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office stating he was writing to the President with copies for the Attorney General, the Director and the U. S. Attorney, and he inquired as to whether his letters would be censored. Buick was advised that the FBI had no control over jail regulations.

Review of psychiatric reports on Buick disclose that Buick in these interviews also indicated he had information concerning the assassination. One psychiatrist reported "this defendant is playing a very skillful game of trying to convey the impression that he has valuable information but is unable to divulge it except to such people as the Chief Justice of the United States. He has the typical effrontery of the sociopath."

ACTION: While there is no indication that Buick actually has pertinent information concerning the assassination other than his own vague allegations, he has indicated he will endeavor to correspond with the President, Attorney General, and Director. It is therefore recommended that information concerning Buick's allegations be furnished to the White House, the Attorney General and Secret Service. Appropriate communications transmitting this information are attached.

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