

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan
FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

- 1 - Mr. C. D. Loach
 - 1 - Mr. Wick
 - 1 - Mr. Rosen
 - 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- DATE: April 7, 1967
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
 - 1 - Liaison
 - 1 - Mr. Lenihan

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DeLoach	_____
Mohr	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
Felt	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	_____
Sullivan	_____
Tavel	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize information received from a Canadian newspaperman and to recommend acknowledgment of his letter and that a copy of it be forwarded to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), in view of the contents of the letter.

By letter dated April 3, 1967, Mr. Trevor Lautens, an editor and columnist with the "Vancouver Sun," Vancouver, Canada, furnished us information he received from an unknown woman who claimed to have past contact with an individual arrested in connection with the investigation in New Orleans being conducted by James C. Garrison. The unknown woman claimed that she recognized one of two individuals recently arrested as being identical to an individual she saw on board ship in 1965. She named the individual arrested as "Mario Gracias." No individual named Gracias has been arrested by Garrison nor has his name come up in the investigation being conducted by Garrison.

Mr. Lautens noted that he had seen a news report that Sergio Archacha Smith had been arrested by Mr. Garrison's office in New Orleans in connection with a theft of munitions and he feels it is possible the unknown woman confused the name of Smith with "Mario Gracias."

In his letter, Mr. Lautens further reports that his unknown female source claims she received information from a Miss Dorothy Whitty to the effect that the CIA was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. Miss Whitty allegedly claimed that Whitty was not her real name. Whitty also claimed that she was formerly associated with CIA.

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According to Mr. Lautens, the unknown contact was very "wrought" in her conversation with him on the telephone and he feels she was probably neurotic. He advised he was furnishing this information to us for any possible value.

A check of our files disclosed no information identifiable with Trevor Lautens, Mario Gracias or Miss Dorothy Whitty.

ACTION:

1. Attached is a letter to Mr. Lautens acknowledging receipt of his letter of April 3, 1967.

2. Attached is a letter to CIA furnishing CIA a copy of Mr. Lautens' letter and requesting CIA's comments, observations and evaluation of Mr. Lautens' letter.

3. Attached is a letter to the Attorney General furnishing a copy of Mr. Lautens' letter and noting that we had furnished a copy of it to CIA and had requested CIA to furnish its comments, observations and evaluation of the letter.

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