1943 UNITED STATES GOVERNM 1emorandum Mr. DeLoac April 17, 1967 1 -. Mr. DeLoach A. Ros FROM 1 - Mr. Rosen Tele, P 1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Shroder ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY SUBIECT: - Mr. Raupach 1 1 - Miss Hd JOHN F. 1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Wick Mr. Guy Hottel, former SAC, Washington Field Office, now connected with the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, advised that he had been contacted by one Herb/Rasovich (phonetic), an acquaintance in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was advised that William Wegmann, a former District Attorney in New Orleans and now connected with a rather large law firm in New Orleans, is representing. Clay L. Shaw in connection with the "fiasco" of District Attorney Garrison in New Orleans relative to the assassination. Hottel indicated that Wegmann desired to come to Washington and discuss this situation with the Director. Hottel advised that he had no interest in this matter whatsoever and was merely passing it on for the information of the Bureau. He stated that he suggested Wegmann be advised to contact the Agent in Charge of our New Orleans Office and Wegmann declined to do so without giving any reason. Rasovich told Hottel that Wegmann would like to come to Washington and see the Director. Hottel states he told Rasovich that the Director had a very busy schedule and that generally such matters were handled by other officials at the Bureau. Rasovich said that if Wegmann could not see the Director he would like to talk to an Assistant Director in Washington. Hottel inquired as to whether or not this would be permissible. С, Hottel was advised that in the event Wegmann came to Washington and had any information whatsoever to volunteer relative to the assassination of President Kennedy, the Bureau would be glad to accept it. He was told, however, that in the event information related directly to Garrison's investigation in New Orleans the Bureau would not be able to offer Wegmann any assistance of any kind.... It is noted that Wegmann was previously in touch with the Bureau by telephone on 3/9/67, at which time Wegmann requested * REC 12 42:10:1060-JRM:gka:mpd (8)

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the FBI in Washington instruct New Orleans Office of the FBI to cooperate and make available the "rap sheet" (criminal or arrest record) of the individual Garrison named as the informant against Clay Shaw.

Wegmann also stated that on 3/2/67, Attorney General Clark had said Shaw had been cleared by the FBI, was not involved in any assassination plot and, in effect, to Wegmann's way of thinking completely absolved his client. He advised that he had tried to reach the Attorney General but had been unsuccessful. On that occasion Wegmann was told the FBI could not be of any help, that our files are confidential by order of the Attorney General and can be made available only to authorized persons.

ACTION:

The foregoing is submitted for information in the event Wegmann calls at the Bureau.