

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 8, 1967

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan *W.A.B.*

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

W.A.B. Wick
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The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize information furnished to our New Orleans Office on May 6 and 7, 1967, by Gordon D. Novel. Novel is the individual who was involved in a burglary of ammunition at Houma, Louisiana, and who now is residing in Ohio. New Orleans District Attorney Garrison is attempting to have Novel returned to New Orleans for questioning.

Novel claims that Andrew Blackmon, a former close associate of David William Ferrie, allegedly was present at a meeting in Ferrie's apartment when Novel, Sergio A. Smith, Ferrie and others planned the burglary at Houma, Louisiana. Novel states Blackmon very likely will be Garrison's star witness in the latter's attempt to prove a conspiracy in the death of President Kennedy.

Novel believes New Orleans District Attorney Garrison is directly responsible for the death of David Ferrie. Novel claims he saw Garrison leave Ferrie's apartment at approximately 5:30 a.m. February 22, 1967, the day Ferrie was found dead.

Novel also claims that Garrison believes a laundry truck owned by Louis Rabel, a New Orleans resident, was involved in transporting Sergio Smith, David Ferrie, Novel and several others to Houma, Louisiana, to commit the burglary. Bureau files indicate Rabel probably identical with an individual who was head of the Cuban Revolutionary Council in New Orleans, Louisiana, which was an anti-Castro organization with headquarters in Miami.

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Novel claims Garrison reportedly has in his possession various letters to substantiate his conspiracy probe. These letters consist of: 1. Letter from Clay Shaw to David Ferrie; 2. Letter from David Ferrie to Jack Ruby; 3. Letter from Jack Ruby to Lee Harvey Oswald; 4. Letter from former Attorney General Robert Kennedy to David Ferrie supposedly thanking Ferrie for the latter's anti-Castro activities. Novel added that in the near future New Orleans District Attorney Garrison will accuse the FBI of possessing originals of the four letters listed above. This is false. We know of no such letters.

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Memorandum to W. C. Sullivan
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
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Novel claims Garrison plans to ask FBI Agent presently under subpoena (Special Agent Regis Kennedy of the New Orleans Office) two questions: 1. "Was David Ferrie a communist acting under an anti-communist cover?" 2. "Did an FBI Agent to your knowledge have a meeting with Gordon Novel on February 20, this year?"

In connection with the two questions listed above, our file contain no information indicating Ferrie was a communist. He was very active in anti-Castro activities in New Orleans. Regarding question number two, Novel did contact our New Orleans Office on February 20, and volunteered information to Special Agents J. Peter Chase and Max M. Marr. The data volunteered by Novel concerned his participation with Ferrie, Sergio Smith and others in robbing an ammunition bunker at Houma, Louisiana.

Novel also states Garrison is interested in locating a William Wayne Dalzell who allegedly was contacted by Special Agent Regis Kennedy of our New Orleans Office and a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) employee by the name of Logan. Our files disclose Dalzell was active in anti-Castro activities in New Orleans in 1961.

New Orleans Office advised that Special Agent Regis Kennedy has interviewed Dalzell in the past concerning Cuban matters. He has not been interviewed by Special Agent Kennedy or any other Agent of the New Orleans Office concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. Dalzell's present whereabouts are unknown. Special Agent Kennedy does not know a CIA agent by the name of Logan.

OBSERVATIONS:

Novel's reliability is highly questionable. He has frequently made charges which have been found to have no basis in fact. He reportedly claimed ties with CIA which CIA denied. It seems incredible that if Novel saw Garrison leave Ferrie's apartment at 5:30 a.m. on the day Ferrie was found dead that he would not have come forward with this information up till now. He has contacted our FBI Offices several times since February 22, 1967, and did not volunteer such data.

ACTION:

The data furnished by Novel will be summarized in a letterhead memorandum and disseminated to the Department, Secret Service and CIA.

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