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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69) (P)
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
CONCERNING

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Memo, 5-19-67
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Re New Orleans teletype to Bureau, 1:53 a.m. this date.

Attached hereto are original and one copy of memorandum dated today, prepared by SA REGIS L. KENNEDY concerning questions put to him when he appeared before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, 5/17/67, together with instructions furnished to him as to nature of his testimony, these instructions being given to him initially by USA LOUIS C. LACOUR and subsequently tempered by AUSA JOHN C. CIOLINO and AUSA FREDERICK W. VETERS.

Copy of SA KENNEDY's memorandum furnished to USA LACOUR and its contents discussed with him.

USA LACOUR advised he had no additional comments or views concerning KENNEDY's testimony, other than those four areas set forth in referenced teletype.

With regard to KENNEDY's testimony, New Orleans newspapers on this date contained story quoting DA GARRISON as saying KENNEDY invoked executive privilege in the hour he met with Orleans Parish Grand Jury on 5/17/67.

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The story reflected that AUSA FRITZ VETERS said while SA KENNEDY was testifying that the FBI man was never instructed to plead the fifth amendment. VETERS said KENNEDY was instructed by U. S. Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK to take executive privileges "if and when he is asked questions regarding anything that relates to his official status as an agent for the FBI..."

An 8:00 a.m. news broadcast on New Orleans Radio Station WSMB and subsequent broadcasts, all on 5/18/67, reflected an inquiry was directed to ALBERT V. LABICHE, JR. (prominent New Orleans businessman and nationally known legionnaire), foreman of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, regarding the release of SA KENNEDY by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury; these news broadcasts quoted LABICHE as saying that Agent KENNEDY was released by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury because the Grand Jury was satisfied with his testimony.

As noted in the attachment, USA LACOUR's original instructions to KENNEDY that he invoke executive privilege, was tempered at the last moment by LACOUR's two assistants, CIOLINO and VETERS, whom he had delegated to handle this matter in Criminal District Court and at the Grand Jury hearing.

This variance of instructions appears to be an honest difference of opinion on the legal matters involved between LACOUR and his staff, who were on the scene counselling KENNEDY. This placed KENNEDY in a position at the last moment of having to go before the Grand Jury and use his own judgment as to when privilege should be invoked and when it should not be invoked.