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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1166) (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
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ReNotel to Bureau dated 3/28/67.

According to a release on the 10 p.m. television news, 5/21/67, and an article appearing in the "Nashville Tennessean," a daily newspaper published in Nashville, on 5/22/67, it was reported to Metro PD on 5/21/67 that GORDON NOVEL was shot from ambush at Nashville early a.m. 5/21/67.

Ohio

The incident was reported to police by CHARLES F. WALKER, President of radio station WKDA, Nashville, who stated that NOVEL had been in Nashville discussing the inquiry being made by New Orleans DA JIM GARRISON with WKDA news director GARY EDWARDS. He allegedly was making some tapes for news release and worked at WKDA until approximately 2 a.m., 5/21/67. He then drove to the vicinity of EDWARDS' apartment at 128 Rains Avenue, Nashville, in a WKDA news truck. When they stopped in front of the apartment, they were fired upon and both ducked into the back of the truck. WALKER stated that NOVEL received a flesh wound in the shoulder, but that EDWARDS was not hit.

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He stated that EDWARDS borrowed an automobile and left immediately with NOVEL, and that they are "now somewhere in Ohio." He indicated that NOVEL was treated for his gunshot wound in the vicinity of Bowling Green, Kentucky. He also claimed that NOVEL had registered at an uptown motel early Thursday under an assumed name after arriving in Nashville from Columbus, Ohio, where he is awaiting extradition to Louisiana.

The news article stated that inquiries at Bowling Green by newsmen had failed to locate any record of a man being treated for a bullet wound. The article also stated that NOVEL reportedly stayed at the Noel Hotel under the name of MILLIGAN, but that spokesmen for the Noel Hotel denied that anyone by that name was registered at the hotel. The article stated that newsmen investigating WALKER's report found EDWARDS' news truck parked behind his apartment house. The right front window was shattered and what appeared to be bullet holes marked the side. They quoted "police on the scene" as stating that apparently five shots had been fired at the truck from two different caliber weapons, two of the slugs passed through both walls of the vehicle, three others passed through the right side only. One detective was quoted as stating that the holes in the van appeared to be made by a .45 caliber pistol or a highpowered rifle, and that three holes were believed to be made by a .32 caliber weapon. He stated that what appeared to be blood on the door handle and the door panel was evident. Otherwise, police refused to answer questions of newsmen. It was "reliably reported" that police had a witness to the shooting.

The newspaper quoted WALKER as stating that NOVEL brought with him to Nashville taped recordings, films, and "documented evidence" he compiled while working as an investigator for the Louisiana DA. He stated "NOVEL claims that GARRISON has perpetrated a myth on the assassination of President KENNEDY and called him a Cajun JAMES BOND." Photos of the panel truck were shown on both television and in the "Tennessean."

Copies are being furnished to interested offices for information purposes only.

No inquiry is being made into this situation by the Memphis Division UACB.

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