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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63

At approximately 6:05 PM, May 22, 1967, a messenger hand delivered an envelope addressed to Robert Z. Righthayer, Special Agent in Charge, New Orleans Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana to the New Orleans Office of the FBI. This envelope bore the return address District Attorney, Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, New Orleans 70119. This envelope contained the following items:

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May 22, 1967

Mr. Robert E. Rightmyer  
Special Agent in Charge, New Orleans Office  
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New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Rightmyer:

Several days ago we obtained what appears to be the initial draft of a letter written by Gordon Novel shortly before his recent departure from New Orleans. This draft was written on yellow paper in pencil and appears to be an initial formulation of a letter which he subsequently wrote for mailing. I notice in his letter a reference to inquiries by the Bureau with regard to the Double-Chek Corporation which he mentions. Consequently, I am enclosing for your information a photostat of the handwritten draft as well as our typewritten transcript.

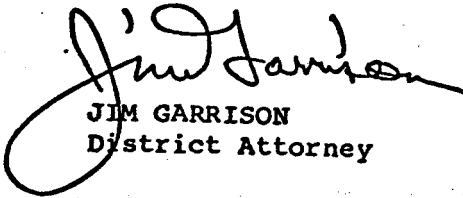
I am sure that you are much more familiar with Double-Chek than we are but we have noted that in "The Invisible Government", the recent book by Wise and Ross about the C.I.A., Double-Chek is mentioned on pages 79, 80, 86-89, 93-95, 156 and 263.

As you will note, the photostat of the handwritten draft is not very distinct. If you desire, I will be happy to make the original draft available for inspection by a representative of your office or we can photograph copies and send them to you.

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I will be happy to make available to the Bureau any other information which we may have which may be of service in this connection.

Sincerely,

  
JIM GARRISON  
District Attorney

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Transcript of Written Draft of Letter  
Found in Apartment of Gordon Novak After  
His Departure from the City

Dear Mr. Weiss: *1/10/67*

This letter is to inform you that District (sic) Jim Garrison has subpoenaed myself and an associate to testify before His Grand Jury on matters which may be classified TOP SECRET. Actions of individuals connected with DOUBLE-CHEK CORPORATION in Miami in first quarter of 1961.

We have no current contact available to inform of this situation. So I took the liberty of writing you direct and apprising you of current situation. Expecting you to forward this through appropriate channels.

Our connection and activity of that period involves individuals presently ... about to be indicted as conspirators in Mr. Garrison's investigation.

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We have temporarily avoided one subpoena not to reveal Double-Chek activities or associate them with this mess. We want out of this thing before Thursday 3/ /67. Our attorneys have been told to expect another subpoena to appear and testify on this matter. The fifth amendment and/or immunity (and) legal tactics will not suffice.

Mr. Garrison is in possession of unsworn portions of this testimony. He is unaware of Double-Chek's involvement in this matter but has strong suspicions. I have been questioned extensively by local FBI recently as to whether or not I was involved with Double-Chek's parent-holding corporation during that time. My reply on five queries was negative. Bureau unaware of Double-Chek association in this matter. Our attorneys and others are in possession of complete sealed files containing all information concerning matter. In the event of our sudden departure, either accidental or otherwise, they are instructed to simultaneously release same for public scrutiny in different areas simultaneously.

Appropriate counteraction relative to Garrison's inquisition concerning us may best be handled through military channels vis (a) vis D.I.A. man. Garrison is presently Colonel in Louisiana Army National Guard and has ready reserve status. Contact may be had through our attorneys of current record Plotkin, Alvarez, Sapir.



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Dear Mr. [Name]

I am pleased to inform you  
that the [Project Name] has been

successfully completed and the results are

most encouraging. The data collected

shows a significant improvement in [Area]

and we are confident that these findings

will have a positive impact on [Field]

in the long run. I am sure you will

find this information of great interest.

Thank you for your cooperation and

support throughout the project.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Title]

[Institution]

*Handwritten text in cursive script, possibly a letter or note, located at the top of the page. The text is partially obscured by a large bracket on the left side and is difficult to decipher due to the handwriting and image quality. It appears to contain several lines of text, possibly starting with "Dear Sir" or similar salutation.*

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