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Date: May 23, 1967

To: Office of Counterintelligence and Security  
 Defense Intelligence Agency  
 The Pentagon  
 Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
 NOVEMBER 23, 1963  
 DALLAS, TEXAS

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On May 23, 1967, a letter was received at the New Orleans Office of this Bureau addressed to the Special Agent in Charge. The letter was from Jim Garrison, District Attorney, Parish of Orleans, and was delivered by hand. The letter was dated May 23, 1967, and read as follows:

"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-Check Corporation which he mentions. Consequently, I am enclosing for your information a photostat of the handwritten draft as well as our typewritten transcript.

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"I am sure that you are much more familiar with Double-Check than we are but we have noted that in 'The Invisible Government,' the recent book by Wise and Moss about the C.I.A., Double-Check is mentioned on pages 79, 80, 86 - 89, 93 - 95, 146

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and FBI. 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 to have photostats copied and send them to you.

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.

**Jim Garrison  
District Attorney**

Garrison's letter contained a photostat of the handwritten draft referred to in it, as well as a typewritten transcript of this draft. The transcript read as follows:

"Transcript of written draft of letter found in apartment of Gordon Novel after his departure from the city.

"Dear Mr. Weiss:

"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-Check 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 expressing our 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 our subpoena not to reveal Double-Check activities or associates then with this news. We went 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 numerous portions of this testimony. He is unaware of Double-Check'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-Check's parent-holding corporation during that time. My reply on five queries was negative. Bureau unaware of Double-Check association in this matter. Our attorney's 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 cities simultaneously.

"Appropriate counteraction relative to Garrison's inquiry 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."

For your information, Gordon Novel is an individual who until recently lived in New Orleans. Garrison has been trying to bring him back to New Orleans to testify before the Grand Jury there.

The files of this Bureau contain no references identifiable with Mr. Weiss, based on the information received from Garrison.

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45. Your observations on this information received from Garrison are desired, specifically your observations concerning the reference to the "E.I.A. mem." We intend to furnish this information from Mr. Garrison, together with your comments concerning it, to the Attorney General. We are taking an investigative action regarding Garrison's letter, and we are not acknowledging it.

NOTE: See Memorandum W. A. Franigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 2/21/57, same caption, attached to report.