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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (89-21) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING  
OO: Dallas

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 5/31/67.

It should first be noted that the City of Portland, Oregon proper is contained in the County of Multnomah, but the metropolitan area spreads out over parts of the surrounding counties of Columbia, Washington, and Clackamas. Located at the far side of Columbia County, some 50 miles north of Portland, is the very small community of Rainier, mentioned in re airtel. Rainier has a population of approximately 1,100.

In his interview as set out in re airtel, LAWRENCE SCHILLER apparently did not indicate how he happened to become aware of Rainier nor did he note BRIDEWELL's connection with this community, a town that could be expected to be little known outside of Oregon.

A check of Portland indices disclosed no record of anyone by the name of PAUL BRIDEWELL and no PHIL or PHILLIP BURNS, who could be identified with the individual involved in this matter.

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The current Portland telephone directory does not contain the name of PAUL BRIDEWELL nor do the Portland City Directories for the years 1963, 1964, 1965, and 1967 (no directory printed in 1966). The telephone directory does list the name of PHILLIP J. BURNS, 17450 S.E. Mill. As will be seen later, this individual apparently is not identical with the PHIL BURNS involved in this investigation.

A check with the Oregon State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Salem, Oregon, on 6/7/67, disclosed no auto registration for a PAUL BRIDEWELL and none for a PHIL BURNS as such. The records did contain the name of PHILLIP J. and JEAN F. BURNS, who are the registered owners of a 1966 Ford, Oregon license LDB-083. Their address was listed as 17450 S.E. Mill Street, Portland, the same as that mentioned above for PHILLIP BURNS in the Portland Telephone Directory. The Drivers License Division of the Motor Vehicles Bureau also had no record of anyone by the name of PAUL BRIDEWELL or PHIL BURNS. They did have a drivers license for the above PHILLIP BURNS at 17450 S.E. Mill Street, Portland, which showed that his full name is PHILLIP JOSEPH BURNS, that he holds drivers license number 1212774, and that he was born 7/17/32. He was described as 5'10", 170 pounds, blond hair, and blue eyes.

On 6/7/67 [redacted] clerk, Portland Retail Credit Association, advised that the files of that agency contain no information concerning a PAUL BRIDEWELL and that the only record of a PHIL or PHILLIP BURNS was a file on PHILLIP J. BURNS, who in September, 1965 was listed at 19340 S.W. Blanton, Aloha, Oregon, a suburb of Portland. This file showed that this PHILLIP BURNS, apparently identical with the one mentioned above, formerly resided at 1292 Englewood, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada. His employment was listed as that of an economist for the US Department of Agriculture in Portland. He formerly was employed by the New York State Government at Buffalo, New York. His wife was listed as JEAN BURNS.

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It should be noted that a credit agency known as Credit Bureau Metro located in Portland covers the counties surrounding Portland including Columbia, Washington, and Clackamas. On 6/20/67, [redacted] clerk at Credit Bureau Metro, said that the records of that agency did not contain the name of either PAUL BRIDEWELL or PHIL BURNS.

Similar information was provided on 6/20/67, by [redacted] of Dun and Bradstreet, Inc, Portland, Oregon.

The following advised on 6/7/67, that the files of their division of the Portland Police Department did not contain the name of PAUL BRIDEWELL or PHIL BURNS:

[redacted]  
Identification Division  
Officer CHARLEY TRIMBLE  
Intelligence Division  
[redacted]  
Records Division

It should be noted that the Records Division contains the files of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. The check in this division, covered both the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office. [redacted] advised that there was a notation on a PHILLIP BURNS, aka PHILLIP NELSON SWEENEY, PHILLIP NELSON BURNS, BILL DAVIS, and PHILLIPS B. BURNS, FBI #13559A, who was wanted by the Fort Worth, Texas Police Department for forgery and burglary. His name was contained in "Texas Bulletin" number D-4-1053, dated 3/22/66. His description, however, showed that he was 24 in 1955, was 5'11", weight 160 pounds, and had brown hair and blue eyes.

On 6/21/67, Sergeant HENRY A. KACZENSKI, Oregon State Police, Milwaukie, Oregon advised that a complete check of the criminal files, the traffic files, and the warning files, of the State Police throughout the entire State of Oregon, had disclosed no record of a PAUL BRIDEWELL or a PHIL or PHILLIP BURNS.

A check with the US Department of Agriculture, disclosed that PHILLIP JOSEPH BURNS mentioned several times above,

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is employed in the Soil Conservation Service of the Columbia Basin's Division, 520 S.W. Morrison, Portland. On 6/19/67, this PHILLIP BURNS advised that he was born and was reared in upstate New York and had been in agricultural work most of his life. He had lived in Portland for the past two years. He stated that he has never been in the State of Texas in his life. He said that he is 35 years old. In view of this information, and his description as contained on his drivers license set out above, it would appear that he is not identical with the PHIL BURNS involved in this matter.

[redacted] clerk, Office of the Registrar of Elections, Multnomah County, said on 6/16/67, that the name of PAUL BRIDEWELL was not contained in the list of registered voters for the entire county. In addition, she said that there was only one PHILLIP BURNS, who was listed as PHILLIP ALEXANDER BURNS, now deceased. She said that this individual had first registered in 1948, indicating that he was born in Hawaii. As of October, 1964, he was manager of a hotel on West Burnside Street in Portland. The records did not indicate the date of his death.

[redacted] did note that there was a registration for a woman, AGNES B. BRIDEWELL, husband, PAUL, who had moved from Multnomah County to Washington County in October, 1963. [redacted] thought that there might have been a transposition of letters in the last name of that possibly this name was BRIDEWELL. She could supply no further information. On 6/20/67, [redacted] clerk, Oregon State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Portland advised that a check of the records of that bureau from 1951 to the present, disclose no record of the death of the above PAUL ALEXANDER BRIDEWELL. A record of the death on 3/21/65 of a PHILLIP BURNS, age 70, born 4/19/1894 in Hawaii. He lived at 2032 W. Burnside, Portland. He was apparently identical with the PHILLIP ALEXANDER BURNS carried in the Multnomah County Voter's records above.

It should be noted that the two major banking institutions in the State of Oregon are the First National Bank of Oregon and the US National Bank of Oregon. Both

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are chains and have branches throughout the state. They are based in Portland. On 6/19/67, [redacted] of the First National Bank advised that he could locate no account for PAUL BRIDEWELL or PHIL BURNS. On the same date, LEA HONE, said that the only pertinent account located in the US National Bank was one for the PHILLIP J. BURNS who lives at 17450 S.E. Mill and is employed by the Soil Conservation Service.

[redacted]  
Office of the Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company, Portland, (protect identity), advised on 6/19/67, that she could locate no record indicating telephone service for a PAUL BRIDEWELL nor a PHIL or PHILLIP BURNS, with the exception of the above PHILLIP J. BURNS on S.E. Mill Street. Her check included all unlisted numbers served by that company.

The following advised on 6/20/67, that the files of their various utility companies serving the Portland metropolitan area contained no record of BRIDEWELL or BURNS:

[redacted]  
Portland General Electric Company

[redacted]  
City Power and Light Company

[redacted]  
Portland Water Bureau

[redacted]  
Northwest Natural Gas Company

[redacted] at the Water Bureau, noted that that bureau does not maintain lists of names and addresses. Bills are sent only to the addresses of property using the water service. [redacted] at the Northwest Natural Gas Company did find a record for a PHILLIP BURNS at 1425 S.E. Main, Apartment 5, later Apartment 2 for gas services from April, 1963 to February, 1964. The file showed, however, that this PHILLIP BURNS was retired and on Social Security at that time. Consequently, it would appear that this individual is not identical with the PHIL BURNS involved in this matter.

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The problem of locating PAUL BRIDEWELL or PHIL BURNS was presented to [redacted] of the Richard G. Montgomery and Associates Company, 1126 S.W. 13th Avenue, one of the oldest and largest advertising agencies in the city. On 6/21/67, [redacted] advised that neither name was familiar to him in the advertising field and that a check of others in the agency produced no information concerning such a man. [redacted] advised that there are three other individuals who could be contacted in the advertising field in Portland, commenting that each had been involved in advertising in Portland for years, and that if anyone knew of BRIDEWELL or BURNS, they probably would. They are as follows:

[redacted]  
Kendon-Mount Advertising Agency  
Sylvan Building, 2035 S.W. 58th  
Portland, Oregon

[redacted]  
Charles L. Burrow Company  
Alderway Building, 711 S.W. Alder  
Portland, Oregon

[redacted]  
Advertising Sales Representative,  
King Broadcasting Company, which operates KGW-TV  
and KGW-Radio, 1501 S.W. Jefferson, two of the  
largest and most prominent radio and TV stations  
in Portland

All of these individuals were contacted on 6/22/67, and all advised that they had never heard of any individuals by the name of PAUL BRIDEWELL or PHIL BURNS. Similar information was provided by [redacted] Radio Station KPOJ also a major Portland station, located at 1019 S.W. 10th Avenue. [redacted] is a contact of the Portland Office.

#### RAINIER AND COLUMBIA COUNTY

The current telephone directory for Columbia County which includes Rainier, does not contain the name of anyone

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by the name of BRIDEWELL. There are two individuals by the name of BURNS listed at Rainier, HAZEL I. BURNS and ROBERT BURNS.

On 6/21/67, [REDACTED] Deputy Clerk at the Columbia County Clerk's Office, St. Helens, Oregon said that she could locate no record of a PAUL BRIDEWELL or a PHIL BURNS in the registration of voters in the county.

[REDACTED] Postmaster at Rainier said on 6/20/67, that he has been a long-time resident of that vicinity, but that he could recall no one by the name of BRIDEWELL nor anyone named PHIL BURNS. The following also advised on 6/7/67, that they could provide no information concerning BRIDEWELL or BURNS:

[REDACTED]  
Clerk, St. Helens Credit Bureau  
which covers Columbia County  
Officer WILLIAM MORRIS  
Rainier Police Department, who  
checked police department records  
DON ALLEN  
Chief of Police at Rainier,  
Checked records, and who is familiar  
with the vicinity  
ERNIE THOMPSON  
Deputy Sheriff of Columbia County  
who checked sheriff records  
GLEN I. RAY  
Chief of Police at St. Helens  
who is well acquainted with St. Helens  
vicinity  
O. JOHN ALDER,  
Chief of Police at Scappoose, a community  
near St. Helens, who could find no record  
and had no knowledge of either BRIDEWELL  
or BURNS

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Anonymous telephone inquiries were made on 6/20/67 of the two individuals by the name of BURNS listed in the Rainier telephone directory as set out above, HAZEL I. BURNS and ROBERT BURNS. Both advised that they had never heard of anyone by the name of PHIL BURNS.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

On 6/20/67 [redacted] clerk in the Voters Registration Division of the Washington County Clerk's Office, Hillsboro, Oregon, advised that she could find no record of a PAUL BRIDEWELL or PHIL BURNS. It will be recalled from above, that Multnomah County voter's records showed an AGNES BRIEDWELL, husband PAUL, who had moved from Multnomah County to Washington County. [redacted] located the registration of AGNES BRIEDWELL and determined from her signature that the name actually is spelled BRIEDWELL. Her husband apparently was not registered. Her registration showed that she was born in 1890. She presently resides at 1390 N.W. 131st, Portland.

The following advised on 6/20/67, that they could locate no record of BRIDEWELL or BURNS in the files of their departments and that they had no personal knowledge of them:

CHARLES SHERRATT, Chief Deputy Sheriff  
Washington County Sheriff's Office  
[redacted] clerk, Hillsboro  
Police Department (as set out above, credit  
in Washington County is handled by Credit  
Bureau Metro, Portland, already checked)

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Credit in Clackamas County also is handled by the Credit Bureau Metro, Portland as set out above.

[redacted] Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Oregon City, Oregon, said on 6/21/67, that she could locate



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no record of BRIDEWELL or BURNS. Similar information was provided by [redacted] Police Department at Oregon City, which is the County Seat and major city in Clackamas County. She also could locate no record of a PHIL BURNS, although she did have two notations concerning a PHILLIP BURNS. On 9/4/60, a PHILLIP BURNS living at 606 Promenade, Oregon City had reported a burglary at the Clelend Clinic, 601 High Street, Oregon City where he was the caretaker. Again on 3/23/67, a PHILLIP BURNS of 914 7th Street, Oregon City reported a larceny. The notation indicated that the landlord of this PHILLIP BURNS was one VERN ANDERSON, operator of Vern's Ideal Delicatessen in Portland.

[redacted] nurse at Clelend Clinic, 601 High Street, said that she was well acquainted with the PHILLIP BURNS who once was caretaker at the clinic and who now is employed at the Globe-Union Battery Company in Oregon City. She said that he is a man approximately 60 years old, who has been doing janitorial work in and around Oregon City for years.

[redacted], proprietor of the Ideal Delicatessen at 350 S.W. Yamhill, Portland said on 6/21/67, that the PHILLIP BURNS mentioned above as having reported the larceny on 3/23/67, is the caretaker and manager of some apartments owned by [redacted] in Oregon City. He said that this BURNS is at least 60 years of age and has been engaged in custodial work for many years in the Oregon City vicinity. It would appear that this PHILLIP BURNS and the one mentioned at the Clelend Clinic are identical.

[redacted] clerk in the Voters Registration Division of the Clackamas County Clerks Office, Oregon City advised on 6/21/67, that she could locate no record of a PAUL BRIDEWELL and the only PHILLIP BURNS listed was one living at 606 Promenade when he registered, and thus apparently identical with the custodian mentioned above. His file showed that he was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, and was naturalized

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on 3/22/43 in San Francisco. He listed two other addresses over the years in Oregon City. From this information and the above, it would appear that he is not the PHIL BURNS involved in this matter.

The investigation at Rainier and Columbia county, as set out above, was conducted by SA ANDREW J. RAGSDALE; the contacts of the Northwest Bell Telephone Company, First National Bank, and US National Bank were made by SA LEN H. KURTZ; and those of the public utilities, Credit Bureau Metro, and Dun and Bradstreet by SA JAMES E. LILE.