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The Attorney General

August 8, 1967

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS

Reference is made to the letter of Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., to this Bureau dated August 7, 1967, in captioned matter.

This Bureau has no objection to Special Agent Regis L. Kennedy testifying at the perjury trial of Dean A. Andrews in the Parish of Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, which is scheduled to begin August 9, 1967, provided Special Agent Kennedy is accompanied by the United States Attorney. It is noted as outlined in Mr. Vinson's letter of August 7, 1967, that Special Agent Kennedy's testimony will be within the tenor or substance of the matters covered in his interviews with Dean A. Andrews. We also note that should Special Agent Kennedy be interrogated concerning matters as to which he does have knowledge, but which are not covered within the tenor or substance of his interview reports concerning Dean A. Andrews, he shall refer the presiding judge to Departmental Order Number 381-67 and refuse to answer until this matter has been brought to the attention of the Attorney General and the Attorney General has an opportunity to perform the function which is referred to him by virtue of the Departmental Order.

Subsequent to the receipt of Mr. Vinson's letter of August 7, 1967, we have been informed by our New Orleans Office that the United States Attorney Louis C. LaCour, New Orleans, Louisiana, informed the New Orleans Office on August 7, 1967, that Special Agent Reed W. Jensen has been dismissed from the subpoena that was issued to him on August 1, 1967. Mr. LaCour advised that Assistant United States Attorney Frederick W. Veters contacted Mr. Richard Burnes, Assistant District Attorney, Orleans Parish, New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 7, 1967, to discuss the subpoena issued

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to Special Agent Jensen and Mr. Burnes informed Mr. Veters that Special Agent Jensen was not particularly needed to testify at the trial of Dean A. Andrews. Mr. Burnes informed Mr. Veters that the Orleans Parish District Attorney's particular interest in the testimony from Special Agent Jensen would relate to his alleged knowledge that a signature of Clay Bertrand had appeared on some type of document in magnetic ink. Mr. Burnes added that it was felt Special Agent Jensen was possibly knowledgeable concerning some radioactive process regarding signatures. Mr. Burnes then informed Mr. Veters that he was orally dismissing Special Agent Jensen from the subpoena and that he would verify such action later in writing.

For your information, Special Agent Jensen informed United States Attorney LaCour and Mr. Robert E. Rightmeyer, Special Agent in Charge of our New Orleans Office, that he possesses no knowledge whatsoever concerning any Clay Bertrand signatures of any kind, including magnetic ink, nor does he possess any knowledge concerning a radioactive process regarding signatures.

United States Attorney LaCour informed our New Orleans Office that as far as he was concerned, Special Agent Reed W. Jensen has been excused from testifying at the trial of Dean A. Andrews. He added that because of previous administrative inconsistencies in the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office he felt it would be wise for Special Agent Jensen to be further unavailable for contact by process servers or by the District Attorney's office. Mr. LaCour was informed by our New Orleans Office that Special Agent Jensen was scheduled for annual leave starting at 1 p.m., August 8, 1967, and would be in South Dakota, outside the jurisdiction of the Orleans Parish Court from August 8 to August 20, 1967. Mr. LaCour advised that Special Agent Jensen could be outside the jurisdiction of the court during this period of time as Assistant District Attorney Richard Burnes of the Orleans Parish had advised Mr. Veters that Special Agent Jensen was excused. According to Mr. LaCour, this excuse negated the subpoena that had been issued to Special Agent Jensen.

For your additional information in this matter, the only contact that Special Agent Jensen had with Dean A. Andrews was when Special Agent Jensen and Special Agent

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Regis L. Kennedy interviewed Andrews on December 3, 1963. A copy of the report of this interview was furnished to you as an enclosure to our letter of August 2, 1967.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Carl Eardley
Acting Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE:

Dean Andrews is the New Orleans Attorney who interjected the name Clay Bertrand into the assassination investigation. Garrison claims Bertrand is identical to Clay Shaw who is presently awaiting trial for conspiracy. Andrews has testified before Orleans Parish Grand Jury and been indicted on two counts of perjury. His trial commences 8/9/67 and Special Agent Kennedy of the New Orleans Office who interviewed Andrews on several occasions following assassination, has been subpoenaed to testify. Reed W. Jensen also conducted numerous interviews during assassination investigation but has been excused from testimony.

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