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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060), DALLAS (89-43), LOS ANGELES, AND

OMAHA

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 7P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -
INFO CONCERNING, OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, DEC. TWENTY
NINE INSTANT, REPORTED THAT ^{DISTRICT ATTORNEY} DA JIM GARRISON TODAY SUBPOENAED
THREE PERSONS AS MATERIAL WITNESSES IN HIS PROBE OF THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. THE
ARTICLE IDENTIFIED THE THREE WITNESSES AS LORAN A. HALL OF
KERNVILLE, CALIF., THOMAS BECKHAM OF OMAHA, NEB., AND
LAWRENCE J. HOWARD OF LOS ANGELES. SUBPOENAES WERE ISSUED
BY CRIMINAL-DISTRICT JUDGE MATTHEW S. BRANIFF AND CALLED
FOR THE APPEARANCE OF THE WITNESSES BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH
GRAND JURY, FEB. ONE AND TWO, CO

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE THE SUBPOENA FOR HALL SAID
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS INFORMATION HALL CHECKED INTO THE

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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DALLAS YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION IN OCT., SIXTYTHREE AND REMAINED IN DALLAS UNTIL THE TIME OF THE KENNEDY SLAYING. IT WAS FURTHER CONTENDED THAT HALL WAS IN DALLAS WITH JACK RUBY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION, THAT HE BROUGHT A WEAPON TO DALLAS SHORTLY BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION, THAT HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE 'FREE CUBA' MOVEMENT IN FLA., LA. AND TEXAS, THAT HE WAS PREVIOUSLY ENGAGED IN CIA SPONSORED GUERRILLA TRAINING IN FLA. FOR RAIDS ON CUBA, THAT HE WAS IN ASSOCIATION WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD IN DALLAS." THE SUBPOENA CHARGES THAT BEFORE HALL'S ARRIVAL IN DALLAS HE WAS IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA AND WAS IN CONTACT WITH DAVID WILLIAM FERRY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO FREQUENTED FIVE THREE ONE LAFAYETTE ST. WHICH THE DOCUMENT IDENTIFIED AS THE SAME OFFICE BUILDING DESCRIBED AS FIVE FOUR FOUR CAMP ST. THE ADDRESS USED ON LEAFLETS HANDED OUT BY LEE OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS. THE SUBPOENA ALLEGES THAT BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION, HALL WAS PRESENT AT DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING IT. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE SUBPOENA STIPULATES THAT IF HALL OBEYS THE SUMMONS HE WILL HAVE IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION.

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THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE SUBPOENA FOR BECKHAM STATES THE DA'S OFFICE HAS INFORMATION THAT HE WAS IN ASSOCIATION WITH FERRY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS AT FIVE THREE ONE LAFAYETTE ST. AND THAT HE WAS FURTHER CONNECTED WITH FERRY IN THAT BOTH WERE ORDAINED PRIESTS IN THE "OLD ORTHODOX CATHOLIC" CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA." THE SUBPOENA STATES BECKHAM OPERATED A "CUBAN MISSION" ON RAMPART ST. AND SAYS HE WAS "IN ACTIVE ASSOCIATION WITH CERTAIN CUBAN EXILES IN NEW ORLEANS IN WHOSE COMPANY LEE OSWALD WAS SEEN."

THE SUBPOENA ALLEGES THAT BECKHAM "HAD KNOWLEDGE OF CIA SPONSORED GUERRILLA TRAINING CONDUCTED NEAR NEW ORLEANS." IT ALSO ADDS HE HAD KNOWLEDGE OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OCCURRING IN THE OFFICE OF W. GUY BANISTER.

THE SUBPOENA SAYS BECKHAM SUBSEQUENTLY WAS REPORTED TO BE IN DALLAS IN NOV., SIXTYTHREE, WITH ONE OF THE CUBAN EXILES AND THAT A NUMBER OF THOSE PERSONS WITH WHOM HE WAS IN CONTACT IN NEW ORLEANS AND DALLAS "ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE PLAYED A PART IN THE ASSASSINATION." THE SUBPOENA GRANTS

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BECKHAM IMMUNITY SIMILAR TO THAT GIVEN ^{3193 Blanchard} ^{LOS ANGELES} ^{Cuba} HALL IF HE OBEYS
THE SUBPOENA. ^{Lawrence J.}

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE SUBPOENA FOR HOWARD
STATES INFORMATION HAS BEEN GIVEN THE DA THAT HOWARD WAS
IN ASSOCIATION WITH FERRY IN SIXTYTHREE DURING THE COURSE
OF VISITS TO NEW ORLEANS. THE SUBPOENA ^{aka ALONZO ESCURIDO} SAYS THE DA HAS
INFORMATION HOWARD WAS ENGAGED IN CIA SPONSORED GUERRILLA

TRAINING IN FLA. FOR RAIDS ON CUBA, THAT HE WAS ACTIVE IN
THE "FREE CUBA" MOVEMENT IN FLA., LA., AND TEXAS, AND THAT
HE ASSOCIATED WITH FERRY AND OTHERS AT FIVE THREE ONE LAFAYETTE.
THE SUBPOENA SAYS HOWARD ARRIVED IN DALLAS AND CHECKED INTO
THE YMCA IN OCT., SIXTYTHREE AND STAYED IN DALLAS UNTIL THE
TIME OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. THE SUBPOENA CLAIMS
THAT HOWARD WAS IN CONTACT WITH RUBY "AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS
BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION." THE
SUBPOENA GRANTS IMMUNITY TO HOWARD IN THE SAME MANNER AS
THE OTHER WITNESSES.

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SAM DI PINO, TV STATION CHANNEL TWELVE, FURNISHED THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE SUBPOENAED WITNESSES AS THOMAS BECKHAM, FIVE THREE ONE FOUR NORTH FORTYEIGHTH ST., OMAHA, NEB., LAWRENCE J. HOWARD, THREE ONE NINE THREE BLANCHARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., AND LORAN E. HALL, KERVILLE, CALIF.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM FINAL EDITION, INSTANT DATE, REPORTED THAT GARRISON SAID HALL IS ALSO KNOWN AS LORENZO FASCILLO AND SKIP HALL AND THAT HALL IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MINUTEMEN ORGANIZATION. GARRISON ALSO SAID THAT HOWARD IS ALSO KNOWN AS ALONZO ESCURIDO.

NO IDENTIFIABLE INFO CONTAINED IN FILES NEW ORLEANS OFFICE ON HOWARD AND HALL UNDER NAMES AND ALIASES.

THOMAS BECKHAM PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL BY THAT NAME MENTIONED IN NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU FEB. TWENTY, SIXTYSEVEN, WHICH REPORTED JACK S. MARTIN FURNISHED INFO THAT GARRISON HAD LOCATED A WITNESS NAMED THOMAS BECKHAM, AKA. MARK EVANS, WHO ACCORDING TO MARTIN WAS ASSOCIATED WITH OSWALD AND ASSISTED OSWALD IN PASSING OUT LEAFLETS.

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FILES NEW ORLEANS OFFICE SHOW THOMAS EDWARD BECKHAM WAS SUBJECT OF INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY INVESTIGATION IN JULY, FIFTYEIGHT, AND IS APPARENTLY IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL OF SAME NAME WHO IS LISTED AS BAD CHECK PASSER IN JULY EIGHT, SIXTY, NEW ORLEANS HOTEL BULLETIN.

FILES ALSO REFLECT THAT DAVID LEWIS ON OCT. ELEVEN, SIXTYTWO, REPORTED THAT THOMAS EDWARD BECKHAM WAS SEEKING FUNDS FOR A RELIGIOUS GROUP SEEKING TO HELP CUBANS.

FILES FURTHER SHOW BECKHAM'S MOTHER REPORTED ON OCT. NINETEEN SIXTYTWO THAT HE WAS CONFINED IN MENTAL WARD, THIRD FLOOR, CHARITY HOSPITAL, NEW ORLEANS, LA. AND MADE AVAILABLE A CARD WHICH REFLECTED BECKHAM WAS "PRIEST IN CHARGE OF HOLEY CHAPEL FOR PEACE, THREE FIVE TWO S. RAMPART ST."

FILES FURTHER SHOW THAT ON JULY SEVEN, SIXTY, JACK S. MARTIN ADVISED THAT THOMAS EDWARD BECKHAM, AGE SEVENTEEN, A SINGER WHOM MARTIN WAS ATTEMPTING TO PROMOTE, WAS IN CALIF. ALLEGEDLY PASSING FRAUDULENT CHECKS ON FATHER'S ACCOUNT.

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OMAHA AND LOS ANGELES WILL FURNISH ANY INFO CONCERNING
WITNESSES RESIDING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES TO BUREAU,
DALLAS, AND NEW ORLEANS.

NO ^{MEMO} LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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