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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

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

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THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM RED FLASH EDITION, JAN.  
NINE INSTANT, STATED VERNON W. BUNDY, A WITNESS AGAINST  
SHAW IN DA <sup>District Attorney</sup> GARRISON'S PROBE WAS ARRESTED YESTERDAY ON  
CHARGES OF ARMED ROBBERY AND THEFT.

BUNDY, A TWENTYNINE YEAR OLD NEGRO RESIDING FOUR ZERO  
THREE NINE ATHIS COURT, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, TESTIFIED  
LAST YEAR AT A PRELIMINARY HEARING FOR SHAW THAT HE SAW  
SHAW AND OSWALD TOGETHER ON THE LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN SEAWALL  
DURING THE SUMMER OF SIXTYTHREE.

AT THE HEARING BUNDY, THE ARTICLE STATED, IDENTIFIED  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF BOTH SHAW AND OSWALD AND SAID THAT HE SAW  
SHAW PASS A ROLL OF BILLS TO THE MAN IDENTIFIED AS OSWALD.

BUNDY APPEARED TODAY BEFORE JUDGE FRANK SHEA, IN  
MAGISTRATE COURT AND WAS ORDERED HELD ON FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS  
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BOND IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARMED ROBBERY CASE AND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS IN THEFT CASE. BUNDY SAID HE WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY RUDOLPH BECKER, JR.

THE ARTICLE STATED BUNDY WAS ARRESTED ABOUT FOUR THIRTY PM YESTERDAY BY PATROLMEN CHARLES DIESEL AND DANIEL O'NEIL AT THE LAFITTE TAVERN, ONE NINE THREE FIVE ORLEANS ST. IN WHAT SGT. GEORGE SLICHO, WHO SUPERVISED THE INVESTIGATION, SAID WAS A "ROUTINE BAR CHECK".

BUNDY WAS BOOKED WITH ARMED ROBBERY OF HARRY ALEXANDER, SEVENTY YEAR OLD NEGRO, OF SEVEN TWO EIGHT NORTH PRIEUR, AT NINE PM, CHRISTMAS EVE IN WHICH THIRTY DOLLARS, A RADIO AND A TWENTYTWO CALIBER RIFLE WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF FORTYSEVEN DOLLARS WAS TAKEN.

BUNDY ALSO WAS BOOKED WITH THE THEFT OF TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS FROM THE PURSE OF ELAINE LEARY, NEGRO, THIRTYTWO, OF TWO TWO TWO SIX DUMAINE, AT HER RESIDENCE AT ONE AM, CHRISTMAS MORNING. IN THIS THEFT OFFICERS SAID BUNDY SNATCHED THE MONEY FROM THE PURSE AND RAN FROM THE HOUSE.  
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THIS EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM ALSO CARRIED AN ARTICLE STATING THAT A SUBPOENA TODAY WAS ISSUED BY CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE MATTHEW S. BRANIFF FOR KERRY WENDELL THORNLEY, A MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATE OF OSWALD, FORMERLY OF NEW ORLEANS AND NOW OF TAMPA, FLA.

THE ARTICLE STATED THORNLEY WAS QUESTIONED EXTENSIVELY BY THE WARREN COMMISSION WHO DESCRIBED THORNLEY AS THE CLOSEST MARINE CORPS FRIEND OF OSWALD.

THORNLEY, THE ARTICLE STATED, LIVED AT ONE EIGHT TWO FOUR DAUPHINE ST. IN NEW ORLEANS IN SIXTYTHREE, AND THAT THE DA'S OFFICE WANTED TO QUESTION HIM ABOUT CONTACTS WITH OSWALD DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE SUBPOENA IS FOR AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY FEB. EIGHT AND NINE NEXT AND, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE THE REQUEST FOR THE SUBPOENA SAYS THE WARREN COMMISSION QUESTIONED THORNLEY "FOR THIRTYTHREE PAGES" CONCERNING HIS MARINE CORPS LIFE WITH OSWALD BUT DID NOT QUESTION HIM ABOUT KNOWING OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS IN SIXTYTHREE.

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THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE DA'S OFFICE CLAIMS TO HAVE  
ESTABLISHED THAT THORNLEY WAS SEEN IN OSWALD'S COMPANY IN  
THE FRENCH QUARTER AND ELSEWHERE BEFORE OSWALD'S DEPARTURE  
FROM THE CITY IN SEPT. SIXTYTHREE.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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