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837PM URGENT 1/10/68 OLP

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

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 3P

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

THE NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM, FINAL EDITION, JAN. TEN,  
INSTANT, REPORTS THAT KERRY THORNLEY, REPORTEDLY A MARINE  
CORPS COMPANION OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, STATED THAT HE HAS  
NOT SEEN OSWALD SINCE HIS DISCHARGE FROM MARINE CORPS,  
JULY, FIFTYNINE.

ARTICLE CONTINUED THORNLEY IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION  
FROM SOUTH TAMPA, FLA. INDICATED HE DECLINED TO COOPERATE  
WITH DA GARRISON'S PROBE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SLAYING 12 JAN 16 1968  
BECAUSE HE "LACKS CONFIDENCE" IN THE DA.

THORNLEY WAS SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR BEFORE ORLEANS PARISH  
GRAND JURY FEB. EIGHT AND NINE NEXT BUT WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION.

SPOKESMAN FOR DA SAID TODAY THAT "WE HAVE AT LEAST  
SIX WITNESSES WHO SAW THORNLEY AND OSWALD TOGETHER IN NEW

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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ORLEANS DURING SUMMER OF SIXTYTHREE. THE LA C TENDS  
THAT THORNLEY WAS ASSOCIATING WITH OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS,  
SIXTYTHREE, WHEN THORNLEY WAS A WAITER IN THE FRENCH QUARTER.  
THORNLEY DENIES THIS. ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT GARRISON'S  
REQUEST FOR THORNLEY IS BASED UPON WARREN COMMISSION INTERVIEW  
OF HIM "FOR THIRTYTHREE PAGES", CONCERNING MARINE  
CORPS LIFE WITH OSWALD.

GARRISON SAID THAT HIS INFORMATION INDICATES THAT  
THORNLEY WAS ONE OF OSWALD'S "MORE CONSISTENT COMPANIONS"  
PRIOR TO OSWALD'S DEPARTURE FROM NEW ORLEANS, SEPT.  
SIXTYTHREE. BECAUSE OF "THE FREQUENCY" OF THESE CONTACTS  
GARRISON FEELS THORNLEY CAN PROVIDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION  
ABOUT OSWALD'S ASSOCIATES.

ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT GARRISON'S SUBPOENA ASKS THAT  
THORNLEY BE GRANTED IMMUNITY FROM ARREST DURING HIS STAY  
IN NEW ORLEANS AND AUTHORIZATION TO COVER HIS EXPENSES.  
THORNLEY TOLD NEWSMEN " THAT OSWALD AT THAT TIME WAS THE  
TARGET CONSTANTLY FOR HIS RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL BELIEFS."  
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THERE IS NO ELABORATION FOR THIS REMARK. THORNLEY CONTINUED  
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"EVERYBODY IN THE OUTFIT PUT HIM DOWN AS A COMMUNIST AND AN  
ATHEIST".

THORNLEY, WHO CALLS HIMSELF A FREE LANCE WRITER SAID  
HE WROTE AN UNPUBLISHED BOOK BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION TITLED  
"IDLE WARRIORS" IN WHICH OSWALD IS MENTIONED AS ONE OF THE  
NUMBER OF DISENCHANTED MILITARY MEN WHO HAD FLED THE  
UNITED STATES.

*4.8.68*  
NO LHM FOLLOWS.

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