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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 4P

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

THE RED COMET EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM
FOR FEB. EIGHT INSTANT, CARRIED A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE WHICH
ADVISED THAT MRS. KENNETH JESS PORTER, NEE MARINA OSWALD,
OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS, AND KERRY THORNLEY, TAMPA, FLA., WILL
APPEAR INSTANT DATE BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY

AS THE RESULT OF HAVING BEEN SUBPOENAED BY THE OFFICE OF
DISTRICT ATTORNEY DA JIM GARRISON. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT BOTH PORTER AND
THORNLEY WILL BE QUESTIONED ABOUT OSWALD'S ACQUAINTANCES
IN NEW ORLEANS. PRIOR TO NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

THE ARTICLE DESCRIBED THORNLEY AS A FREE LANCE WRITER
WHO HAS WRITTEN TWO NOVELS CONCERNING OSWALD AND THAT HE
HAD NOT SEEN OSWALD SINCE THEY WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS IN
THE MARINE CORPS.

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PORTER WAS QUOTED AS INDICATING THAT SHE DID NOT THINK SHE COULD HELP "IN MR. GARRISON'S WORK." THE ARTICLE QUOTED ASSISTANT DA JAMES L. ALCOCK AS STATING THAT HIS OFFICE HAS SOME VERY INTERESTING QUESTIONS TO ASK MRS. PORTER IN VIEW OF INDICATIONS THAT SHE WAS WITH LEE OSWALD WHEN HE TALKED TO INDIVIDUALS THAT THE GARRISON OFFICE IS INTERESTED IN.

THE ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT ^{LO 17} ~~THOMAS~~ BECKHAM FROM OMAHA, NEB. IS SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY BEFORE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY INSTANT DATE. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT BECKHAM IS EXPECTED TO BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED ASSOCIATION WITH THE LATE DAVID FERRIE.

THE FINAL EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, INSTANT DATE, CARRIED A LEAD ARTICLE WHICH DISCLOSED THAT MRS. PORTER APPEARED BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY ON TWO OCCASIONS THIS DATE. SHE APPEARED FOR ONE HOUR IN THE MORNING AND WAS CALLED BACK AS THE JURY RESUMED ITS SESSION IN THE AFTERNOON.

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THE ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT THORNLEY WAS WITH THE GRAND JURY FOR NEARLY THREE HOURS IN THE MORNING AND WAS SCHEDULED FOR A SECOND APPEARANCE DURING THE AFTERNOON.

DURING A LUNCH BREAK THORNLEY TOLD NEWSMEN HE HAD NEVER SEEN OSWALD AFTER JUNE OF FIFTYNINE. THORNLEY TOOK ISSUE WITH GARRISON ON TWO POINTS. HE SAID GARRISON ACCUSED THE WARREN COMMISSION OF NOT ASKING THORNLEY WHETHER HE KNEW OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS. THORNLEY STATED THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION DID ASK HIM THAT QUESTION AND THAT HE HAD TOLD THE WARREN COMMISSION THE ANSWER WAS NO. THORNLEY WAS ALSO QUOTED AS DISAGREEING WITH GARRISON'S VIEW THAT OSWALD WAS A RIGHTWINGER RATHER THAN A COMMUNIST IN THAT THORNLEY IS OF THE OPINION THAT OSWALD WAS AN "IDLE PARLOR COMMUNIST TYPE" AND THAT THORNLEY NEVER REGARDED OSWALD AS A RIGHTIST.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT GARRISON PERSONALLY QUESTIONED THORNLEY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY BUT DID NOT QUESTION MRS. PORTER.
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THE ARTICLE STATED THAT AN UNUSUAL PROCEDURE OCCURRED WHEN MRS. PORTER WAS ACCOMPANIED INTO THE JURY ROOM BY HER HUSBAND. THE ARTICLE ALSO FELT IT WAS UNUSUAL THAT MRS. PORTER HAD NO ATTORNEY ADVISING HER OUTSIDE THE JURY ROOM.

THE ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT DEAN A. ANDREWS, CONVICTED OF PERJURY IN AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN AS A RESULT OF TESTIMONY BY HIM BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION TODAY DECLARED HIMSELF A PAUPER IN A HEARING BEFORE CRIMINAL DISTRICT JUDGE FRANK J. SHEA. ARTICLE NOTED THAT BY TAKING THE PAUPER'S OATH ANDREWS WON FOR HIS ATTORNEYS A FREE COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF HIS PERJURY TRIAL LAST AUGUST.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT ANDREWS' ATTORNEYS WON THE TRANSCRIPT TO PRESS THE APPEAL OF ANDREWS' CONVICTION AND IMPOSED THREE MONTH JAIL TERM.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THOMAS BECKHAM RECEIVED COURT PERMISSION TODAY TO RETURN TO NEBRASKA WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS, FEB. FIFTEEN NEXT FOR A GRAND JURY APPEARANCE..

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...NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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