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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: May 13, 1968

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

Memorandum Mr. Branigan to Mr. Sullivan dated 5/8/68 reported that New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison plans to call former Special Agent Regis L. Kennedy to testify for the State of Louisiana in the case of State v. Clay L. Shaw. Garrison's office informed United States Attorney Louis LaCour of New Orleans that James L. Alcock, Garrison's assistant, desired to meet with Mr. Kennedy and United States Attorney LaCour as soon as convenient to discuss Kennedy's testimony and possible areas of cross-examination. It was recommended and approved that representatives of the Domestic Intelligence Division discuss this matter with Departmental representatives to ascertain course of action contemplated by the Department in this matter.

On 5/10/68 Section Chief William A. Branigan and Special Agent Robert E. Lenihan discussed this matter with Mr. Carl Belcher of the Criminal Division of the Department. Mr. Belcher stated that the Department was instructing United States Attorney Louis LaCour to contact Mr. Alcock and inform him that Mr. Kennedy would be permitted to testify at the Shaw trial concerning the Dean A. Andrews, Jr., aspect of this Bureau's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, and possibly certain other matters which were covered in Mr. Kennedy's testimony before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury 5/17/67. Department was also instructing Mr. LaCour to inform Mr. Alcock that any cross-examination of Mr. Kennedy in regard to the aforementioned matters would necessitate Mr. Kennedy exercising the executive privilege under Departmental Order 381-67. In utilizing the executive privilege, Mr. Kennedy would respectfully decline to answer any question asked of him by Mr. Garrison or his staff until he has had an opportunity to

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refer the question to the Attorney General and receive appropriate counsel as to course of action he should take in regard to the question.

In effect, according to Mr. Belcher, Mr. LaCour would be informing Mr. Alcock that the Department sees no need for a meeting between Mr. Alcock and Messrs. Kennedy and LaCour at this time to discuss Mr. Kennedy's testimony and possible areas of cross-examination.

Mr. Belcher further stated that any further action by the Department in this matter would be premature at this time. However, once Mr. Kennedy is served a subpoena to testify at the trial of Clay L. Shaw, Department will immediately consider a specific legal course of action to follow.

Mr. Belcher informed the Bureau representatives that the Department was very carefully following this matter with United States Attorney LaCour and would keep the Bureau promptly advised of pertinent developments.

ACTION:

For information. You will be immediately advised of all pertinent developments in this matter.

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