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TO : Mr. Sullivan *SM*

DATE: February 3, 1971

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rowse
- 1 - Mr. Casper

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
11/22/63

Since the Summer of 1970, we have engaged in correspondence with the Department relative to a request by Emory L. Brown, Jr., of Farmingdale, New Jersey, who wants access to FBI records under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the assassination of President Kennedy. Brown has now filed suit in U. S. District Court for the District of New Jersey to obtain miscellaneous information concerning our investigation of the assassination in regard to suspects, automobiles, and license numbers, etc., which would require extensive review of sheriff's office and police department records, as well as our own records in Washington, and Dallas, Texas. There is no derogatory information in Bureau files or files of the Newark Division concerning Brown.

As a result of the above suit, the Department has requested certified copies of all requests from Brown to the FBI to make records involved available for their inspection, and correspondence to Brown concerning his request for records. We have received three letters from Brown dated 2/5/68, 8/25/69, and 4/11/70, and the first two letters from Brown enclosed some of his correspondence and replies * the Chief of Police, Dallas, Texas, Travelers Aid Society, New York, and Assistant Director in charge of our New York Office. Brown was advised of the confidential nature of our files.

Department has also requested to be advised if we have identified the records requested by Brown, and if so, furnish a description and/or summary of the records (no review has been made by the FBI to locate information requested by Brown). Department also requested a statement of reason or reasons by the FBI why in our opinion records involved should not be made available, and if appropriate, a statement of facts demonstrating the manner in which production of the records

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requested would prejudice the operations of the FBI. This information was previously furnished the Department by a letter dated 10/12/70, and we continue to maintain our position that Brown's request be denied since it would in effect, require the Government to conduct extensive research for a private person and our files concerning the assassination of President Kennedy are still open and therefore appear to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

ACTION:

Attached is a letter to the Criminal Division of the Department which encloses one certified and three copies of each communication, with enclosures, from Brown and our reply to Brown.

The Department is also being referred to our letter dated 10/12/70 which clearly sets forth our position.

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