

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. White *W*

DATE: September 12, 1974

FROM : C. F. Downing

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD
KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
11/22/63

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Reference is made to a memorandum from R. E. Gebhardt to Mr. Adams requesting that the FBI Laboratory compare photographs of three individuals arrested in the vicinity of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy with known photographs of E. Howard Hunt, Frank Sturgis and Thomas Arthur Vallee. The three individuals were reportedly taken from a freight train that was about to leave the railroad yards near the Texas School Book Depository Building immediately following the assassination.

It was determined that the two individuals in these photographs suspected of being E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis are not Hunt and Sturgis. This conclusion is based on the existence of differences in facial characteristics. There are no photographs available in the identification record for Thomas Arthur Vallee or otherwise available in the Laboratory with which the third individual in the submitted photographs could be compared.

Although the possibility of "doctoring" these photographs cannot be completely eliminated because of the possibility that such "doctoring" can be done without detection, no evidence was found to indicate that any of the photographs have been "doctored."

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - Mr. Nettles
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. White
- 1 - Mr. Downing
- 1 - Mr. Shaneyfelt

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