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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns the current allegations that E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis of Watergate notoriety, and Thomas Arthur Vallee, were arrested in Dallas, Texas, shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy on 11/22/63. All 3 have been determined by the Laboratory to not be the 3 persons shown in photographs of the arrest. After a conference on 10/7/74, with Benjamin Bradlee, Editor of "The Washington Post" regarding the matter, the Director advised that Hunt, Sturgis and Captain Will Fritz, the Dallas, Texas, police officer who was in charge of their investigation of the case, should be interviewed to further lay this matter to rest. Captain Fritz interviewed 10/9/74, and had no recollection of the individuals in the arrest photographs or of Hunt, Sturgis or Vallee.

Attached from Baltimore Office advises of results of interview with E. Howard Hunt which, in essence, indicates Hunt in the Washington, D.C., area at the time Kennedy assassinated. Hunt denies he was involved in any way with the Kennedy assassination and in this regard has filed a libel suit against the "National Tattler" claiming he was libeled in an article by this paper 3/31/74, which stated Hunt was at Dallas, Texas, 11/22/63. Additional investigation being held in abeyance pending check with Central Intelligence Agency to determine if Hunt on leave during pertinent period.

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