

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

DATE: 11/6/74

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
11/22/63, DALLAS TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
OO: Dallas

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are two copies of a photostat of a self-explanatory letter dated 10/29/74 written to PHIL T. WHITE, Staff Assistant, Justice Department, Criminal Division, Washington, D.C. by Mr. RAYMOND M. BAKER, former Indiana State Senator (1959-1961). One copy of the letter is being enclosed for each below-listed Office, for information.

On 10/30/74 Mr. BAKER, who is currently residing at 34583 Calle Paloma, Capistrano Beach, California, personally appeared at the Santa Ana, California, Resident Agency of the FBI and made available the above enclosure. Mr. BAKER advised that he has been in contact with various Justice Department officials since 1959 regarding knowledge which had come to his attention regarding organized crime in the insurance and other fields, while serving in the Indiana State Legislature. He said that he is particularly interested that history record the complete and true facts surrounding the assassination of President KENNEDY. He said that he has no reason not to believe the story of Miss ELIZABETH COLE as set forth in the enclosed letter.

Mr. BAKER also brought to the Resident Agency numerous newspaper clippings from the Indianapolis, Indiana Star as well as the Hammond (Indiana) Times newspapers, all dated during 1959 and 1960, dealing with Senate Racket Committee hearings on Organized Crime as relating to the link between certain Lake County, Indiana, public officials and Chicago mobsters.

- 2 Bureau (Encl.-2) ENCLOSURE 62-109060-7144  
1- Dallas (Encl.-1)  
1- Indianapolis (Encl.-1) (Info)  
1- New York (Encl.-1) (Info)  
1- Los Angeles

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Mr. BAKER said that, while a member of the Indiana State Senate, he was active in investigating mobster influence and activity in the insurance field. He said that from 1950 to 1958 he was a General Agent of an insurance firm, Guaranty Reserve of Hammond, and later learned that this firm made extensive loans to finance the building of the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, and as a result did not have the funds to pay insured's claims.

Mr. BAKER added that he is now affiliated as a sales representative of the 99 Company, a stamp and coin business founded by his son.

BAKER stated he desired to make available the enclosed letter as a matter of record.

Los Angeles indices contain no pertinent information identifiable with BAKER.