FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060) Assassination of president John F. Kennedy, November 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED BY YOUR OFFICE, THE FOLLOWING STATE-MENT WAS RELEASED LAST NIGHT IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES FROM THE DALLAS TIMES-HERALD:

"FBI DIRECTOR CLARENCE M. KELLEY CONFIRMED TODAY THAT INQUIRIES CONDUCTED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE DALLAS TIMES-HERALD TEND TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD VISITED THE DALLAS FBI OFFICE SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, APPARENTLY AS THE RESULT OF AN INTERVIEW BY AN FBI AGENT OF HIS WIFE MARINA IN CONNECTION WITH THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF LITE HARVEY OSWALD PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION WHICH WAS DOCUMENTED IN THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT OSWALD LEFT A NOTE ADDRESSED TO THIS AGENT HATTAL AND ALTHOUGH RECOLLECTIONS VARY AS TO THE WORDING OF THE NOTE, IT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF WARNING THE AGENT TO DESIST FROM

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FURTHER INTERVIEWS OF HIS WIFE.

FBI INQUIRIES TO DATE ESTABLISH THAT THE NOTE CONTAINED NO REFERENCES TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY OR IN ANY WAY WOULD HAVE FOREWARNED OF THE SUBSEQUENT ASSASSINATION. PRIOR TO THE CURRENT FBI INQUIRIES, THERE HAD BEEN NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS VISIT AND NOTE RECORDED IN FBI RECORDS; AND INQUIRIES TEND TO CORROBORATE THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION THE NOTE IN QUESTION WAS DESTROYED. INQUIRIES ARE CONTINUING TO DETERMINE THE FULL FACTS CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF THIS • ____ MATTER.

> THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS, FROM THE INCEPTION, BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF FBI INQUIRIES TO DATE. DIRECTOR KELLEY HAS INDICATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER COMMENT FOR PUBLICATION UNTIL ALL INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED AND THE MATTER CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT."

IN THE EVENT INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED BY YOUR OFFICE YOU ARE TO REFER THEM TO THE ABOVE STATEMENT AND MAKE NO ELABORATIONS UPON. THEREON.

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