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TO Mr. Gallagher

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY 11/22/63 DATE: 2/7/77

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PURPOSE: To advise that Eugene Braden, the subject of various allegations as a co-conspirator in the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the most recent of which was furnished to the Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, by IRS by letter dated 12/30/76, intends to be in Washington, D. C., on 2/7/77. An attempt will be made by FBIHQ personnel at that time to interview Braden pertaining to the recent allegations and to request that Braden voluntarily submit to interview utilizing the polygraph technique. This has been coordinated with the Scientific and Technical Services Division and with SAC, Washington Field Office where polygraph will be administered.

RECOMMENDATION: That approval be granted for FBIHQ personnel to interview Braden and thereafter with Braden's consent to conduct further interview utilizing polygraph technique.

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DETAILS: Background data pertaining to Eugene Braden, FBI Number 79943, as set out previously (Peelman to Mr. Gallagher memorandum dated 2/4/77 and captioned as above) revealed Braden was in Dallas on 11/22/63, was in the vicinity of the Texas Book Depository, and was interviewed by the Dallas Sheriff's Office on 11/22/63.

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Peelman to Mr. Gallagher Memorandum
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Information recently received by Office of Legislative Affairs from IRS by letter dated 12/30/76, contained allegation that Jack Ruby and Eugene Braden were in the office of Nelson Bunker Hunt the day prior to the assassination, were involved with a "kill squad" and that Lee Harvey Oswald had corresponded with Hunt prior to the assassination.

Allegations concerning a conspiracy involving Braden were also published in a book by Peter Noyes entitled, A Legacy of Doubt.

Efforts to locate and interview Braden in Atlanta, his last known address, pertaining to these allegations have been negative. On 2/4/77 ASAC Edmond J. Pistey, Atlanta Division, telephonically advised that he received a long distance call from Braden who advised that he would be in Washington, D. C., on Monday, 2/7/77, to speak with someone in the Attorney General's Office and with Congressman Gonzales (Henry Gonzales, Chairman of the House Select Committee On Assassinations) pertaining to these allegations involving Braden.

Polygraph Subunit, Scientific and Technical Services Division, has reviewed a series of questions prepared anticipating an interview with Braden, in the event Braden consents to interview utilizing polygraph.

In view of the fact that Braden will be in Washington, D. C., on 2/7/77, FBIHQ personnel knowledgeable pertaining to the assassination investigation and to the allegations involving Braden, will interview Braden and with his consent thereafter will arrange for polygraph examination to be administered by SA Washington Field Office.