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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-38560)
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NEW ORLEANS

- **ARTHUR F. FELT, JR.,** City Editor, The Times-Picayune, a daily newspaper published in New Orleans, La., on 12/10/63 advised there had been received at the Times-Picayune this day an envelope containing an anonymous letter which contained a threat against Mr. MORRISON.

The envelope was addressed to the Editor, Times-Picayune paper, 615 North St., New Orleans, La. In the upper left corner on the face of the envelope appeared a return address of St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, La. The envelope showed a New Orleans, La. postmark dated 12/9/63. The time of cancellation was illegible.

The anonymous letter contained in the envelope is being quoted hereinafter:

"Dec 9 - 1963

"Editor, The Times-Picayune -

"We as over two hundred people, citizens of New Orleans and voters, have also subscribed for your two papers daily, and if we discontinued them, I feel

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sure that the Times Picayune would feel it, well the same things holds good for that Dam Crook DeLesseps Morrison, now we know he is a big liar when he made the statement on T. V. last week that he did not except money from Washington, we know for a fact that Kennedy gave him money for his Campaign and believe us when we say, that if Morrison continues buying his way, we are going to stop him with a bullet as we helped plan the shooting of John F. Kennedy. We know how to do it. and we will not stop at any thing ~~We are fed up~~ On all this Communist infiltration in our country and we can stop Morrison he is a 100% Communist and we know that. We want him out of our City, why did he come back here? We also know his record as a dirty murderer. We know that he killed his wife and if he stays around here we are going to do the same thing to him. We also thought the Times

was going to support John McKeithen he is a better man for Governor. We also think C. C. Taddy Aycock would be a more Capable man for our Lieutenant Governor, well you can publish this if you care to let the people know that a lot of crooked work is going on in this election and you can also let the public know that Morrison will never serve a term in our state capital we will get him. We are ready to go to war anyway on this crooked deal.

"Citizens property owners and voters all our lives in this City"

Mr. FELT stated this letter had been read by him and by Mrs. SARA GREENWALD, secretary to GEORGE W. HEALY, JR., editor of the newspaper. Mrs. GREENWALD had informed him that both she and Mr. HEALY had read the communication and neither were able to recall receipt of such a letter at the newspaper in the past either by handwriting or tone of context in the communication. Mr. FELT's observations were the same.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct the following examination of the envelope:

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- 1) Determine manufacturer of envelope if possible and any known outlets;
- 2) Ascertain if there are any latent fingerprint impressions on the outside as well as inside of the envelope;
- 3) Examine ink to determine type of ink and type of pen utilized;
- 4) Examine stamp to ascertain if it is from a roll of stamps or from a sheet of stamps.

The letter should be examined for:

- 1) Latent fingerprint impressions;
- 2) Any watermarks or anything that would distinguish the manufacturer of the paper or serve as a lead to determine the outlets of this paper in New Orleans;
- 3) Determine from the writing type of pen utilized as well as type of ink;
- 4) Examine for any indented writing. This of course would include similar type of examination of envelope.

ANONYMOUS

The receipt of this communication, together with its contents, have been made available to the following persons in view of the threat to victim:

- 1) ROSALIE S. GRAD, personal and confidential secretary to Mr. MORRISON, who at the present time is engaged in a run-off campaign in the State of La. for the Democratic nomination for Governor, which will not be completed until 1/11/64. Mrs. GRAD stated upon contact 12/10/63 that Mr. MORRISON was not available, but she would see that he was apprised of data contained in the anonymous communication;

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- 2) Sgt. JOHN HUGHES, Intelligence Unit
New Orleans PD, in the absence of Major
PRESLEY J. TROSCLAIR, Commander, Intelligence Unit;
- 3) Desk Sergeant ARTHUR E. WISE, Troop B,
La. State Police, Metairie, La., in the
absence of THOMAS BRADLEY, Troop Commander.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the report of SA JOHN L. QUIGLEY dated 11/20/63 at New Orleans, as above captioned. This report contains the details with respect to three previous anonymous communications, all written by the same individual. The first of these anonymous communications was received by Mr. MORRISON on or about 12/10/60. The second one was received by Mr. MORRISON on or about 9/13/63. The other anonymous communication was addressed to Dr. JAMES F. REDMOND, Superintendent, Orleans Parish Schools, New Orleans, La., and received by him on 1/17/61. The FBI Laboratory has advised these anonymous communications were all written by the same individual.

Investigation thus far has not identified this anonymous letter writer. Since the general tenor of the above quoted communications follows along similar lines with the above-referred-to communications, there is a possibility the same anonymous writer wrote instant communication.

It should be noted that in the above communication, the anonymous letter writer makes reference to the fact that "We helped plan the shooting of John F. Kennedy, we know how to do it, and we will not stop at anything...." In view of this, copies of this communication are being furnished to Dallas for its information in the investigation entitled "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka; IS - E - CUBA". Enclosed for Dallas are 2 Xerox copies of the original communication and envelope. New Orleans, however, as of this time, plans to handle this investigation as an Extortion violation.

The above-described anonymous communication and envelope dated 12/9/63 are being forwarded with this communication to the Bureau. The Laboratory is requested to immediately furnish results of requested examination to New Orleans and Dallas.