UNITED STATES C VERNMENT

Memorandum

SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

3/19/64

FROM

SA SUPVR. JOSEPH J. LOEFFLER

SUBJECT:

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963 DALLAS, TEXAS

Re memo of Supvr. JOSEPH J. LOEFFLER 3/19/64, concerning request of USA BAREFOOT SANDERS.

At approximately \$20 P.M., Inspector JAMES R. MALLEY advised that MR. SANDERS should be contacted with regard to his request and furnished information to the effect that this appears to be work of the Commission members themselves and not something the FBI should do. That in the event the location of an individual becomes a fugitive matter there would be no objection to the referral of the matter to us for the location of the witness.

Inspector MALLEY was informed of a passing comment made by MR. SANDERS when he made the aforementioned request of the Dallas. Office, which in effect was "If you cannot do it, I'll have to ask the Secret Service." at this point MR. MALLEY requested the writer to hold on, that he was going to make this matter known to higher authority. Upon return, Inspector MALLEY stated, that this comment of MR. SANDERS concerning the referral to Secret Service makes no difference, relay to MR. SANDERS what I previously had mentioned.

Accordingly, at 3:25 P.M., the writer telephonically called MR. SANDERS and stated "I have been told to advise you that we feel that since this is a Commission matter we should not get involved with locating these witnesses to appear and testify before the Commission representatives. However, should it develop that it becomes difficult to locate an individual and it appears that a fugitive type investigation would develop, that we have no objection to you making a request of us to locate the witness."

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MR. SANDERS said "O.K.; I suppose this is a request of your Headquarters." The writer replied, "I referred this matter to MR. SHANKLIN and frankly, I am not in a position to say." MR. SANDERS then stated "Well, I guess I am going to have to ask the Secret Service or the Marshal to do this work for us."