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TO : Mr. Rosen *RS*

DATE: November 25, 1963

FROM : J. L. Handley *JLH*

SUBJECT: FUNERAL OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 25, 1963

At 1:30 A.M., midnight Supervisor William E. Assmus received a telephone call from Daniel Dockery 32 Varnum Street, Washington, D. C. in which Mr. Dockery expressed his fear that the line of persons waiting to view the President's coffin in the Capitol might erupt into violence. *73*

Mr. Dockery stated that at the time of his call the line was approximately 40 blocks long and consisted of a mixed group of colored and white persons, particularly nearer the end of the line. Dockery stated vicious remarks were being passed between the groups and apparently some of the individuals had been drinking and tension was very very obvious. Dockery stated it would be a sad reflection on this country if a racial riot should break out in Washington under the present circumstances. Dockery stated he had advised the Metropolitan Police Department but felt they had paid little attention to his information and he requested that the FBI do whatever they could to ease the situation. Dockery was informed the policing of the crowd was the responsibility of the Metropolitan Police Department, but that they would be alerted to the nature of the information furnished by him.

At 1:46 A.M. Sergeant W. Patterson of the Metropolitan Police Department was telephonically furnished the above information and he stated he would see that this was passed along to the officers at the scene.

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