

Director, FBI  
ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

December 2, 1963

SAC, Cleveland (62-444)

HORTENSE ARAIZA BERNI, aka.,  
Hortense Araiza Berni;  
HAROLD KENNETH STIBBEL, Informant  
MISCELLANEOUS

*Assassination of  
President John F.  
Kennedy*

Enclosed are:

(1) An envelope postmarked "Tucson, Arizona, November 23, 1963," addressed to "Justice of Superior Court, Law Abiding Enforcement, Supreme Court, Main Edifical Building, Algiers, Ohio";

(2) Four yellow pages with handwriting on both sides, dated at Tucson, Arizona, November 22, 1963, and addressed to Justice of Superior Court, Law Abiding Enforcement, City Hall, Algiers, Ohio, Hon. Judge - Dear Sir, and numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, ending "As Ever" and the signature which appears to be HORTENSE ARAIZA BERNI;

(3) Two white pages bearing handwriting on each side, beginning "Miscellaneous, Just why wouldn't President JACK KENNEDY be killed? He met the challenge the same way as my husband on March 2, 1938," and signed "As ever" and the signature appears to be HORTENSE ARAIZA BERNI.

This letter was delivered in Alger, Ohio, to the Mayor of Alger, Mr. HAROLD KENNETH STIBBEL. It was picked up at the Alger Post Office by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. THELMA STIBBEL, who turned it over unopened to Mrs. CLEO G. STIBBEL, wife of the Mayor. The latter opened and handled the letter, and subsequently it was handled by the Mayor, his daughter-in-law, and the Postmaster of Alger.

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The STIMMELs had no idea of the identity of the person sending this letter.

It is noted that the letter rambles and appears to be the product of a person who is not mentally sound.

Mr. STIMMEL received a letter postmarked August 4, 1961, at Tucson, Arizona. This letter also rambles over three pages, handwritten on both sides, and was addressed to "City Mayor, Crime Law Court House, care of City Hall, Algiers, Ohio, Dear Mayor." Mr. STIMMEL advised it had not made sense to him. It too is signed HORTENSE ARAIZA BERRA.

The letter postmarked November 23, 1963, is being submitted to the FBI Laboratory in view of the reference to President KENNEDY. While it is recognized that the letter is apparently incoherent, the Single Fingerprint Section is requested to endeavor to develop latent prints. The Laboratory is requested to determine if similar letters have been received at the Laboratory.