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TO DIRECTOR -14- AND SAC DENVER

FROM SAC NEW YORK 89-75

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT John F. Kennedy, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO SIXTY THREE, AFO.

REDETEL TO DIRECTOR AND SACS EL PASO, BALTIMORE, CHARLOTTE AND NEW YORK, DECEMBER THREE, ONE NINE SIXTY THREE, CONCERNING BERNARD WEISSMAN, CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN FACT FINDING COMMITTEE AND WILLIAM W. BURLEY.

FOR INFORMATION OF DENVER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM NY TEL SET FORTH....

DALLAS MORNING NEWS OF MORNING OF NOV. TWENTY TWO, ONE NINE SIXTY THREE CARRIED FULL PAGE ARTICLE ENTITLED "WELCOME MR. KENNEDY TO DALLAS", AND AT BOTTOM APPEARED THE NAME "THE AMERICAN FACT FINDING COMMITTEE, BERNARD WEISSMAN, CHAIRMAN. POST OFFICE BOX ONE SEVEN NINE TWO, DALLAS TWENTY ONE, TEX." THE ARTICLE WAS IN THE FORM OF A PUBLIC QUESTIONNAIRE TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY LISTING TWELVE QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO NUMEROUS MATTERS COMMANDING ANSWERS FROM MR. KENNEDY, QUESTIONS CONCERNING PRINCIPALLY FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS. END PAGE ONE.....

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INVESTIGATION HAS DISCLOSED BERNARD WEISSMAN AND ONE WILLIAM
~~B. BURLEY~~ APPEARED IN DALLAS IN EARLY NOVEMBER, ONE NINE SIX THREE.
 THEY ANSWERED AD AND BECAME EMPLOYED BY CARPET ENGINEERS OF DALLAS AS
 SALESMEN AND RENTED APARTMENT AT FOUR SIX ONE EIGHT REIGER, DALLAS
 WEISSMAN OPENLY ADMITTED AT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT THAT HE HAD INSERTED
 ABOVE AD IN NEWSPAPER ON MORNING PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS TO
 ARRIVE IN DALLAS. SUBSEQUENT TO PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION WEISSMAN AND
 BURLEY FAILED TO RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT TELLING SALES MANAGER OF THAT
 FIRM ON NOVEMBER TWENTY SIX LAST THAT SORRY HAD PLACED AD. INVESTIGATION
 HAS SHOWN NO INDICATION PERSONS CONNECTED WITH PLACING AD IN PAPER HAVE
 ANY AFFILIATION WITH LIE HALPERN ^{T. G.} OR JACK RUBY. WEISSMAN AND BURLEY
 MOVED OUT OF DALLAS ^{BY} APRIL ¹⁹⁶⁴ NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST STATING FORWARD
 MAIL TO GEN DEL, NYC. LEFT IN FIFTY SEVEN FORD AUTOMOBILE, NEW YORK
 LICENSE WH TWO EIGHT ONE FIVE. APT. MANAGER ADVISED LETTER RECEIVED
 THERE DECEMBER ONE LAST, ADDRESSED TO BURLEY BEARING RETURN ADDRESS,
 EIGHT SIX THREE TWO LAMSON, NO. TWO, EL PASO, TEXAS, WHICH BEING
 FORWARDED TO GENERAL DELIVERY, NYC.

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L. H. Hunt *Warren Carroll* *Schmidt*

ONE SOURCE ADVISED THAT ONE LARRIE R. SCHMIDT IS FRIEND OF WEISSMAN AND BURLEY AND WOULD KNOW CONSIDERABLE ABOUT THEM. THAT SOURCE STATED SCHMIDT IS ALSO FRIEND OF WARREN CARROLL, A WRITER FOR "LIFELINE", AN ENTERPRISE CONTROLLED BY H. L. HUNT, WEALTHY OILMAN, DALLAS. THIS SOURCE ALSO ADVISED BURLEY OPENED ACCT. REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK, DALLAS, NOVEMBER TWELVE LAST, WITH FIFTY DOLLAR CHECK DRAWN ON WILLIAM H. BURLEY, BOX FOURTEEN THIRTY FIVE, GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, PAYABLE TO WILLIAM H. BURLEY. ENDORSEMENT IN SAME NAME BUT ENDORSED SIGNATURE IS DIFFERENT FROM SIGNATURE ON FACE OF CHECK. BURLEY LISTED MARYLAND TRUST COMPANY, HIGHLAND TOWN BRANCH, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AS REFERENC. DALLAS BANK RECEIVED LETTER NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO LAST FROM MARYLAND NATIONAL BANK, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, STATING BURLEY HAD SATISFACTORY CHECKING ACCOUNT THERE JULY, NINETEEN ONE NINE SIX ZERO TO APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. WEISSMAN ACCOMPANIED BURLEY WHEN BURLEY OPENED DALLAS BANK ACCOUNT.

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LARRIE HENRY SCHMIDT ,

ADMITTED MEMBER OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, ^{TEXAS}

FIVE SEVEN THREE FIVE CASON, DALLAS, INSURANCE SALESMAN, ON DECEMBER THREE INSTANT ADVISED BERNARD WEISSMAN AND WILLIAM BURLEY ARE FRIENDS OF HIS, ALL HAVING SERVED TOGETHER IN UNITED STATES ARMY AT MUNICH, GERMANY IN ONE NINE SIX TWO. ALL ARE NOW DISCHARGED FROM ARMY. SCHMIDT ARRIVED DALLAS OCTOBER ONE NINE SIX TWO, AND SAID WEISSMAN AND BURLEY ARRIVED DALLAS AROUND FIRST OF NOVEMBER. WEISSMAN SEPARATED FROM WIFE AND APPARENTLY SEEKING NEW LOCATION. ABOUT TIME WEISSMAN ARRIVED DALLAS, SCHMIDT CONCEIVED IDEA OF PLACING AD IN NEWSPAPER PERTAINING TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY-S VISIT TO DALLAS. HE REFERRED TO DALLAS TIMES HERALD ARTICLE, OCTOBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST, WHICH REFERRED TO A DEMONSTRATION AT DALLAS WHEN UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR ADLAI STEVENSON WAS IN DALLAS RECENTLY. ARTICLE IDENTIFIED SCHMIDT AS LEADER OF FOURTEEN COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO WERE DEMONSTRATING OPPOSITION TO STEVENSON AND THE UNITED NATIONS. SCHMIDT DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS " CONSERVATIVE " AND FELT NO DEMONSTRATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO A PRESIDENT, BUT HE FELT SOME TYPE OF ACTIVITY SHOULD INDICATE DISAPPROVAL OF KENNEDY-S POLICIES. HE DECIDED NEWSPAPER AD SHOULD BE UTILIZED AND

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FIRST CONSIDERED PLACING HIS OWN NAME IN AD. HE WROTE ADVERTISEMENT IN HIS APT. ASSISTED SOME BY JOSEPH P. GRINNAN, FOUR SIX FOUR ZERO SOUTH DALLAS, AN INDEPENDENT OILMAN, WHOM HE SAID IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. GRINNAN SOLICITED FUNDS FROM PROMINENT DALLAS BUSINESS MEN AND COST OF AD, FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY THREE DOLLARS WAS CONTRIBUTED BY FIVE OR SIX PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN OF DALLAS WHOSE NAMES HE SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW. DENIED ANY ORGANIZATIONS BACKED THIS AD AND SAID HANDLED ONLY AS INDIVIDUALS. WEISSMAN-S NAME WAS PLACED IN AD WITH WEISSMAN-S PERMISSION FOR PURPOSE OF COUNTERACTING ANTI-SEMITISM CHARGES WHICH HAD BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST CONSERVATIVES. THE AMERICAN FACT FINDING COMMITTEE WAS SAID TO BE SIMPLY A NAME SELECTED BY HIM FOR USE IN AD AND THERE IS NO SUCH ORGANIZATION. HE SAID WEISSMAN AND BURLEY PRESENTLY IN EL PASO, TEXAS, VISITING BURLEY-S BROTHER, FIRST NAME UNKNOWN.

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WEISSMAN BORN NOVEMBER ONE, ONE NINE THREE SEVEN, FIVE FEET ELEVEN AND HALF , ONE FIVE FOUR POUNDS, BLACK HAIR THIN IN FRONT, WHITE MALE, PERMANENT ADDRESS, FOUR THREE NINE W. COLUMBUS AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON , NEW YORK. BURLEY BORN JULY SEVENTEEN, ONE NINE THREE FIVE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN , ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, HAIR BLACK THINNING, BLACK HORN RIMMED GLASSES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, WHITE MALE, PERMANENT ADDRESS SEVEN TWO FOUR E. MOREHEAD, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. ALSO HAS RESIDED BALTIMORE.

BURLEY PRESENTLY RESIDING CARE OF LILLY BILLING, ¹THREE ²THREE ³FIVE ⁵THREE, ²WEST ³THREE ^{2d}THREE AVENUE, DENVER, COLORADO. DALLAS HAS REQUESTED THAT BURLEY BE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY. SAC, ^{of}DALLAS HOLDING INTERVIEW OF JOSEPH P. CRINNAN IN ABEYANCE UNTIL AFTER RECEIPT OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF WEISSMAN AND BURLEY AT WHICH TIME RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE BY DALLAS AS TO ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

DENVER REQUESTED TO FURNISH RESULTS TO DALLAS. NEW YORK WILL FURNISH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF WEISSMAN WHO HAS BEEN LOCATED IN NEW YORK AREA AND WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED DECEMBER FIVE, SIXTY THREE. END AND PLC ACK.....

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